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Support for Proposition 1: Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom

The United States Supreme Court’s decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson* wrongly held that the United States Constitution does not protect the right to abortion. Some states are now emboldened by this decision, passing legislation to limit and ban abortions. And while *Dobbs* did not impact the right to contraception, that right is clearly on the chopping block.

The State of California, however, guarantees the right to privacy for all Californians. That right is a cornerstone of the rights to abortion and contraception. However, while the California Supreme Court found that the right to privacy includes the right to make reproductive choices, the California Constitution does not expressly define what the right to privacy includes.

Proposition 1, which is before the voters this 2022 General Election, would amend the California Constitution to specify that the State of California cannot deny or interfere with a persons’ reproductive freedom, extending to their fundamental right to an abortion and contraception. This amendment would enhance the public policy of the state by explicitly guaranteeing in the State Constitution what previously was a matter of case law. It will ensure that Californians can make personal medical decisions regarding reproductive rights with dignity and freedom from infringement.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaims its support for Proposition 1: Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom.

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