

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 21-____

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF HAYWARD A SUPPORTER AND
DEFENDER OF REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

WHEREAS, in 1969, the California Supreme Court recognized that the U.S. Constitution protects the fundamental right to choose whether to carry a pregnancy to term or seek an abortion; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, the people of California amended Article I § 1 of the California Constitution to make the right to privacy inalienable; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, California enacted the Reproductive Privacy Act, which prevents the state from interfering with the right to choose between carrying a pregnancy to term or to obtain an abortion; and

WHEREAS, California has worked to make reproductive freedom a fundamental right for all Californians by guaranteeing privacy regarding reproductive decisions and protecting a person's right to bodily autonomy, access to abortion, and to make independent reproductive choices including whether or not to terminate a pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, reproductive rights are under attack in this country as states enact laws that restrict or ban abortion with serious implications for reproductive freedom in communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, abortion restrictions, bans, and limitations to reproductive freedom disproportionately impact populations that already face barriers to accessing care including communities of color, individuals with low income, immigrant communities, youth, and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom issued the California Proclamation on Reproductive Freedom to educate Californians on their reproductive rights under the State constitution and laws and affirm California's commitment to reproductive freedom; and

WHEREAS, every person has a right to comprehensive, evidence-based information about the full range of reproductive health care options, and should have access to comprehensive reproductive health care throughout their lives, regardless of income, race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender, ability, immigration status, geographic circumstance, criminal history, and insurance-coverage status; and

WHEREAS, as states around the country enact abortion restrictions and outright bans to abortions, the City of Hayward can serve as a model and commit to defend and fight for reproductive freedom and welcome all those seeking to fully exercise their reproductive rights and access safe legal abortion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the City of Hayward commits to being a champion and defender of health equity and reproductive freedom for all, so that anyone may have access to the reproductive services they need, when they need them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council calls on the United States Congress to protect reproductive freedom nationwide by enacting legislation to protect access to abortion and other reproductive care without government interference.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2021

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward