

**Five Signature Letter in Support of Senate Constitutional Amendment 10**

This Board has taken unequivocal action to prioritize initiatives that protect abortion rights in Los Angeles County and to prepare for the looming possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned. Now, that the U.S. Supreme Court has in fact overturned the 1973 decision that established the constitutional right to an abortion, it is more important than ever to enshrine the right to abortion and contraceptives in the California Constitution. On May 17, 2022, this Board sent a 5-signature letter to State legislators urging them to take the necessary steps to amend the California Constitution and enshrine the rights of privacy essential to personal liberty by including the right to abortion, access to contraceptives and the right to same-sex marriage.

On June 8, 2022, Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins, Speaker Anthony Rendon and California Legislative colleagues, along with partners Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice California, introduced Senate Constitutional Amendment 10 (SCA 10) to protect the right to abortion and contraception. This follows a package of bills this year seeking to expand and protect reproductive rights for Californians and others

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from across the country who may need to come here to seek critical care. As a result of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision, as many as twenty-two states can begin to enact laws that could ban all or most abortions.

The Board should take immediate action to put the full support of the County behind SCA 10 to protect the reproductive rights of women and future generations.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct CEO Legislative Affairs to send a 5-signature letter in support of Senate Constitutional Amendment 10 to Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins, Speaker Anthony Rendon; and
2. Direct the Los Angeles County's legislative advocates in Sacramento to support Senate Constitutional Amendment 10, with the goal of being approved by the Legislature by June 30, in order for the Amendment to be eligible for the November 2022 ballot.

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