

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Chair Lee and the members of the Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee: Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project Los Angeles County (PPAP) writes in strong support of Council File 16-0319, which would prohibit misleading advertising by a pregnancy center within the City of Los Angeles. In June, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe vs. Wade, gutting nearly 50 years of federal protections for safe and legal abortions. Los Angeles is now poised to become one of the nation's safe havens for people seeking abortion care. It is therefore more important than ever that our city ensures everyone has timely access to abortion care, which includes preventing misleading tactics and advertisements from centers that do not actually provide abortions. Crisis pregnancy centers don't provide abortion or offer a full range of health care, and they often won't provide honest facts about sexual health and pregnancy options — their goal is to spread misinformation and propaganda. Crisis pregnancy centers usually advertise free pregnancy tests and pregnancy counseling, and some may claim they have other services like STD testing, but these centers don't actually provide most kinds of health care, and the information they give isn't always accurate or trustworthy. Time is a critical factor when a patient wants to terminate a pregnancy. Delays may mean that a less invasive procedure is no longer available. Emergency contraception must be taken within a short period of time after sex to be effective. The confusing tactics that a misleading pregnancy center employs could be detrimental to the patient's ability to access the care they desire. We applaud the City Attorney for his leadership in authoring Council File 16-0319 and we thank the City of Los Angeles for its active role in protecting reproductive rights. Sincerely, Celinda M. Vázquez Executive Director Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project Los Angeles County



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September 13, 2022

Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods Committee
ATTN: The Honorable John Lee
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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL FILE 16-0319: PROHIBITION OF MISLEADING ADVERTISING BY A PREGNANCY CENTER WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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