CITY OF SAN MATEO RESOLUTION NO. __ (2022)

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 1, TO AMEND THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION TO EXPRESSLY INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL'S FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM, IN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the City of San Mateo supports the ability of all residents to access safe and affordable healthcare; and

WHEREAS, access to safe and legal abortion affects health, safety, economic stability, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Mateo is home to nonprofit health care providers that provide free or low-cost reproductive care, including abortion services; and

WHEREAS, the ability of women to safely access reproductive and other healthcare services is increasingly threatened across the country, especially with the United States Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization to overturn Roe v. Wade; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Mateo enacted Ordinance No. 2022-6 "Access to Reproductive Health Care Facilities" to promote the full exercise of the right to privacy by patients seeking vital reproductive healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Mateo supports the "Women's Reproductive Freedom and Healthcare Privacy Action Plan" developed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 on the November 8, 2022 Statewide General Election would, if passed, amend the California Constitution to expressly include an individual's fundamental right to reproductive freedom, which includes the fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and the fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY RESOLVES that:

1. The City Council of the City of San Mateo affirms the importance of reproductive health, rights and justice, and women's access to safe, comprehensive and affordable reproductive health care including the right to safe and accessible abortion services.

2. The City Council of the City of San Mateo supports the passage of Proposition 1 at the November 8, 2022 Statewide General Election.