



Date: May 10, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District
Councilwoman Cindy Allen, Second District
Councilwoman Suely Saro, Sixth District

Subject: Support for California State Constitutional Amendment to Support Reproductive Rights

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council is requesting that the City Manager work with the City Attorney to draft a letter of support for the California state legislature's proposal to place permanent protections for abortion rights into the California Constitution.

INTRODUCTION:

On Monday May 2, 2022 news broke that the U.S. Supreme Court appeared poised to overturn the nation's landmark abortion rights law established in the 1973 decision in *Roe vs. Wade*. An amendment to the state Constitution would require voter approval. Few details on the effort were immediately available, though the process requires little more than a supermajority vote in both legislative houses to get on the Nov. 8 statewide ballot.

The Long Beach City Council has taken an active role in protecting reproductive rights most recently with action seeking to work in coordination with Planned Parenthood on how to partner with Los Angeles County in the event that *Roe v. Wade* were to be overturned by the Supreme Court.¹

With the urgent need to protect women's reproductive rights as the established case law is under threat, the City Council should act swiftly to support a state constitutional amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Financial Management review was able to be conducted due to the urgency and time sensitivity of this item.

STATEMENT OF URGENCY:

Support for the State of California's proposal to amend the state constitution should occur urgently to protect the reproductive rights of women in California.

¹ <http://longbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=10441891&GUID=F1C0F537-24F3-4AFA-95B9-14E4F1A31F96>



City of Long Beach Memorandum

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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: May 10, 2022
To: Monique De La Garza, City Clerk
From: Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of May 10, 2022

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
3	Suzie Price	
2	Cindy Allen	
6	Suely Saro	