

RESOLUTION NO. 1852

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAKE FOREST PARK PROHIBITING THE USE OF CITY RESOURCES TO AID OUT-OF-STATE INVESTIGATIONS, PROSECUTIONS, OR OTHER LEGAL ACTION AGAINST WASHINGTON HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND CLINICS PROVIDING LAWFUL ABORTION SERVICES, AND PATIENTS RECEIVING THOSE SERVICES.

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2022, established principles in the United States Constitution of liberty and equality were extinguished when the Supreme Court of the United States overturned *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, thereby eviscerating the fundamental federal constitutional right to end a pregnancy—a choice that is deeply personal and private, and that was, until June 24, a matter to be decided by the individual in consultation with that person's healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this flagrant disregard of established constitutional rights and sound legal precedents, over half of the states in this Country already have or will soon ban or severely restrict access to abortion care and services; which means that where a person lives in this Country will determine how "equal" and "free" that person is; and

WHEREAS, anti-choice leaders endeavor to attack sanctuary states, like ours, to reach beyond their own state's borders to criminalize and punish those who lawfully provide or seek abortion services that are protected under Washington law; and

WHEREAS, harassment, legal action, and fear tactics are anticipated in Washington against lawful reproductive health care providers and clinics, and patients; the impacts of which are likely to be significant and relentless on Washingtonians and out-of-state patients seeking services in Washington; and

WHEREAS, Lake Forest Park is and will remain a sanctuary for any person seeking abortion care and services in our City, and, to that end, it is critical that no on-duty City employees or other City resources be used to cooperate in any manner with any out-of-state investigation, prosecution, or other legal action based on another state's law that is inconsistent with Washington's protections of the right to choose abortion and provide abortion-related care; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, as follows:

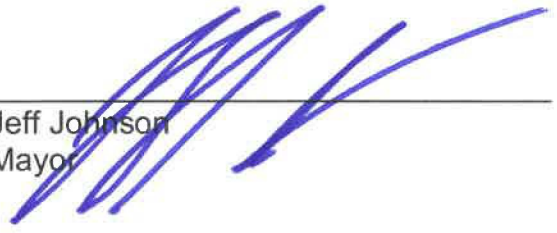
Section 1. POLICY. No City resources, including, but not limited to, facilities; supplies; and on duty time of employees, officers, contractors, or subcontractors shall be utilized for: a) investigating or detaining persons for performing or aiding in the support or

the performance of an abortion within this state, or in procuring an abortion in this state, if the abortion is performed in accordance with the provisions of RCW 9.02.110 or any other applicable Washington State law, or b) cooperating with or providing information to any individual or out-of-state agency or department regarding the provision of a lawful abortion performed in the state. Provided, however, the above prohibition shall not apply if state statute requires the City to respond to inquiries from out-of-state entities or persons such as under Chapter 42.56 RCW, the Public records act.

Section 2. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto


PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this 14th day of July, 2022.

APPROVED:



Jeff Johnson
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Matt McLean
City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: July 14, 2022
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: July 14, 2022
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