

MOTION

On June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court overturned the landmark 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling that recognized women’s constitutional right to abortion, effectively endangering the lives of millions of women across the country. The greatest impact of this decision will be felt by marginalized groups who already face significant barriers accessing abortion care, particularly low-income women of color.

Over twenty states are poised to ban abortions upon this ruling and many are concurrently considering legislation that would criminalize out of state abortion care. The City of Los Angeles is committed to protecting everyone who seeks abortions in our City and will continue to advocate for reproductive rights. A study by UCLA’s Center on Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy estimates that 8,000 to 16,000 more people will travel to California each year for abortion care. Los Angeles will thus likely begin to see an inflow of people seeking access to abortion care within our City boundaries. It is imperative that we put in place mechanisms to protect those coming to our City by ensuring that no City resources are utilized to detain persons procuring, performing, or aiding in abortion care or to cooperate with out-of-state investigations.

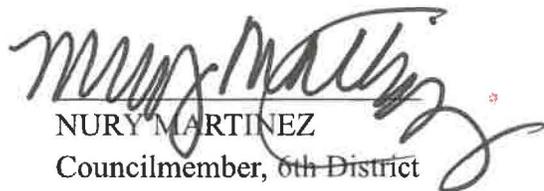
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney to prepare and present a draft ordinance to prohibit any City resources, including, but not limited to, time spent by employees, officers, or the use of City property, from being utilized to:

- Detain persons for procuring, providing, or aiding in abortion care in the City of Los Angeles; or
- Cooperate with or provide information to any individual or out-of-state agency or department investigating persons who procure, provide, or aid in abortion care in the City of Los Angeles.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report back on the feasibility of allocating funding to help subsidize costs for persons from other states seeking abortion care in the City of Los Angeles.

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