



City Council

Approval of a Resolution Declaring the City of Olympia to be a Sanctuary City for Reproductive Health Care and Abortion Services as Permitted by Washington State Law and Recognizing the Right to Reproductive Choice

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve a Resolution declaring the City of Olympia to be a Sanctuary City for reproductive health Care and abortion services as permitted by Washington State Law and recognizing the right to reproductive choice.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve a Resolution declaring the City of Olympia to be a Sanctuary City for reproductive health Care and abortion services as permitted by Washington State Law and recognizing the right to reproductive choice.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Olympia City Council

Background and Analysis:

On May 2, 2022, we learned that the United States Supreme Court was likely to overturn Roe v. Wade, a landmark decision in which the Court ruled that the United States Constitution protects a

pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restrictions.

On June 14, Councilmember Parshley, with the support of Councilmember Huynh and Councilmember Payne put forward a referral requesting staff to develop a resolution clearly stating Olympia's position on reproductive rights; that staff research options regarding on what a Washington State city can enact and fund that will support choice and reproductive rights and the Community Livability and Public Safety Committee to add the topic to their 2023 and 2024 work plans. The Council supported moving forward with the Resolution.

On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court overturned Roe, turning back 50 years of a guaranteed constitutional right to abortion and reproductive choice.

The Olympia City Council puts forward this Resolution and subsequent actions to demonstrate the City's values, declaring the City of Olympia to be a sanctuary city for reproductive health care and abortion services as permitted by Washington state law, and recognizing a woman's right to reproductive choice.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The right to reproductive choice is vital to the ability of women and people who can get pregnant to protect the liberty, health and financial stability of their families.

Options:

1. Approve the Resolution.
2. Do not approve the Resolution.
3. Make changes to the Resolution and approve as amended.

Financial Impact:

There is no cost associated with passing the Resolution. Financial impacts related to future actions will be determined as they come forward.

Attachments:

Resolution