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**Abortion is Legal: Countywide Communication Strategy**

After 50 years of reprehensible efforts to eviscerate the constitutional right to an abortion by overturning *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, the Supreme Court handed down an extreme far-reaching decision that is out of step with the American public. This legal jolt to the system dangerously dismantles a right that was constitutionally protected prior to the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* decision, the first time in decades that a constitutional right has been so significantly curtailed.

Although this decision was anticipated, its ramifications are immeasurably dangerous and will be devastating for so many, especially those most vulnerable with the least resources and access to care. While abortion remains legal and free in California and Los Angeles County, the Supreme Court’s decision has stoked national conversations of a federal abortion ban, which could threaten access nationwide. Moreover, the current decision spreads confusion and fear, particularly among immigrants and other vulnerable residents, especially in communities of color, LGBTQI+, and those with the least resources.

Thankfully, Los Angeles County and its network of federally qualified health centers and community organizations will continue to guard the right to an abortion and reproductive healthcare and make sure it remains accessible for residents across Los Angeles County. But Los Angeles County has a duty to ensure its community knows that this right remains fundamental and legal and where individuals can – and cannot – safely and confidentially receive an abortion and other reproductive health services.

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**I WE THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office, working with the Department of Public Health, Department of Health Services, the Office of Immigrant Affairs within the Department of Consumer & Business Affairs, LA County Women's Health Equity Coalition, the Community Clinic Association of LA County, and community, to develop and immediately execute a comprehensive communication strategy, with a funding proposal inclusive of ~~Senate Bill 1245~~ state funding, in partnership with ethnic and hyperlocal media and reproductive rights and justice providers and organizations, to ensure residents, with a focus on youth in foster care, undocumented residents and residents enrolled in MyHealthLA, know abortion remains legal in LA County and where residents can safely and confidentially receive abortion care.

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