



Councilmember Susan Wengraf
District 6

CONSENT CALENDAR
January 21, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Susan Wengraf
Subject: Reaffirming the City of Berkeley's commitment to Roe v. Wade

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution reaffirming the City of Berkeley's commitment to Roe v. Wade on the 41st anniversary of its passage.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

BACKGROUND

January 22, 2014 is the 41st anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the historic Supreme Court decision that ensured safe access to a wide range of reproductive health services, including abortion, to women. Since the Roe decision millions of women and men have had access to family planning services in clinics and hospitals across the country. Recently many opponents have been at work to impose restrictions on such services. The City of Berkeley opposes restrictions and strongly champions a woman's right to choose and safe family planning services.

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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF BERKELEY'S COMMITMENT TO ROE V. WADE

WHEREAS, January 22, 2014 marks the 41st anniversary of the historic Supreme Court decision known as Roe v. Wade, which ensured safe access to a wide range of reproductive health services, including abortion, and

WHEREAS, prior to 1973, the year when Roe v. Wade was enacted, women faced significant obstacles to safe reproductive health services, resulting in widespread loss of life and serious illness; and

WHEREAS, since the Roe decision, millions of women and men have had access to family planning services in clinics and hospitals across the country; and

WHEREAS, in recent years opponents have been hard at work to impose restrictions on such services, passing legislation and using scare tactics and violence in some instances, and as a result clinics have closed and services have disappeared in many places; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley opposes such tactics and, instead, strongly champions a woman's right to choose and access to safe family planning services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City reaffirms its commitment to Roe v Wade on the 41st anniversary of its passage.