

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION: A) CREATING A BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND HEALTHCARE PRIVACY AND APPOINTS SUPERVISOR DAVE PINE AND SUPERVISOR WARREN SLOCUM TO THAT SUB-COMMITTEE; AND B) ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED COMPONENTS OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY ACTION PLAN TO SUPPORT WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND HEALTHCARE PRIVACY; AND C) ALLOCATING UP TO \$1,000,000 IN FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE ACTION PLAN IN TWO TRANCHE, WITH THE FIRST TRANCHE OF \$549,312 FOR PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR CLINICS OPERATED BY PLANNED PARENTHOOD MAR MONTE, AND WITH THE SECOND TRANCHE OF UP TO AN ADDITIONAL \$450,688 FOR FUNDING OF FUTURE INITIATIVES BASED ON BOARD CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND HEALTHCARE PRIVACY SUBCOMMITTEE; AND D) AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD MAR MONTE FOR THE PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$549,312; AND E) DIRECTING STAFF TO PRESENT TO THIS BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION A WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND HEALTHCARE PRIVACY ADVOCACY AGENDA BY NO LATER THAN AUGUST 2, 2022

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

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

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo, through its County-operated healthcare delivery system and the public health programs it administers, strives to improve the lives of everyone in San Mateo County, and to provide services and outreach to build trust with women, particularly women of color, low-income women and gender nonconforming individuals, and these programs and efforts would be impaired by

government actions that criminalize abortion and deter women from seeking needed health care; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo is a signatory to an amicus brief in the pending U.S. Supreme Court case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, and is thereby on record in support of abortion rights as critical to, among other things, achieving racial and economic equality; and

WHEREAS, the ability of women to safely access reproductive and other healthcare services are increasingly threatened across the United States, especially with the anticipated U.S. Supreme Court decision expected to overturn *Roe v. Wade*; and

WHEREAS, California has a history of assuring safe access to abortion and contraception through structural supports, such as Medicaid and other public health programs, that assist all residents with the reproductive health care and contraceptive services they need, and these programs have resulted in a significant reduction in teen pregnancy, as well as reduced disparities in reproductive health care based on race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, with the continued proliferation of laws restricting, prohibiting, and even criminalizing abortion in multiple states, women will be forced to leave their primary care providers and communities to travel to California to receive necessary reproductive health care services in the coming months and years; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2022, this Board adopted Resolution No. 078875, wherein it affirmed its unwavering commitment to women's reproductive freedom and

health care privacy and directed County staff to develop for this Board's consideration and approval an action plan to implement this commitment; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Board's direction, staff has developed a Women's Reproductive Freedom and Healthcare Privacy Action Plan that includes four components: (1) financial support for Planned Parenthood Mar Monte (PPMM) to be better equipped to provide ongoing and potentially increased abortion care, (2) implementation of a buffer zone ordinance for the unincorporated areas of the County, (3) development of an advocacy agenda, and (4) launching of an information campaign to let the public know that the San Mateo County Health System continues to offer reproductive services; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte has been and will continue to be the provider of abortion services to patients with limited resources coming to San Mateo County from out-of-state; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action plan includes an allocation of up to \$1,000,000, to be distributed in multiple two or more tranches to support the County's commitment to reproductive rights; and

WHEREAS, the proposed first tranche of \$549,312 in funding would support PPMM to purchase technology and equipment, including the following:

- \$216,056 for the conversion of 5 years of ultrasound scans to Viewpoint, an online system automatically uploads scans to the PPMM health record system.

Converting ultrasound scans to Viewpoint, will increase the effectiveness and the efficiency of the PPMM medical and support staff and will benefit clients of all PPMM clinics in San Mateo County, and

- \$145,040 for 16 new ADA compliant exam tables to be distributed between the San Mateo and Redwood City clinics and provide providers better access to patients, and
- \$140,216 for 4 new ultrasound machines for the San Mateo and Redwood City clinics, and
- \$40,800 for 4 additional ultrasound probes so the machines can be used constantly while a used probe is being sterilized.

WHEREAS, the Action Plan provides for a second tranche of funding, of up to \$450,688, to be held in reserve for use as needs emerge and to be allocated based on ongoing meetings with PPMM leaders, the Board of Supervisor's Women's Reproductive Rights Subcommittee, and County staff; and

WHEREAS, at the allocation plan meetings, participants will explore changes in-patient numbers at San Mateo County clinics, as well as the needs of patients from out-of-state and the best ways to meet those needs and proposed expenditure of the second tranche of funds would be brought back to the Board for review and approval.

WHEREAS, the second component of the action plan is a buffer zone ordinance for unincorporated San Mateo County clinics that would protect patients and employees from harassment, intimidation, and obstruction when accessing reproductive health

clinics, while also balancing First Amendment rights, and which will be brought to the Board of Supervisors at the June 28, 2022 Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, the third component of the plan is a women's reproductive freedom and healthcare privacy advocacy agenda to be developed by County staff, working with the Commission on the Status of Women and other appropriate stakeholders, and to be presented to the Board of Supervisors on or before the August 2, 2022 Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, the fourth component of the plan is the launching of an information campaign to let the public know that the San Mateo County Health System continues to offer reproductive services. The San Mateo County Health System provides women's health services to over 16,000 patients a year. In order to ensure that San Mateo County residents have accurate information about the availability of abortion services in San Mateo County, staff will check-in monthly with Health System leaders about changes in the number of abortions the Health System provides and develop an outreach plan as needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED Supervisor Dave Pine and Supervisor Warren Slocum are appointed to a Board subcommittee on women's reproductive freedom and healthcare privacy; and

IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors accepts San Mateo County Action Plan to Support Women's Reproductive Freedom and Healthcare Privacy and directs the County Executive and staff to take appropriate steps to implement the Action Plan; and

IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND ORDERED that up to \$1,000,000 in multiple tranches be allocated to PPMM, with the first tranche of \$549,312 to be used for purchase of technology and medical equipment for PPMM clinics in San Mateo County, and with future tranches, in total, of up to an additional \$450,688 to be allocated for future initiatives based on Board consideration of recommendations from the Women's Reproductive Freedom and Healthcare Privacy Subcommittee; and

IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the County Executive or his designee is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with PPMM to fund the purchase of technology and medical equipment in the amount of \$549,312; and

IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the County Executive is directed to work with staff to develop a women's reproductive freedom and healthcare privacy advocacy agenda which will be presented to the Board for consideration on or before August 2, 2022.

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