

MOTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Throughout the course of this year several states including Alabama, Georgia, Ohio, Mississippi, and Louisiana have passed "heartbeat bills" which seek to restrict abortion once a heartbeat is detectable in a fetus. This effectively creates a ban on abortions six weeks into a pregnancy. Los Angeles should take a stand to defend equality by condemning any efforts to restrict the civil liberties of women and restricting any expenditure of public resources in states that restrict abortion access to women. A legal battle resulting from a case regarding these bills would have significant ramifications for women throughout the country. The City should take an immediate and clear stand that restrictions of these rights will not be tolerated.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct all City departments, bureaus, and offices to immediately suspend any expenditures of public resources, including publicly-funded travel by City employees to any meetings, events, conferences, or functions to be held in states and cities which restrict abortion access through "heartbeat" legislation including, but not limited to Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request and authorize the City Attorney to file an amicus brief or suitable document of support for any legal action in opposition to legislation that restricts abortion access.

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