

## **Supporting Reproductive Rights\***

**Digest** by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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**Members:** Packard, Anderson, Wong, Wang

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**The Way It Is Now:** The City's Department of Public Health ("DPH") offers reproductive health care as a standard component of the health care services it provides patients. The City's Health Commission, which oversees DPH, has affirmed support for the right of pregnant people to have access to the full range of reproductive health care, including abortions.

City law prohibits limited services pregnancy centers from disseminating untrue or misleading information about the services they provide. Under City law, a "limited services pregnancy center" is a location that primarily provides services to pregnant persons but does not provide abortion or emergency contraceptive services or referrals for such services.

Also, City zoning law allows clinics, including those that provide abortions and limited services pregnancy centers, to operate primarily on the ground floor in certain designated districts in San Francisco.

State law prohibits the City from cooperating with or providing information to any law enforcement agency of another state or the federal government regarding an abortion that is lawful in California and performed in this state.

**The Proposal:** Proposition \_\_\_\_ is an ordinance that would:

- Declare it to be City policy to: serve as a safe place for patients seeking reproductive care, protect the rights of pregnant persons to bodily autonomy and control of their medical decisions and safeguard the confidentiality of reproductive health information;
- Create a fund to accept grants and gifts for the City to use to support reproductive rights and health services;
- Require DPH to maintain a public website that lists facilities in San Francisco that provide or offer referrals for abortions or emergency contraception, and also lists limited services pregnancy centers in San Francisco;
- Authorize DPH to install signs outside limited services pregnancy centers to inform the public that those facilities do not provide or offer referrals for abortions or emergency contraception, and to provide information on where to obtain those services;
- Limit City-funded facilities that provide abortions from requiring providers to have additional medical qualifications beyond state or federal requirements;
- Prohibit City officials from providing information to law enforcement agencies of other states or the federal government concerning a person's use or possession of contraception, use of in vitro fertilization, pregnancy status or choice to get an abortion; and
- Modify the City's zoning law so that reproductive health clinics that provide abortions or emergency contraception may operate in more areas of San Francisco, including all floors in non-residential districts and on corner lots in residential districts.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to declare City policy to support reproductive rights, create a fund for the City to accept funding for reproductive rights, require the City to create a website listing reproductive healthcare facilities, authorize the City to install signs outside certain clinics informing people the clinic does not offer abortions or emergency

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contraception, restrict City-funded facilities that provide abortions from requiring providers to have additional qualifications, prohibit the City from providing certain information regarding a person's reproductive healthcare decisions to other states, and expand the areas in San Francisco that clinics providing abortions or emergency contraception may operate.

**A "NO" Vote Means:** If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes.