



City of Santa Barbara
Mayor and Council Office

Memorandum

DATE: September 8, 2015

TO: Paul Casey, City Administrator

FROM: Mayor Helene Schneider
Councilmember Cathy Murillo *CM*

SUBJECT: Request from Mayor Schneider and Councilmember Cathy Murillo Regarding Planned Parenthood Health Care and Educational Services

Pursuant to Council Resolution 05-073 regarding the Conduct of City Council Meetings, we request that an item be placed on the Santa Barbara City Council Agenda requesting that the City Council pass a resolution acknowledging local health care services provided by Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties.

- Summary of information to be presented:
A brief presentation on how government funds are used, and not used, for health care and educational services at Planned Parenthood centers, particularly at the local Santa Barbara center.
- Statement of Specific Action:
That the City Council votes to approve a resolution that recognizes the significant contributions of Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties to the health and well-being of women and families throughout the City of Santa Barbara (see draft resolution).
- Statement of the Reasons Why it is Appropriate and Within the Jurisdiction of the Council to Consider this Subject Matter and to Take the Requested Action:
The City of Santa Barbara has supported Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties health care and educational services for decades through City Human Services grants, thus we recognize the value of public funding for these basic services. The Santa Barbara Planned Parenthood center provides health services to more than 9,000 patients annually; 96% of whom come for family planning services and more than 65% are at or below the federal poverty level. A reduction in federal funding as is currently being proposed by Congress would have a negative impact on ensuring access to services to City residents in need of them.

cc: Mayor and Council
City Attorney
Community Development Director