

ATTACHMENT

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April 8, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 335
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Letter of Support for the Resolution Ensuring Continued Access to Medication-Based Abortion Treatment for San Diegans (Item 21)

Dear Chair Vargas, Vice Chair Lawson-Remer, and Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I write to express Planned Parenthood's strong support for the adoption of the resolution to Ensure Continued Access to Medication-Based Abortion Treatment for San Diegans. This resolution will protect access to reproductive health care in San Diego County and the protection of the legal right to abortion in the State of California.

The recent events surrounding reproductive rights in our nation have underscored the critical need for accessible and safe health care options for all individuals. The overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in June of 2022, and subsequent legal battles have threatened the fundamental rights of millions across the United States, placing essential reproductive care in jeopardy.

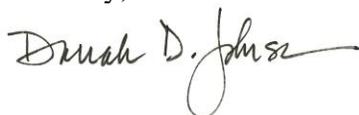
Of particular concern is the recent ruling against the use of mifepristone, one of the two medications used in medication abortion, which has the potential to significantly impact millions of people nationwide. There is overwhelming evidence that medication abortion is safe and effective for virtually anyone who wants to end an early pregnancy, with a safety record of over 99% and over 20 years of FDA approval.

Access to comprehensive reproductive health care, including safe and effective abortion care, is essential to the autonomy and well-being of individuals. By declaring support for continued access to medication abortion, the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors demonstrates its commitment to upholding the reproductive rights and health of San Diegans. This resolution reaffirms the County's dedication to ensuring equitable access to essential health care services, regardless of legislative challenges at the federal level.

Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest fully supports the County of San Diego's efforts to safeguard reproductive rights and expand access to comprehensive health care for all residents. Together, we can work towards a future where individuals have the autonomy to make informed decisions about their reproductive health, free from barriers and discrimination.

Thank you for your commitment to protecting the health and rights of San Diego County residents.

Sincerely,



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