

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS I
Office of the City Clerk

City Council of the City of Napa
Regular Meeting
August 18, 2020

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

EVENING SESSION:

13. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

13.A. Presentation about Reproductive Rights Regulation of Protests on and Public Access to Sidewalks Near Reproductive Health Care Facilities.

- PowerPoint Presentation by City Staff.
- Email from Lisa Cort received on August 14, 2020. *
- Email from Iris Barrie received on August 14, 2020. *
- Email from Lisa Buckman received on August 14, 2020. *
- Email from Chiara Baldanza received on August 14, 2020. *
- Email from Vicki Green received on August 15, 2020. *
- Email and attachment from Cindy Dahlgren received on August 15, 2020. *
- Email from Michelle Erbs received on August 16, 2020. *
- Email from Terry Beck received on August 16, 2020. *
- Email from Stacey Bressler received on August 16, 2020. *
- Email from Melenn Herve received on August 16, 2020. *
- Email from Sylvia Weaver Jones received on August 16, 2020.
- Email from Joan Taramasso received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Roderick Macdonald received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Angie Mancuso received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Tama Adelman received on August 17, 2020.
- Email from Khari Rogers-Brandt received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Diane Slade received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Connie Freed received on August 17, 2020.
- Email from Donald Hazelton received on August 17, 2020.
- Email from Amy Garden received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Angela Todd received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Karen Houghton received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Gianna Furina received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Montse Duran received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Kathleen Beebe received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Patricia Martinez received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Curtis Brandt received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Kathleen Stewart-Lightner received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Cheryl Woods received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email and attachment Anna Chouteau on behalf of 77 Napa County leaders and residents received on August 17, 2020. * (Full list of 77 names provided on last page)
- Email and multiple attachments from Lauren Babb received on August 17, 2020.
- Email from James Ashbury received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Henry Gundling received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Suzanne Gibbs received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Meredith Gibbs received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Carole Gruss received on August 17, 2020.
- Email from Carole Duncan received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Suzy Narducci received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Paola Gonzalez received on August 17, 2020.
- Email from Linda Button received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Roseanne Kirby received on August 17, 2020.

- Email from Lori Van Winden received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Anna Paulson received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Ted Eshleman received on August 17, 2020.
- Email from Harold and Cindy Hayes received on August 17, 2020. *
- Email from Carol Duncan received on August 17, 2020.
- Email from Sara Decrevel received on August 17, 2020.
- Email from Joan Andrego received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from John and Mary Ann Charlesworth received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Kim Reid received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Resident (no name provided) received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Anthony J. Ryan received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Phyllis Bahue received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Laurie Puzo received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Jodie Russi received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Eric and Karen Good received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Kat McDonald received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Carol Whichard received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Jodie Russi received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Julie Gerien received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Mary Shaw received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Heather Bailie received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Jim Prudhomme received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Paul Obran received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Jennifer Simi received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Resident (no name provided) received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Susan Prudhomme received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Owen V. Robertson received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Meredith Robertson received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Ermilita Bruce received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Holli Scheumann received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Bunnie Finkelstein received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Christine Cattolica received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Orville Fisher received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Janice Andrade received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Lauren Babb received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Dolores Fischer received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Kathleen D. Yeend received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Ginger Gregory received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Nancy Duckhorn received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Lynn Hill received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from James Eckert received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Elaine Herrick received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Raul Baccay received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Robert Bellfi received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Ron Maxson received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Dominic Figueroa received on August 18, 2020.*
- Email from Deborah F. Brumley received on August 18, 2020.*
- Email from Dona Bakker received on August 18, 2020.*
- Email from Mary Riley received on August 18, 2020.*
- Email from Marcia Ryan received on August 18, 2020.*
- Email from Linda Mertes received on August 18, 2020.*
- Email from Paul and Coleen McCluskey received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Michael & Christine O'Connell received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Patti Wessman received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from John Tracy received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Adriana Figueroa received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Cheryl Fiedler received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Ron Maxson received on August 18, 2020. *

- Email from Ross Rubin received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Bernadette Palla received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Brad Shurmantine received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Evelyn Zlomke received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Sally Sheehan-Brown received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Lynn Hill received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Lauire Buurma received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Eva Hernandez received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Resident (no name provided) received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Maureen Thoits received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Claire Bocek received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Kelly Decker received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Linda Geyer received on August 18, 2020.
- Email from Carolyn Regan received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Margaret Wigger received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email from Eva Hernandez obo teenager received on August 18, 2020 (in Spanish).
- Email from Herman Soon received on August 18, 2020. *
- Email Howard Haupt received on August 18, 2020. *

13.B. Napa Police Department Use of Force Policy Update.

- PowerPoint Presentation by City Staff.

****EMAIL OR HANDWRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE READ INTO THE RECORD BY CITY STAFF
DURING THE MEETING.***

ITEM 13.A. Email and attachment Anna Chouteau on behalf of multiple Napa County leaders and residents received on August 17, 2020.

FULL LIST OF 77 NAMES:

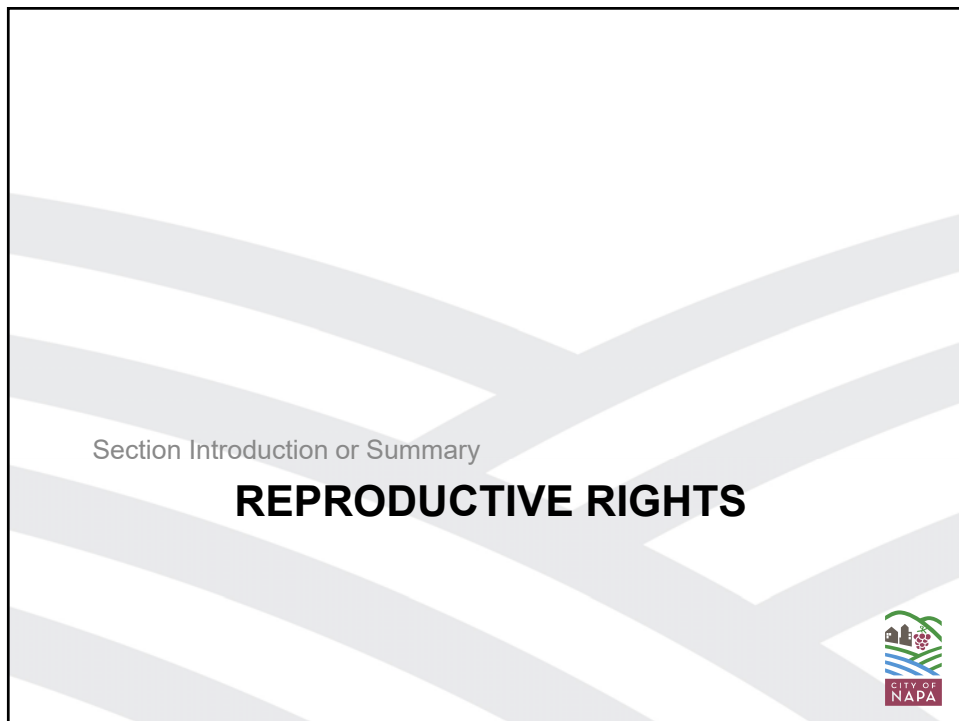
Anna Chouteau, St. Helena City Council Member
Diane Dillon, Napa County Supervisor

Marita Dorenbecher, Youtville Council Member
Mary Koberstein, St. Helena City Council Member
Irais Lopez, Calistoga City Council Member
Lisa Pelosi, SHUSD Trustee
Johanna O'Kelley, President, Democrats of Napa Valley
Terry Beck, Vice President, Democrats of Napa Valley
Kelly Hurst, Treasurer, Democrats of Napa Valley
Richard Bruns, Secretary, Democrats of Napa Valley
Buck Donnelly, Executive Committee, Democrats of Napa Valley
Genesis Monnet, Executive Committee, Democrats of Napa Valley
Karen McNair, Executive Committee, Democrats of Napa Valley, ADEM AD4
Conchita Marusich, Executive Committee, Democrats of Napa Valley
Chris Benz, Executive Committee, Democrats of Napa Valley
Executive Committee of the Napa County Democratic Central Committee
G. Anthony Phillips, American Canyon
Conchita Marusich, City of Napa
Kaye Hall
Beth Painter, City of Napa Planning Commissioner
Joelle Gallagher, Executive Director First 5 Napa County
Anne Sutkowi-Hemstreet, Community Programs Manager at First 5 Napa or Director of
Rainbow Action Network
Sharon Macklin
Lisa Seran
Tracy Krumpfen
Leslie Lew
Mary Jane Bowker
Lee Trucker
Stacey Bressler
Meagan Sullivan Kemps and John Kemps
Alex Boevig Allen
Mary Stephenson
Loarine and Jack Stuart
Martha Casselman
Dana Johnson
Dawnine Dyer
Melinda Mendelson
Michael and Amy Caldarola
Sandina Bailo
Cindy Deutsch
Anne Cottrell
Kara Brunzell
Stephanie Gamble
Deirdre Bourdet
Hilary Zunin

