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To the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Re: Agenda Item 4 – Resolution on Reproductive Justice
October 20, 2026

Dear Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you to Supervisor Holly Mitchell for championing the resolution on reproductive justice before the Board. Recognizing reproductive justice means affirming not only the right to have children and the right to bodily autonomy, but also the fundamental right to raise a family with dignity, safety, and support.

However, a commitment to reproductive justice must extend beyond the language of a resolution. It must address the systems and policies that separate families, disproportionately impact vulnerable parents, and undermine the ability of parents to raise their children with dignity.

In Los Angeles County, families involved with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) can experience investigations, separation, and significant barriers to accessing meaningful support. The Reimagine Child Safety Coalition has spent five years advocating for systemic change to ensure that families receive the resources, protections, and due process they deserve.

We respectfully ask the Board to translate its commitment to reproductive justice into concrete action by addressing the family policing system and advancing the following reforms:

1. **Fully fund Prevention Legal Services throughout Los Angeles County.** Expand access to these critical services, beginning with expansion into a second Service Planning Area (SPA) in the next county budget, so that parents can obtain legal assistance before a family crisis escalates.
2. **Stop punishing domestic violence survivors for “failure to protect.”** Survivors should receive protection and support, not face additional punishment for the violence perpetrated against them. Direct the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department to end blanket referrals of all families experiencing domestic violence to DCFS, allowing responses to be informed by individual circumstances and actual safety concerns.
3. **Ensure all parents under investigation receive notice of their rights.** Parents must be informed of their rights in clear, accessible language so they can make informed decisions and meaningfully participate in the process affecting their families.
4. **Permit parents to record their interactions with DCFS social workers.** Transparency and accountability are essential when government agencies make decisions that can profoundly affect the lives of children and parents. Parents should be able to document these interactions, subject to appropriate privacy safeguards and applicable law.
5. **Invest in community-based services rather than family separation.** Prioritize prevention, voluntary support, and practical assistance that help families remain safely together. Ensure that parents—including veterans, parents experiencing domestic violence, and incarcerated parents working to maintain family connections—can access appropriate services and support.

The right to raise a family with dignity cannot be fully realized when parents lack access to legal representation, are penalized for surviving domestic violence, or are unable to understand or document the process that may determine whether they remain with their children.

Reproductive justice requires us to consider the full circumstances of families' lives and to invest in the conditions that allow children and parents to thrive. Family preservation, meaningful due process, transparency, and accessible community-based services must be central to that commitment.

We urge the Board to ensure that this resolution serves as a foundation for measurable policy changes, budgetary commitments, and greater accountability in the systems that affect Los Angeles County families.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to address these critical issues.

Respectfully,

Megan