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Senate Bill 1245 (Kamlager): Los Angeles County Abortion Access Safe Haven Pilot Program

January 20, 2022, marked the 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade (Roe), the 1973 United States (U.S.) Supreme Court Decision that determined that the U.S. Constitution provides a right to privacy and protects a woman’s right to choose whether or not to have an abortion. The current U.S. Supreme Court will soon decide two new cases, Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health Clinic and Whole Woman’s Health vs. Jackson which both seek to overturn Roe. If Roe is overturned, states would have the authority to either ban abortions or impose restrictions that would restrict abortion access. Governor Gavin Newsom and California legislators have declared their intent that California be open to out-of-state women seeking access to abortion. Governor Newsom and the California Legislature are considering various proposals, including subsidies for out-of-state women.

Preserving women’s access to quality reproductive healthcare services is critical. On January 25, 2022, the Los Angeles County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) unanimously approved a motion authored by Chair Holly J. Mitchell and co-authored by Supervisor Kuehl, directing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and departments to report back to the Board with a plan for how the County can protect and expand access to abortion rights and reproductive healthcare should Roe be overturned this year. On March

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[9, 2022](#), the CEO issued its report. The CEO and departments are currently working and engaging with key community groups, including Planned Parenthood Los Angeles and others to create a plan that describes how California and the County will continue to protect the right to abortion and quality reproductive healthcare services.

As a result of the ongoing attacks against the right to a safe and legal abortion and sexual and reproductive healthcare, the California Future of Abortion Council released its legislative priorities to prepare the State to adequately serve Californians while absorbing the increase in out-of-state patients forced to seek care here due to extreme abortion bans and restrictions in their home states.

Senate Bill (SB) 1245 (Kamlager) is a critical piece of legislation that builds upon the work and the motion that was passed by the Board. SB1245 would establish a reproductive healthcare pilot project in the County to support innovative approaches and patient-centered collaborations to safeguard patient access to abortions, regardless of residency. It would also amplify the work of being a safe haven for abortion and reproductive healthcare. This bill aims to address the current barriers to accessing abortion care in California and will expand the work around sexual and reproductive healthcare services in the largest County in the nation.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the County of Los Angeles Sacramento Advocates to support Senate Bill 1245, contingent upon the State of California (State)'s allocation of funds to support the program, and its companion State budget request of a \$20 million one-time allocation to support the pilot project. Also, direct Sacramento Advocates to request amendments to allow this funding to be administered by qualifying community-based providers.

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