Carol Barge
Dr. Amber Manfree
Sally Seymour
Peg Maddocks
Linda Brown
Betty Teller
Grania Lindberg
Nancy Weiss
Amy Rogers
Sarah Gott
Carole Rehbock
Susan Smith Allen
Mary Stuard
Libby Shafer
Lester Hardy
Janet Pagano
Stephanie Gamble
Joelle Gallagher
Ellyn Elson
Verna Steinhauer
Cindy Watter
Denise Henquet
Jennifer Brown
Shannon Lail
Polly Webber
Angelica Mancuso
Janet Todd
Prentiss Willson
Vicki Albright
Angelica Mancuso
Nancy Duckhorn



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BACKGROUND

- Request to expand the Scope of NMC. 12.68 related to objects on sidewalks in front of planned parenthood
- Change the sign ordinance to prohibit signs that create dangerous traffic and safety conditions
- Evaluate the San Francisco-style buffer zone ordinance to prohibit amplified sound, protestors following employees or patients within 25-50 feet of the front entrance



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NMC. 12.68

- Was created to address the Central pedestrian district within Downtown Napa.



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CURRENT LAWS

- **City of Napa Municipal Code Section 12.16.020**
Obstructions Prohibited Generally.
- **City of Napa Municipal Code Section 12.20.010**
Sidewalk Benches
- **Penal Code 423.1/423.2**



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SIGN ORDINANCE

City of Napa Municipal Code Section 17.55.020 Definitions.

- **“Noncommercial sign”** means a sign with a noncommercial message.
- **“Handheld noncommercial message”** means a noncommercial message that is attached to solid material (such as wood, cardboard, paper, plastic, or metal) no larger than two feet high and two feet long, and that is held by one person.
- **“Portable sign”** means a freestanding sign made of wood, cardboard, plastic or other rigid material, that is not permanently attached to the ground or other permanent structure, that has the capability to stand on its own support(s), and that is portable or designed to be transported



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SIGN ORDINANCE

City of Napa Municipal Code Section 17.55.130 Signs generally prohibited.

“Signs generally prohibited” listed in this section is inconsistent with the purposes of this chapter and is prohibited in all zones, except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter.

A. Any sign type not expressly permitted under this chapter.

C. A-frame signs, including sandwich boards.

F. Illegal signs.

H. Mobile billboard signs.

L. Portable signs.

N. Any sign that is placed in or on any “City property” (which specifically includes any sign that is placed in or on any real property over which the City has a fee, easement, or possessory interest, as well as any public right-of-way; as well as any sign that is affixed to a structure, tree, fence, post, or utility pole located on City property).

Q. Signs located in such a manner to constitute a potential traffic hazard or obstruct the view of any authorized traffic sign or signal device or designed to resemble or conflict with any authorized traffic control sign.

S. Unsafe signs



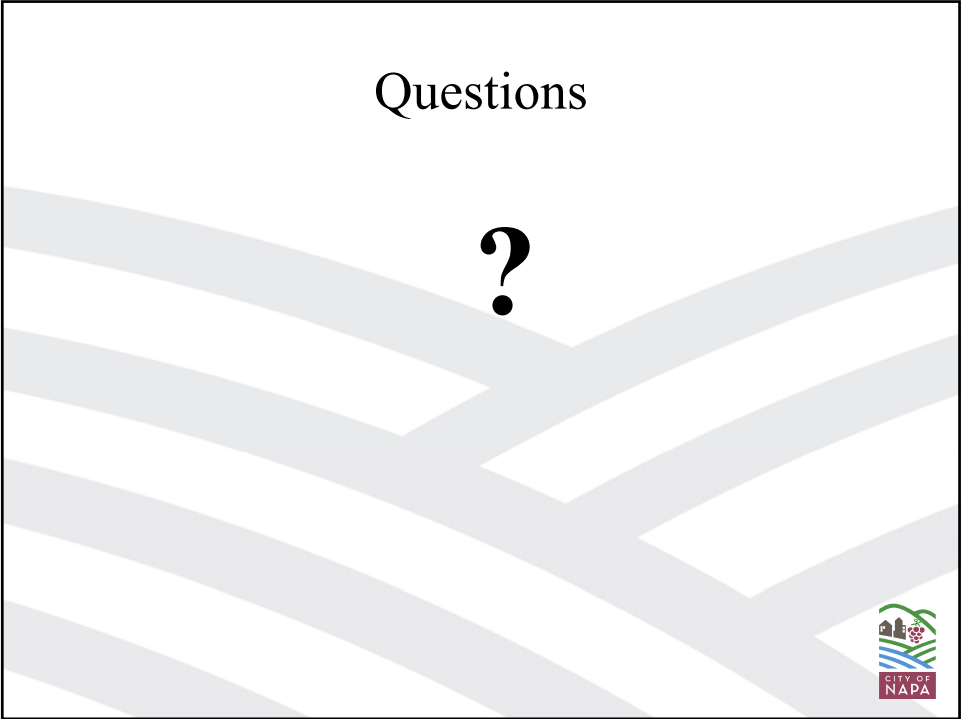
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EVALUATION

