

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Title X Family Planning Program, was enacted under President Richard Nixon in 1970 as part of the Public Health Service Act and is the only federal grant program dedicated solely to provide individuals with comprehensive family planning and related preventive health services; and

WHEREAS, Title X has been the nation's family planning program for one-half century, providing low-income patients critical lifesaving screenings, birth control, and other essential services; and

WHEREAS, Title X services have led to a 30-year low of unintended pregnancy and the lowest teen pregnancy rate in history; and

WHEREAS, Title X is a fiscally responsible program, providing a net savings of \$64,000,000 in California annually, and 75 percent of Americans support continuing it; and

WHEREAS, in May 2018, the Trump-Pence administration's proposed a set of rule changes that state that providers may not perform promote, refer for, or support abortion as a method of family planning, nor take any other affirmative action to assist a patient to secure an abortion; and

WHEREAS, this is a dangerous departure from the successful Title X program with new regulations that will create a "domestic gag rule" and new barriers for low-income women to access essential health services; and

WHEREAS, California law mandates that a physician provide informed consent of all medically safe options to their patients, but the Title X rule change proposed by the federal administration would "gag" physicians from having candid conversations with their patients, potentially putting the health and well-being of women at risk; and

WHEREAS, California patients make up 25 percent of Title X recipients nationwide, including over one million low-income patients, through Planned Parenthood and other Title X providers; and

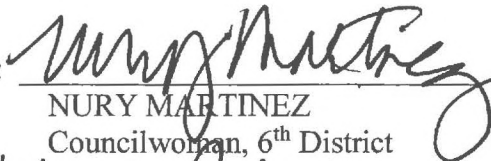
WHEREAS, the current rates of sexually transmitted diseases, such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis, are of public health crisis proportions in California, and the loss of Title X services would only increase these rates; and

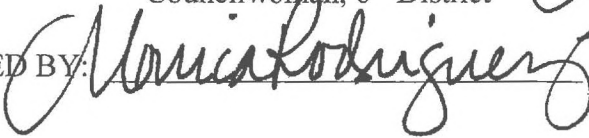
WHEREAS, the proposed new Title X rule is designed to decimate a woman's right to have autonomy over her body, as established 45 years ago in Roe v. Wade, and create barriers to abortion services by limiting medically accurate health care information despite the longstanding prohibition of using federal funds, including Title X funds for abortion; and

WHEREAS, the Trump-Pence administration is using Title X and the rulemaking process as a vehicle for expressing hostility toward basic rights for women decades ago; and

WHEREAS, history has taught us and data has proven, from pre-Roe v. Wade America to the current targeted regulation of abortion providers (TRAP) laws of Texas and other states, to the Mexico City Policy, also known as the Global Gag Rule, that limiting information about or access to abortion increases dangerous "back-alley" abortions that put women's lives at risk.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED with concurrence of the Mayor and by adoption of this resolution, that the City of Los Angeles hereby urges the United States Department of Health and Human Services to reevaluate any proposed rules that are dangerous to women and an intentional attack on reproductive and women's health care and that rulemaking be guided by science, data, and humanitarianism.

PRESENTED BY:   
NURY MARTINEZ  
Councilwoman, 6<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: 

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