



Date: March 22, 2022

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Status Update: Roe vs. Wade Response**

On February 2, 2022, the City Council requested the City Manager and the Long Beach Health and Human Services Department (Health Department), in coordination with Planned Parenthood and other reproductive health care advocates, to meet and develop written recommendations on how the City of Long Beach (City) can partner with Los Angeles County to respond should Roe vs. Wade be overturned, and to report back within 45 days.

On January 25, 2022, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) unanimously passed a similar motion to ensure women's access to quality reproductive health care services. The Board instructed their Chief Executive Officer and the Directors of their Departments of Health Services (DHS), Public Health (DPH), and County Counsel (CC), in coordination with Planned Parenthood and other reproductive health advocates, to meet and develop written recommendations on how the County of Los Angeles (County) could respond should Roe v. Wade be overturned.

On March 9, 2022, the County released phase one of their report, which includes information regarding monitoring the legislative timeline related to reproductive health care and contains recommendations for each of their Board's directives in the areas of budget, enhanced medical training, expansion of the reproductive healthcare workforce, creating a uniform referral system, and opportunities to reduce and address health disparities.

The Health Department is reviewing the County's report and is scheduled to meet with the County Department of Public Health to discuss where partnerships can be developed and will determine appropriate next steps. As a result, the Health Department requires additional time to adequately complete this task and anticipates that our response will be completed in May 2022.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at kelly.colopy@longbeach.gov or at (562) 570-4016.

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