

Advocating for Planned Parenthood Health Centers

Founded in April 1965, Planned Parenthood Los Angeles (PPLA) was established to address the increasing demand for sexual and reproductive health care in Los Angeles County (County). As one of the largest providers of sexual health care, PPLA operates 24 health centers to serve the community through patient services, education, and reducing health disparities. They provide approximately 250,000 patient visits per year, and their education and outreach teams reach nearly 50,000 adults and teens each year. This includes the widely respected Promotoras Comunitarias and Black Health Initiative, designed to reach historically underserved families and individuals.

Like any other health care provider, Planned Parenthood health centers were reimbursed for services provided to patients who rely on public health programs like Medi-Cal, California’s Medicaid program. These essential services include birth control, STI testing and treatment, cancer screenings, wellness exams, sexual health education, mental health, vaccines, and more. Planned Parenthood health centers do not receive any federal funding for providing abortion care.

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President Trump signed House Resolution 1 (H.R. 1) into law on July 4, 2025. H.R. 1 immediately prohibited Planned Parenthood health centers across the nation from receiving Medicaid reimbursements for any service they provide. “Defunding” Planned Parenthood will be devastating to the County, California, and the nation. An estimated 115 Planned Parenthood health centers in California could close, including the 24 health centers in the County. This will leave entire communities and regions without access to essential health care. Cancers will go undetected, birth control will be harder to get, and our public health infrastructure – already being decimated by federal cuts – will further break down. It will also have a disproportionate impact on people who face systemic racism and other discriminatory barriers to care, including Black, Latino, and Indigenous communities, LGBTQ+ people, and women.

Urgent action is necessary because the elimination of Planned Parenthood health centers from the Medi-Cal program has already gone into effect. Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California has requested emergency state funding to limit any disruption to patient care and ensure that Planned Parenthood health centers across the state remain open. No other provider will be able to fill this gap.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office’s Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations branch, in partnership with the Department of Public Health, to send a five-signature letter to Governor Newsom and the Director of the California Department of Finance with copies to the Los Angeles County State delegation members, the Senate Pro Tempore, the Assembly Speaker, and the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Committees on Budget and Health in support of urgent state budget requests and policy actions that are necessary to keep Planned

Parenthood health centers open across California and the County.

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