



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 28th, 2022

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Sharon Bronson
District 3 Supervisor, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: Addendum Item for July 5th, 2022 Meeting

Please place the following items on the addendum for the Board of Supervisors meeting on July 5th, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Declaring Support for Access to Reproductive Health Care, Including Legal, Safe Abortion Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECLARING ITS SUPPORT FOR ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTH CARE, INCLUDING LEGAL, SAFE ABORTION SERVICES**

The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona finds:

1. On June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, eliminating the constitutional right to obtain an abortion and casting aside 49 years of legal precedent that began with *Roe v. Wade*.
2. Abortion is a vital health care service that has been legal and safe in the United States for nearly 50 years. Access to legal, safe abortion, and comprehensive sexual and reproductive health more broadly, are critical to protecting and supporting the public's health. The Supreme Court's decision ends this basic right of safe access to appropriate health care for too many women and families in this country.
3. Research by the World Health Organization and others has found that banning or severely restricting abortion does little to reduce abortion rates, but instead drives women to induce abortion themselves or to seek abortions from unskilled providers. In countries with restrictive laws, not only do some 47,000 women die from unsafe abortions each year, but 5 million are estimated to suffer long-term health consequences.
4. Access to reproductive health services, including abortion, also supports economic mobility and success. Women – in particular women from communities of color – living in states with more restrictive reproductive rights policies have poorer birth outcomes, including higher rates of low-birthweight babies and financial outcomes.
5. The reproductive health services provided by the Pima County Health Department prevent unintended pregnancies, improve health outcomes, and ultimately save public money. The Arizona Family Health Partnership estimates that in the absence of such publicly supported family planning services in Arizona, the rates of unintended pregnancy, unplanned birth, and abortion would be 27% higher, and the teen pregnancy rate would be 22% higher. And for every \$1.00 of public funding spent on family planning in Arizona, \$11.27 is saved in Medicaid related costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby declares its support for access to reproductive health care, including legal, safe abortion services, and

1. Directs the County Administrator to:

- a. ensure that a broad range of legal reproductive health services are available to Pima County residents through the Health Department;
- b. convene community clinical partners from across Pima County for the purpose of planning, coordination, and delivery of legal reproductive care;
- c. work with partners in the County, across the state and nation to disseminate accurate information about sexual and reproductive health and advocate for evidence-based reproductive health care, including abortion services.

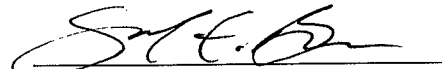
PASSED AND ADOPTED this __ day of _____, 2022.

Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez,
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Sam Brown
Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney