

**Protecting Reproductive and Gender Affirming Care**

At a time when access to reproductive and gender-affirming care is under constant political attack, it is more important than ever that Los Angeles County safeguards the access, safety, and privacy of these essential and life-saving forms of care. While these forms of care have been proven safe and medically necessary, political attacks on communities who need them have resulted in fear, stigma, and reductions in access. California and Los Angeles are among the strongest proponents and safe havens for these forms of care across the country.

When *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992) were overturned by *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* (2022), returning the authority to regulate abortions back to the states, several states' trigger laws went into effect that banned the right to abortion. California voters responded differently by overwhelmingly passing Proposition 1 in November 2022, which enshrined the right to abortion in the State Constitution. In response to similar attacks from the federal government and other states on gender-affirming care, the California State Legislature passed Senate Bills (SBs) 107 (Wiener) and 923 (Wiener) in the same year, which prohibit

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health plans and providers from denying gender-affirming care or releasing sensitive health information to out-of-state entities.

Three California State Assembly bills introduced in February of this year – AB 1854 (Krell), AB 1930 (Zbur), and AB 2448 (Berman & Bauer-Kahan) – strengthen protections for patient access to, and provider delivery of, reproductive and gender-affirming care in California<sup>1,2,3</sup>. They do this by ensuring health care providers have the technology to safeguard sensitive health data and prohibit businesses, people, or law enforcement from complying with out-of-state legal demands for protected information or extradition without the notification of, or approval from, the Attorney General (AG).

AB 1854 expands prohibitions of business and individuals from complying with out-of-state legal demands, requires notification to the AG of potential improper disclosures, and prevents law enforcement from arresting someone for unauthorized extradition. This bill clarifies our shield laws, ensuring there are extra barriers put in place to prevent patients and providers from out-of-state prosecution for legally protected health care in California. AB 1930 further restricts entities in California from complying with out-of-state demands without notifying the AG and allows the AG to intervene in informational or legal requests. This bill allows the State to step in to defend patients and providers against harassment or retaliation for the same legally protected healthcare. AB 2448 further expands the State's assurance and enforcement of health care providers to segregate sensitive health care information within their electronic records. This bill advances California's commitment to protecting the confidentiality and privacy of patients and providers through technological capabilities. With increasing legislation targeting

<sup>1</sup> AB 1854 (Krell, 2026) [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB1854](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1854)

<sup>2</sup> AB 1930 (Zbur, 2026) [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB1930](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1930)

<sup>3</sup> AB 2448 (Berman & Bauer-Kahan, 2026) [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB2448](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB2448)

reproductive and gender-affirming care in other states, it is important to protect the privacy and freedom of lawful health care in our State.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations branch to send a five-signature letter of support to California Governor Gavin Newsom, the relevant legislative committees, and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation, with copies sent to the respective authors, of the following California State Assembly bills (ABs): AB 1854 by Assemblymember (Asm.) Maggy Krell, AB 1930 by Asm. Rick Chavez Zbur, and AB 2448 by Asm. Marc Berman and Asm. Rebecca Bauer-Kahan.

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