

RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY
PARK ENSURING EQUAL POLICIES FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
CARE SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Monterey Park as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council finds as follows:

- A. The Supreme Court of the United States acknowledged in its 1973 landmark decision Roe v. Wade that the ability to make a private medical decision impacting one's reproductive health is a constitutionally protected right.
- B. Before 1973, the year when Roe v. Wade was enacted, people faced significant obstacles to safe reproductive health services, resulting in widespread loss of life and severe illness.
- C. Support for safe and legal abortions has reached an all-time high, with the Public Policy Institute of California reporting that 77% of Californians support Roe v. Wade.
- D. Abortion is health care; restrictions and bans that violate reproductive freedom disproportionately impact populations that already face barriers to accessing care, including the most marginalized women, non-binary, transgender people, low-income people, people of color, immigrants, and young people.
- E. Access to abortion continues to be a right in name only, with many unable to access the medical procedure due to restrictive laws, financial hardships, and other barriers.
- F. As States around the country enact harsh laws that violate the fundamental rights of people, the City of Monterey Park will continue to uphold the laws in California to ensure everyone's right to reproductive freedom.
- G. Like all health care decisions, those seeking abortion and other reproductive care in Monterey Park have the fundamental right of privacy for personal reproductive decisions.
- H. To ensure the right to reproductive freedom in Monterey Park, the City Council requests that staff survey all permitting policies to ensure reproductive health care services are treated equally to all other forms of health care.
- I. The City Council affirms its commitment to the reproductive freedom rights afforded to all women as essential to the lives, liberties, health, and equality of

women regardless of socioeconomic, ethnic, racial, cultural or religious background, age or sexual orientation, and to opposing any laws or regulations that pose a threat to reproductive freedom, reproductive rights, sexual freedom, and self-determination.

SECTION 2: *Electronic Signatures*. This Resolution may be executed with electronic signatures in accordance with Government Code §16.5. Such electronic signatures will be treated in all respects as having the same effect as an original signature.

SECTION 3: *Recordation*. The Mayor, or presiding officer, is authorized to sign this Resolution signifying its adoption by the City Council of the City of Monterey Park and the City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, may attest thereto.

SECTION 4: *Effective Date*. This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption and will remain effective unless repealed or superseded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Henry Lo, Mayor

Attest:

Vincent Chang, City Clerk