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Date: September 7, 2022
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Vice Mayor Kaplan, Council President Fortunato Bas, President Pro Tem Sheng Thao, and Councilmember Fife
Re: **Resolution In Support Of California State Proposition 1, The Reproductive Freedom Amendment**

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

On June 24, 2022, in a historic and far-reaching decision, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed *Roe v. Wade*, which guaranteed the federal constitutional protection of abortion rights. With a subsequent wave of restrictions and bans on abortions in states throughout the US, Oakland has pushed back against these regressive policies, declaring Oakland a Right-To-Choose Sanctuary City in [Resolution No. 89201 CMS](#). Once again, we are taking a stand by sharing our fervent support of Proposition 1, which would enshrine the right to an abortion and contraceptives in the California State Constitution.

The Supreme Court rollback on a woman's right to choose to have an abortion has reverberated across the county, both galvanizing communities to denounce the decision and energizing others to impose strict limitations on individuals seeking an abortion. Since the reversal, more than 20 states have restricted access to abortions, imposing criminal sanctions on individuals receiving or performing an abortion. In some cases, states have also imposed civil offenses against any person who aids or abets a person who is receiving an abortion.

Reproductive freedom is intertwined with many issues of social justice such as economic, gender, and racial equity; therefore, a strong support system for reproductive freedom measures ensures people of all backgrounds have access to the care they need. We know access to reproductive health care should not depend on your zip code, and people should be able to access reproductive health care without medically unnecessary barriers or restrictions.

Proposition 1, which will be voted on in the November 2022 election, will allow individuals and families to continue to have the freedom to determine what is best for them and their families, giving people the ability to plan their lives and make important reproductive decisions without government interference. By expressly stating the right to choose to have an abortion is a fundamental right in the California Constitution, Proposition 1 will protect against potential future attacks at the federal level and erosion of those rights by the courts and legislatures. We strongly urge your support for this legislation.

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