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**Subject:** Letter of Support: Item 31 - Support for California State Constitution Amendment to Support Reproductive Rights attached.

**Importance:** High

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Der Mayor Garcia and Honorable City Councilmembers –

Please find a letter of support for Item 31: Support for California State Constitution Amendment to Support Reproductive Rights attached.

We thank Councilwoman Suzie Price, Councilwoman Cindy Allen, and Councilwoman Suely Saro for authoring Item 31. We also thank the Long Beach City Council for their active role in protecting reproductive rights, most recently with action declaring the City of Long Beach a Haven City for reproductive health care and working with Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles, and others to prepare for the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

Honorable City Clerk Monique De La Garza, please include this letter as part of the public record.

Sincerely,  
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The Honorable Robert Garcia  
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**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ITEM 31: SUPPORT FOR CALIFORNIA STATE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT TO SUPPORT REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS**

Dear Mayor Garcia and Honorable Members of the Long Beach City Council:

Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project Los Angeles County (PPAP) supports Item 31: Support for California State Constitutional Amendment to Support Reproductive Rights on your agenda tonight.

On Monday, May 2, 2022 news broke that the U.S. Supreme Court appeared poised to overturn *Roe vs. Wade*. Established in 1973, this landmark ruling ensured the federal constitutional right to a safe and legal abortion. In the almost 50 years since *Roe*, anti-abortion politicians have waged incremental attacks against abortion access and this leaked draft opinion appears to overturn decades of support for an individual's right to a safe and legal abortion.

As a result of this news, Governor Newsom, Senate President Pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins, and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon proposed an amendment to enshrine the right to choose in the California state constitution. California cannot and will not stand idly by as women and people who can get pregnant are stripped of their rights and progress that so many have fought for gets erased. As a result of this leaked draft opinion, California must work to protect this right in our state constitution.

PPAP commends and thanks Councilwoman Suzie Price, Councilwoman Cindy Allen, and Councilwoman Suely Saro for authoring Item 31. PPAP thanks the Long Beach City Council for their active role in protecting reproductive rights, most recently with action declaring the City of Long Beach a Haven City for reproductive health care and working with Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles, and others to prepare for the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.

Sincerely,

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