

## **RESOLUTION TO PROTECT ACCESS TO ABORTION CARE**

WHEREAS the U.S. Supreme Court will soon torch nearly fifty years of settled law protecting the right to abortion and has never before reversed a Supreme Court decision that recognized a personal freedom protected by the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS the decision of whether or not to bear a child is central to a woman's life, autonomy, well-being, and dignity, and without the right to make that decision a woman is not truly free and cannot participate fully in the economic and social life of the Nation, and laws denying access to abortion care are acts of violence and subjugation against women, which will result in pain, suffering, and death, a burden that will fall particularly on women with limited resources and women of color; and

WHEREAS an overwhelming majority of Americans, from both major political parties and throughout the country, support the right to abortion care that is safe, accessible, and legal, but antiquated procedural rules are said to prevent our Democratic Congress and President from taking legislative action to protect access to abortion care;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports a woman's right to access abortion care and supports public funding for abortion care and proposals to strengthen the protection of abortion rights in California and for all those who may come to California to seek abortion care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on our Democratic leaders in Washington, D.C. to adopt legislation, now or immediately following issuance of the impending Supreme Court decision ending abortion rights, to ensure continued access to abortion care throughout the United States, including by recognizing, if necessary, an exception to the so-called filibuster rule for cases in which legislative action is determined to be necessary to protect the life, health, and liberty of the American people in the face of a Supreme Court decision that abrogates a right the Supreme Court has recognized previously to be Constitutionally protected.

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