

## RESOLUTION NO.

### RESOLUTION FINDING THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM, MEETING IN PERSON FOR MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES

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**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed pursuant to his authority under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code section 8625, that a state of emergency exists with regard to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2021, the Governor clarified that the “reopening” of California on June 15, 2021 did not include any change to the proclaimed state of emergency or the powers exercised thereunder, and as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to California Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the state Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950 et seq. (the “Brown Act”), provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 that provides that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet without fully complying with the teleconferencing rules in the Brown Act provided the legislative

body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and further requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every thirty (30) days; and,

**WHEREAS**, California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) caution that the Delta variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations

(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>); and,

**WHEREAS**, the CDC has established a “Community Transmission” metric with 4 tiers designed to reflect a community’s COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo currently has a Community Transmission metric of “substantial” which is the second most serious of the tiers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on the Status of Women has an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of those who participate in its meetings; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Commission on the Status of Women deems it necessary to find that meeting in person would present imminent risks

to the health or safety of attendees, and thus intends to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing;

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Supervisors strongly encourages all legislative bodies of the County of San Mateo that are subject to the Brown Act, including but not limited to, the Planning Commission, the Assessment Appeals Board, the Civil Service Commission, and all other oversight and advisory boards, committees and commissions established by the Board of Supervisors and subject to the Brown Act, to make a similar finding and avail themselves of teleconferencing until the risk of community transmission has further declined;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The Commission on the Status of Women finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
3. Staff is directed to return no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution with an item for the Commission on the Status of Women to consider making the findings required by AB 361 in order to continue meeting under its provisions.
4. Staff is directed to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

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## RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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### RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SAN MATEO COUNTY'S UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND HEALTH CARE PRIVACY

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**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 is increasingly threatened across the United States, especially with the anticipated U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning 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**, the County of San Mateo and other municipalities must act urgently to demonstrate a strong commitment to women’s reproductive freedom and healthcare rights and to support the preservation and expansion of reproductive healthcare access for all women;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo affirms its unwavering commitment to women’s reproductive freedom and health care privacy, and hereby directs the County Executive or his designee to develop for this Board’s consideration and approval an action plan to implement this commitment and to return to the Board on June 14, 2022 to present the plan.

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## Agenda Item #7b

### □ **Background**

**The County of San Mateo's Executive Office is creating an action plan to protect women's reproductive rights (resolution that was passed on May 18 is in meeting materials). They have asked for the CSW's feedback on top issues to prioritize.**

### □ **Proposed issues** presented at the May 2022 CSW meeting include:

- protection of healthcare workers providing services to women from out-of-state
- protection of women and gender non-conforming people from out-of-state who are seeking services in CA.
- capacity-building for more safe care

### □ Discuss issues and come to consensus about what the CSW wants the County Executive Office to include in their action plan. The County's action plan is ongoing and feels it vital to have input from the CSW on priority issues.

## Examples of topics and issues currently being proposed in California

**AB 1666 (Bauer-Kahan)** Abortion: Civil Actions (Support);

[Abstract](#) on openstates

**AB 2134 (Weber)** California Abortion and Reproductive Equity (CARE) Act (Support)

[Abstract](#) on openstates

**AB 2586 (C. Garcia)** Reproductive and Sexual Health Working Group (Support)

[Abstract](#) on openstates

**AB 2626 (Calderon)** Abortion Provider Protections (Support)

[Abstract](#) on openstates

**SB 1142 (Caballero)** Abortion services (Sponsor)

[Abstract](#) on openstates

**To: San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women**  
**From: Tanya Beat, Director**  
**Date: June 28, 2022**  
**Subject: Agenda #8 - Status of recent events/projects**

***Summer Break***

- Discussion and action to have a summer break. Propose to cancel July, August or September. Review this for the 2023 calendar of meetings.

***Women's Equality Day***

- Annually recognize Women's Equality Day - Friday, August 26, 2022
- Potential Collaborations or Co-sponsors: Arts Commission, Commission on Disabilities, Irma Zoepf
  - Education about that day can be presented at these other events via tabling.

***CSW Retreat: July 15, 2022***

- Homework 1: Commissioner Connection: Email Tanya photos of yourself from 1997 and 2012 and share how you are the same now and how you are different. **Due June 30<sup>th</sup>**.
- Homework 2: **Due June 27<sup>th</sup>**. Gallup Strengths Finder Assessments all go to Facilitator for activities development and worksheets.