



AGENDA NO: A9

MEETING DATE: January 25, 2022

**AGENDA CORRESPONDENCE
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From: [Karen Bright](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: 1.25.22 Council Meeting, Support for Agenda Item A-9 and Subsequent Resolution
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:54:28 AM

Good Morning Council,

This email is to support the above Resolution. Also, to thank and commend the Morro Bay City Council for bringing forth this critical issue.

Reproductive Rights are fundamental to the health, safety and well-being of all women. It is a personal responsibility that must be guided by those intimately involved, certainly not by Government or general populace.

I appreciate your time and the opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,

Karen Bright

From: [Andrea Chmelik](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Public comment to agenda item A-9, Jan 25 City Council Meeting
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 6:37:46 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to you in support and appreciation of the resolution affirming the City of Morro Bay's support of reproductive freedom. As an advocate for women's rights and equity, I can't stress enough how important it is to protect reproductive freedom and the women's right to decide their own health, safety and privacy.

Sexual and reproductive health and care are foundational and necessary for gender equality. They are also critical in achieving full recovery from the economic consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has further exposed and exacerbated the gender equality crisis, including a sharp decrease in women participating in the workforce, increase in gender-based and domestic violence, and access to essential reproductive health care.

The right of a woman or girl to make autonomous decisions about her own body and reproductive functions is at the core of her basic rights to equality, privacy, and bodily autonomy, as confirmed by the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner.

We have seen with the Texas Senate Bill 8, which has roots in a small town of Waskom, that no legislature is too small or powerless to enact and affect change. With that in mind, I welcome your considering and approving a resolution that protects the constitutional rights and affirms a commitment of Morro Bay to be a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community for everyone. I hope other Central Coast cities will follow your lead.

Respectfully,

Andrea Chmelik

From: [Irene Gaffney](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Agenda item number A-9
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 11:53:11 AM

Honorable Mayor and City Council, 1-24-2022

I have been a businessman in this town for over 40 years,I have raised my children here because it has been a safe and respectful place. My son now has a successful business here as well as my other son working for the school district. Which means we care for the people in our community.My daughter runs a children's ministry with her husband. { they have put on Easter at Rock for years in the past },also reaching out in our community . I feel we have a voice in reaching you to please vote no on the upcoming decision on Resolution 08-22.

I respect that you have been called to this matter. As someone who has been faced with decisions I know that it will come down to "What's popular" or " what's right . I plead with you to make the right choice and vote No on Res. 08-22.

All Life Matters!

Sincerely,

Keith Gaffney

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Best,

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From: [Irene Gaffney](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Agenda Item Number A-9
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 11:31:27 AM

To Our Honorable Mayor City Council,

I have happily been a resident of this fine city. We raised all our children here and now our grandchildren .It is a community of people who hear our needs,and concerns.

This letter is in reference to 1/25/2022 agenda A-9

I am pleading with you to vote NO on Res. 08-22 .

Your respectful opposition to Resolution on 08-22 Every life should have the right to live .

Thank you for your time,

Irene Gaffney

From: [Pat Harris](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Support for Resolution # 08-22
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 5:57:50 PM

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I am writing in support of the Resolution (Agenda # A-9) that affirms the City of Morro Bay's support of women's reproductive freedom. At a time when the right of women to maintain control of our own bodies is being threatened in so many states and in the Supreme Court, it is extremely important to stand up and say that Morro Bay, as a city, and you, as its leaders, will support women's rights. I'm not a resident of Morro Bay, but I vote with my dollars when I visit frequently for entertainment and recreation.

I urge you to do the right thing and pass this resolution. With more than 20 states ready to enact laws that restrict abortion rights, I feel fortunate to live in a state where my rights are still intact, and I hope you will help to keep them that way.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

-Pat

Patricia Harris



From: [Kristin Tara Horowitz](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Support for MB City Resolution Supporting Roe
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:31:37 AM

Dearest council,

While I am not a resident of Morro Bay, I live in Los Osos and do business there putting on the Morro Bay Triathlon. I am grateful to the character of the community and what I am able to show to those who travel from out of the area, and for the feelings I have when I take care of my personal needs as my family utilize MB as the nearest city to our unincorporated community.

Passing the Roe support resolution is important today, with women's rights being called into question. I thought this fight was behind us because I grew up with them. Every brave action that anyone can take to make a stand now will resonate far into the future - and this is a brave and good decision and I hope you'll stand against those who disagree.

Best,

Kristin

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Kristin Tara Horowitz (She/They - [why this is important](#))
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From: [Menno and Alice Isaac](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Agenda 1/25/22 item number A-9
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 9:33:20 AM

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

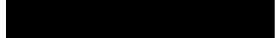
We know and respect your leadership in this, our community as those responsible to the city of Morro Bay, and to God, who entrusted you with this authority.

As caring, active people of Morro Bay we are very strongly in favor of the Protection of Human Life. Only God has the Authority to bring an end to the precious life HE has given. We ask you to please vote NO on Res. 08-22. (Agenda 1/25/22 item number A-9).

