

Supporting Reproductive Rights*

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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The Way It Is Now: The City's Department of Public Health (DPH) offers reproductive health care. DPH supports the right to access the full range of reproductive health care, including abortions.

A "limited services pregnancy center" primarily provides services to pregnant people but does not provide abortion or emergency contraceptive services or referrals for such services. City law prohibits these centers from disseminating untrue or misleading information about the services they provide.

City law allows limited services pregnancy centers and clinics that provide abortions to operate primarily on the ground floor in 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 a lawful abortion performed in California.

The Proposal: Proposition ___ would declare it to be City policy to:

- Serve as a safe place for people seeking reproductive care, including abortions;
- Protect the rights of pregnant people to control their medical decisions;
- Safeguard the confidentiality of reproductive health information;

Proposition __ would also:

- Create a Reproductive Freedom Fund that accepts grants and gifts to support reproductive rights and services;
- Require DPH to maintain a public website that lists facilities that provide abortions or emergency contraception or offer referrals for these services, and lists limited services pregnancy centers in San Francisco;
- Authorize DPH to post signs outside limited services pregnancy centers to inform the public that those facilities do not provide abortions or emergency contraception or offer referrals for these services; these signs would also indicate where to obtain these services;
- Limit City-funded facilities that provide abortions from requiring providers to have additional medical qualifications beyond those required by law;
- 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 may operate in more areas of San Francisco, including all floors in nonresidential districts and corner lots in residential districts.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want City policy and law to support, protect and expand reproductive rights and services.

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

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