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Resolution

Declare City Council support for reproductive healthcare rights and opposition to the State of Texas' ban on abortion, and direct the City Budget Office to include \$200,000 in General Fund unrestricted contingency resources in the Mayor's Fall Supplemental Budget Ordinance, to be allocated to organizations that deliver programs and services related to reproductive healthcare

Adopted

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has passed into law a ban on abortion after six weeks of pregnancy and authorizing private citizens to sue any person who performs an abortion or otherwise aids and abets such a procedure; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, the United States Supreme Court ruled that women have the constitutional right to an abortion. Nonetheless, on September 1, 2021, the Supreme Court refused to block Texas' unconstitutional ban on abortions; and

WHEREAS, the Texas abortion ban disregards the human rights of those who become pregnant; does not demonstrate concern for the health, safety and well-being of those who may become pregnant; violates the separation of church and state; and will force people to carry pregnancies against their will; and

WHEREAS, the Texas abortion ban will also force those who seek to exercise their constitutional right to obtain an abortion to travel to other states to do so, or to obtain abortions in uncertified and potentially unsafe conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Portland City Council steadfastly believes that all people should have the right to choose if and when they carry a pregnancy, and to obtain an abortion under the care of certified healthcare providers in safe and secure facilities; and

Introduced by

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Requested Agenda Type

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WHEREAS, the Portland City Council wishes to manifest its opposition to the Texas abortion ban, and its support for those who are affected by it, by ensuring that those who seek to exercise their constitutional right to an abortion have access to certified healthcare providers in safe and secure facilities by providing funds to organizations that provide necessary programs and services related to reproductive healthcare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council expresses its unwavering support for the constitutional right of a person to choose if and when they carry a pregnancy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council expresses its steadfast opposition to restrictive state laws, such as Texas' law, that are hostile to the right to make individual choices about reproductive healthcare; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to support those wishing to exercise their right to make individual decisions about their reproductive healthcare, the City Budget Office shall include \$200,000 in General Fund unrestricted contingency resources in the Mayor's Fall Supplemental Budget Ordinance to be allocated to one or more organizations that deliver programs and services related to reproductive healthcare; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council shall send a letter to the Oregon Congressional delegation urging them to pass the Women's Health Protection Act to secure the rights of *Roe v. Wade* into federal statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council shall send a letter to the Biden Administration supporting the United States Department of Justice's challenge to the Texas law in court; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portland City Attorney's Office is directed to participate as an *amicus* challenging the Texas law consistent with Resolution 37443 at the most effective and strategically valuable opportunity.

Impact Statement

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Agenda Items

680-1 Four-Fifths Agenda in [September 15, 2021 Council Agenda](#)

Adopted

Motion to delete the following provisions related to the allocation of funding: In the title of the Resolution, delete the remaining language following "Texas' ban on abortion," in the final Whereas paragraph, delete the remaining language following "secure facilities," and delete in full the Be It Resolved paragraph directing the Budget Office to include General Fund unrestricted contingency resources in the Mayor's Fall Supplemental Budget. These changes will remove the allocation of funding from this

Resolution: Moved by Mapps and not seconded.

Motion to remove the funding decision and include it as part of the Fall Supplemental Budget. In the Be It Resolved paragraph regarding General Fund unrestricted contingency resources in the Mayor's Fall Supplemental Budget Ordinance, delete the phrase "the City Budget Office shall include \$200,000 in" and replace it with the phrase "the City Council shall consider an appropriation of." This change will have Council make any funding decisions as part of the Fall Supplemental Budget Ordinance: Moved by Mapps and not seconded.

Motion to delay the vote on this item to be voted on next week as a Regular agenda item to allow additional public notice and public input: Moved by Mapps and not seconded.

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Nay

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

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