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Menno & Alice Isaac



Morro Bay, CA 93442

John & Gail Martin
[REDACTED]
Morro Bay, CA 93442

January 22, 2022

Re: 1/25/22 Agenda Item No. A-9, opposition to Resolution 08-22

Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Morro Bay:

The purpose of this letter is to express our opposition to your proposed Resolution 08-22 "Affirming Support of Reproductive Freedom." We respectfully request that you vote **NO** for the following reasons:

First of all, this item should never have been placed on the Consent Agenda. Items on the Consent Agenda are intended to be approved without discussion because they are routine and non-controversial. Abortion is one of the most controversial issues in the country. If the Council tables this item, we expect that it will not appear again on the Consent Agenda.

Second, the City of Morro Bay provides many municipal services, but it does not provide reproductive health services. The City has no role in this issue and the City Council has no authority in this realm.

Third, Res. 08-22 states that it is a response to a law passed in the State of Texas. It also cites the State of Florida "and other U.S. state legislatures." None of this affects the State of California, the County of San Luis Obispo or the City of Morro Bay. Nothing has changed for the City of Morro Bay. The City Council should address issues impacting the City of Morro Bay, not Texas, Florida or other states in the U.S.

Fourth, the City's resources should not be expended on issues for which the City Council has no authority. Spending time on issues that are outside of the City Council's authority uses resources that could be better spent to further the City's mission to provide municipal services.

Fifth, reproductive rights (whatever they are defined to be) are issues for the federal and state governments and courts to determine, and not for the City Council. Resolution 08-22 needlessly creates division between people in the City of Morro Bay.

In these divisive times, shouldn't the City Council focus on statements that bring us together rather than tear us apart?

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you vote **NO** on Resolution 08-22.

Sincerely,
John and Gail Martin

From: [Lynda Merrill](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Agenda Item A-9 Please adopt
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 6:01:08 PM

Dear Mayor Heading, Council members Addis, Ford, Heller and Barton,

Please adopt Resolution No. 08-22, entitled “A Resolution of the CityCouncil of the City of Morro Bay, California, Affirming Support of Reproductive Freedom.”

We sincerely appreciate your support for women’s reproductive freedom,
Lynda and Frank Merrill

From: [ROCHELLE REED](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Reproductive Freedom
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 6:40:40 PM

Honorable council members,

Please stand in support of Reproductive Freedom.

I am old enough to remember the time before the passage of Roe vs Wade and the dangerous measures women were compelled to take. Don't allow that to happen again.

—Rochelle Smith

From: [Susan Stenovec](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Support Reproductive Freedom
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 7:49:14 AM

Dear City Council Members,

We write in support of the resolution supporting reproductive freedom that will come before you tonight. Please vote for it.

Thank you,
Susan and John Stenovec
San Luis Obispo, CA.

From: [Lindsey Stephenson](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Adoption of Resolution No. 08-22 - "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Morro Bay, California, Affirming Support of Reproductive Freedom"
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:03:14 AM

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to your Council today, to offer my support and recommend the adoption of Resolution No. 08-22, entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Morro Bay, California, Affirming Support of Reproductive Freedom." As a San Luis Obispo County resident for over 28 years, I am happy to see your Council and the City of San Luis Obispo acknowledge the importance to commit to inclusivity, diversity and equity as a major council goal and your continued support and commitment to making Morro Bay an inclusive and safe community for everyone!

The adoption of Resolution No. 08-22, supports your mission and goal of promoting inclusive and equitable behavior and the commitment to protecting the rights of all women, which always includes the rights to family planning and reproductive freedom. What we have heard in the past few months from the Supreme Court is alarming, and it appears they are eager to strip the protections of Roe v Wade. As we are fortunate to live in the state of California, where law protects the right to reproductive freedom, however if Roe is overturned, our communities will see an increase in patient need and care, as women cross into California for essential healthcare. This important resolution brought before you tonight, acknowledges the dire need of equity in healthcare for all - reproductive freedom is Healthcare, please do the right thing for all people.

Thank you for your consideration.
Take care and stay safe.

Best,
Lindsey Stephenson

From: [Chip Visci](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Roe v Wade resolution
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 6:08:26 PM

Dear Morro Bay City Council:

I urge you to approve the Roe v Wade resolution on your Tuesday night agenda.

In another time, such a statement would seem wholly unnecessary, but we live in a world when nominees to the Supreme Court tell Congress that Roe v Wade is “settled law” (Kavanaugh), that laws cannot be undone simply by personal beliefs, including her own. “It’s not the law of Amy,” quipped nominee Amy Coney Barrett. Or Clarence Thomas’ fatuous originalism, ignoring the fact that there was a time when all states allowed abortion (1860s).

After lying to attain power, they set their sights on imposing their personal beliefs on others.

So, please pass the resolution. Speak up to stand up for the rule of law and the rights of women.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chip Visci

From: [Mary Whiteford](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: In Support of Reproductive Freedom
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 5:33:40 PM

Dear Morro Bay City Council Members,

As a resident of Morro Bay, I strongly support the January 25 Agenda item A9 and the Council's adoption of Resolution 08-22 Affirming Support of Reproductive Freedom.

