

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance adding Chapter 20 to Division 19 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to prohibit the use of City resources in the investigation or detainment of a person procuring, providing, or aiding in abortion care in the City of Los Angeles or in cooperating with an out-of-state agency investigating that individual.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Chapter 20 is added to Division 19 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 20**

**PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF CITY RESOURCES TO INVESTIGATE  
OR DETAIN A PERSON AIDING IN ABORTION CARE**

**Sec. 19.200. Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases are defined as follows:

**“Abortion Care”** shall mean the provision of surgical and non-surgical procedures to remove human pregnancy tissue or the products of conception, including, but not limited to, the placenta. Abortion Care includes, but is not limited to, termination of a person’s pregnancy using pharmacological agents.

**“Contraception”** shall mean any drug, device, or other product used to prevent pregnancy and determined by the United States Food and Drug Administration to be safe for that purpose.

**“Emergency Contraception”** shall mean one or more prescription drugs (1) used separately or in combination, to prevent pregnancy, when administered to or self-administered by a patient, within a medically-recommended amount of time after sexual intercourse; (2) dispensed for that purpose in accordance with professional standards of practice; and (3) determined by the United States Food and Drug Administration to be safe for that purpose.

**Sec. 19.201. Prohibition of City Resources.**

No City funds or other City resources, including, but not limited to, the time of an officer, employee, or volunteer, and no property owned, controlled, operated, or managed by the City, shall be utilized to:

(a) Detain a person where a reason for detention is that such person participated in procuring, providing, funding, or aiding in Abortion Care, Contraception, or Emergency Contraception if such Abortion Care, Contraception or Emergency Contraception does not violate the laws or requirements of the State of California, the County of Los Angeles (including its Department of Health Services) and of the City.

(b) Cooperate with or provide information to any person or out-of-state agency or department investigating a person who has or may procure, provide, or aid in Abortion Care, Contraception, or Emergency Contraception if such acts do not violate the laws of the State of California, the County of Los Angeles (including its Department of Health Services) and of the City. However, nothing in this section prohibits the use of City funds or other City resources when required under the laws of the State of California or the final judgment of a court sitting in the State of California.

**Sec. 19.202. Adoption of Policy.**

To the extent that City departments are, by terms of the Charter, exempt from the prohibitions in this chapter, they are strongly encouraged to adopt similar policies promptly. Within 60 to 90 days after the effective date of this ordinance, the City Clerk shall generate and, thereafter, continue to maintain a list of those departments that have not adopted such policies.

**Sec. 19.203. Severability.**

If any subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this chapter is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this chapter. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this chapter, and each and every subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof not declared invalid or unconstitutional, without regard to whether any portion of the chapter would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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