

SacLegal Supports Bodily Autonomy

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With the Supreme Court's overruling of its landmark precedent in Roe v. Wade, SacLegal issues this statement in support of the rights of women and anyone who can become pregnant to control their own bodies.

Reproductive rights and women's rights are LGBTQ+ rights, and they are intersectional human rights issues that matter to all of us. The Court made this abundantly clear when it specifically identified LGBTQ+ rights cases such as <u>Lawrence</u> and <u>Obergefell</u> as cases they plan to revisit in the future. Now more than ever, LGBTQ+ people and the entire LGBTQ+ community must stand in solidarity with those working to ensure access to safe abortions in California and across the country.

Based on data from the <u>Center for Reproductive Rights</u>, at least <u>22 states</u> will now ban abortion after the fall of <u>Roe</u>. Luckily, California has strong protections for abortion access already in place, and the Governor has signaled more to come. But there are still barriers here in Northern California, and as access barriers rise in other states, we should expect more people seeking abortion care coming into our communities. We encourage our members to explore and support the organizations and clinics working tirelessly in this space. Here is a small list of resources and organizations.

ACCESS Reproductive Justice (https://accessrj.org/) – A California abortion fund and practical support network, helping people across the state. Note that you can sign up to be a practical support volunteer to provide housing and rides for those coming to your area for abortion care, and UC Davis is a destination for many folks in Northern California who need care!

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The Future of Abortion Council (https://www.cafabcouncil.org/) – A collaboration working to help California become a safe abortion state.

Keep Our Clinics (https://keepourclinics.org) – A campaign to support the independent clinics providing 58% of abortion care in our country.

The National Network of Abortion Funds (https://abortionfunds.org/funds/) – Listing abortion funds by state (scroll past the fold).

California Women Lawyers will hold two listening sessions for reflection on **Dobbs**:

- Monday, June 27 at 10-11 a.m. (register here) and
- Tuesday, June 28 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. (register here)

As a bar association dedicated to ensuring full equality for members of the LGBTQ+ community, and as an affiliate of the Sacramento Unity Bar, we stand ready to support all who are impacted by this devastating roll-back of constitutional rights.

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