


City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE SHENG THAO

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 3755 (CHU),
“WOMEN’S HEALTH PROTECTION ACT OF 2021”, WHICH WOULD
CODIFY *ROE V. WADE* INTO FEDERAL LAW IN ORDER TO PROTECT
A WOMAN’S RIGHT TO CHOOSE**

WHEREAS, on January 22, 1973 the United States Supreme Court made a landmark decision in *Roe v. Wade*, ruling that the Constitution of the United States protects a women’s liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction; and

WHEREAS, since *Roe v. Wade*, individual states have passed laws to attempt to circumvent the effects of *Roe v. Wade*, most recently Texas’ S.B. 8, which effectively bans abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy and establishes a bounty system where any individual can sue any abortion provider for violating the six-week ban; and

WHEREAS, Texas’ S.B. 8 makes no exceptions for pregnancies that are the result of rape or incest; and

WHEREAS, a woman may not even be aware that she is pregnant before six weeks of pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, a woman should have the right to choose which medical procedures she undertakes with the advice of her doctor; and

WHEREAS, Representative Chu previously introduced House Resolution 2975, “Women’s Health Protection Act of 2019”, which would codify the *Roe* decision into federal law; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 2975 was ultimately not made into federal law; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2021 Representative Chu introduced House Resolution 3755, “Women’s Health Protection Act of 2021”, which would codify the *Roe v. Wade* decision; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2021, House Resolution 3755 was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; and

WHEREAS, codifying the *Roe v. Wade* decision will prohibit individual states from passing legislation which undermines women’s right to choose; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby endorses House Resolution 3755 (Chu) which will codify *Roe v. Wade*; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council denounces Texas Senate Bill 8 and affirms the importance and validity of the *Roe v. Wade* decision.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California