It is crucial that women have the right to control their health and well-being in making choices about their bodies and when/if to have children.

Mary Whiteford

Morro Bay, CA 93442

Sent from my iPad



AGENDA NO: PC

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Heather Goodwin

Subject: FW: Thanks for supporting healthcare equity. One more thing to do today.

From: Mike Baird <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 6:59 AM

To: Council <council@morrobayca.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Thanks for supporting healthcare equity. One more thing to do today.

Please support AB 1400

Mike Michael L. Baird [REDACTED]

<http://facebook.com/mikebaird> <http://flickr.bairdphotos.com/>

From: [Edward Bischof](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: AB 1400
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 7:51:34 AM

I urge the request agreement with the request.
Ed Bischof

From: [Fidell, Linda](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Please support AB 1400 tonight
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 7:19:28 AM

Please support resolution AB1400 at tonight's City Council meeting. As a small and somewhat rural community, the City has fewer resources to command than larger cities and our residents will be pleased to know that their healthcare needs will be met.

Linda Fidell

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Morro Bay 93442

From: [Teddy Llovet](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: AB 1400 CalCare
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:23:25 AM

Please add this item to your future agenda for discussion and vote.

- 1.) Municipal budgets are strained by the ever-increasing cost of health insurance. Small businesses are typically paying 7-9 percent of top-line revenue to provide health insurance for themselves and, hopefully, continuing coverage for their employees.
- 2.) The painful consequences of our for-profit health insurance system, with its perverse incentives to deny care and to recover higher "rebates" for prescribing the most expensive drugs and devices, are causing painful and sometimes dire kitchen-table conversations to occur every day in the homes of your constituents.
- 3.) Fortunately, California residents and our representatives in Sacramento are on a legislative path to develop a solution that has kept seniors out of poverty and living healthier for nearly 60 years. Assembly Bill 1400 (AB 1400-CalCare) would establish a Medicare-type plan for all Californians including dental care, vision care, hearing care, mental health care, all prescription drugs and other services not currently provided by Medicare in addition to the services that are currently covered.

Assembly Bill 1400 passed both the Assembly Health Committee and the Assembly Appropriations Committee this month and is going to the Assembly floor for a vote. The funding proposal, a starting point for discussion, features a 1.25% payroll tax, which would be considerably less than the 7-9 percent (or more) employers are currently paying to subsidize fiduciaries' (which is what health insurance companies are supposed to be) egregious and often opaque profiteering.

- 4.) There are literally hundreds of Morro Bay residents who would feel greatly relieved that their representatives share their aspirations in encouraging our state legislators to start down what will be a long and well-considered legislative path in Sacramento. Our state legislators want to hear from our city council.

Thank you
Ms Teddy Llovet
Morro Bay, CA

Sent from my iPad

From: [Kathy](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: AB 1400
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:16:30 AM

Hello,

My name is Kathleen Oehler and I am a citizen of Morro Bay. I am writing to encourage you to vote YES on AB1400. If the nation can't pass Medicare for All, at least California can do something to help the Middle Class.

Thanks, Kathleen Oehler

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From: [Glenn Silloway](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: AB 1400 for health care
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:43:56 AM

Dear Council members:

I am emailing to urge you to proclaim support of Morro Bay for AB 1400, which would establish a Medicare type program — plus expanded healthcare benefits — for all Californians. A vote on that bill will occur soon so sending a message from the City supporting AB 1400 to our Assembly representative could be very helpful in creating a healthcare system actually designed to serve all the people.

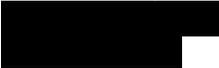
The signals from the current incredibly convoluted patchwork system of healthcare have been negative for a very long time. Reform of the system is long overdue.

Opponents of reform use misleading or scare tactics to make people think they will lose their coverage or have to pay even more for healthcare. Study after study show this is not true.

California is larger than many nations in the world that already have universal health care that works very well. We as a state can improve our health situation and the health of our citizens with the proposals in AB 1400. The state can be a leader now when it is so important.

Thanks for your time and attention.

Glenn Silloway
Morro Bay resident

Glenn Silloway


From: [David Weisman](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Support for council resolution in favor of AB 1400
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:11:52 AM

Dear Mayor and Council:

I wish to add my voice, as a 21-year Morro Bay resident, in support of the city council issuing a resolution in support of California AB 1400, the “Cal Care” Act. As a resident whose job does not provide health care benefits—yet still too young to qualify for Medicare—I am financially squeezed by continuing rises in health insurance premiums and less benefits for the money I am paying. My monthly health insurance premiums have increased from \$150 per month when I moved to Morro Bay in 2001 to over \$900 per month now. This inequity cannot persist.

AB 1400 moves in the direction of providing affordable health care for all. I urge the city council to issue a resolution in support of this legislation if they wish to keep our city “livable” for all its residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

DAVID WEISMAN


Morro Bay CA 9342