- **Resolve the core issues, which are complex and involve constitutional protections to all involved parties.**
- **There are statues already established to address criminal violations to address unlawful behavior. Penal code 423.1/423.2**
- **Updated NMC sign ordinance**
 - **NMC 17.55.020 / 17.55.130**



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From: Lisa Cort
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ
Date: Friday, August 14, 2020 12:18:46 PM

[EXTERNAL]

COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ
Agenda item number 13A - 8/18 Council meeting public comment

My name is Lisa Cort. As a citizen of Napa County and a PPNorCal patient escort, I can attest that the presence of protestors outside the Napa Health Center has consistently generated safety concerns caused by blockages to the public right-of-way and protesters intimidating tactics thrust upon every client entering the facility. On several of my escort shifts, as I've walked clients to their cars they ask me, "why are these people out here intimidating me? I just need health services and this is the only place left for me to go." Please help protect all of our vulnerable community friends from these shameful tactics. The Fall 2020 40 Days for Life protests begin in late September, and that means many unmasked protestors will impact patient safety and put more folks at risk during the height of COVID-19. I urge you to consider a vote of support for these proposed ordinance changes.

Lisa Cort



From: [Iris Barrie](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Napa City Ordinance 12.68.020 COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 - PLEASE READ
Date: Friday, August 14, 2020 1:43:32 PM

[EXTERNAL]

COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 - PLEASE READ

Agenda item 13A

I have been a patient escort at the Planned Parenthood clinic on Jefferson St. for over 10 years. The services provided here help countless uninsured and underinsured women with reproductive health issues needing prompt attention. It is a safe place for them, and their partners, to discuss sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy prevention, prenatal care, and receive referrals to other medical professionals if needed. At times their concerns are sensitive and they wish to be discreet about their visits.

I have witnessed groups of protestors on the narrow path in front of the clinic take up enough space as to impede comfortable egress and ingress to the clinic. They often talk among themselves and say the Rosary out loud. Often there are chairs on the sidewalk for the elderly or infirm protestors to use.

Because of the limited space from clinic door to curb, it can be extremely intimidating for clients to walk this gauntlet, while listening to people praying for their souls, simply to utilize the services of this legal health clinic. Prohibiting sitting or lying on the sidewalk and instituting a 25' buffer zone around the clinic entrance would make a huge difference in women feeling safe when accessing care for what are, sometimes, sensitive health issues.

Iris Barrie



From: [Lisa Buckman](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18TH-PLEASE READ
Date: Friday, August 14, 2020 2:21:35 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear City Clerk,

I would like my comment read before Council on August 18th regarding AGENDA ITEM 13A, please.

I served last year, 2019 and part of this year, 2020 as an escort for Planned Parenthood in Napa on Jefferson Ave.

On several of my volunteer days to this site, we had people in opposition to abortion rights and birth control on the sidewalk, sometimes on either side of the clinic also, with tables and literature, chairs on the sidewalk itself or walking back and forth in front of the clinic to stop and talk to clients as they made their way to the office. I know it's strictly an intimidation tactic. I might add that approximately 40% of the clients were men on my volunteer days.

On one of the days that I volunteered, one of the anti choice members parked her vehicle purposely in front of the clinic's trash cans on garbage pick up day. I even politely mentioned to her that the truck was just down the street and they would need access to the trash cans; her response was they (the City sanitation worker) can just go around her car; when the City worker got there to pick up he said a few things to her also about blocking his access to the trash cans. She forced him to partially block the street in a very high traffic area.

Some of the anti choice members also parked as close to the clinic building as possible to keep people from coming for a visit to be dropped off, picked up or park closer for their appointments. People have the right to medical appointments without being stopped and talked to about **their personal** appointments. The anti choice group has no idea, nor do the volunteers why a person might be visiting. That is between them and their doctor, they don't deserve to be stopped, followed or handed literature as they approach the clinic this should be a neutral zone free of anyone's personal views.

Thank you for listening.

Lisa, Volunteer Escort

From: [Chiara Baldanza](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ
Date: Friday, August 14, 2020 4:23:30 PM

[EXTERNAL]

To Whom It May Concern,

Please see below for my public comment regarding **agenda item 13A** at the council meeting convening on **August 18, 2020**:

My name is Chiara Lesec and I am a Napa County resident. I am writing to voice my support of Planned Parenthood's proposed ordinance changes in order to ensure that all Napa residents can safely access critical health care services.

While I am in full support of the First Amendment, it is never okay to harass or intimidate others under the guise of free speech. We as Americans have many options at our disposal to safely and effectively voice our beliefs without resorting to intimidating others and interfering with the right to patient privacy when seeking out care. Make no mistake: choosing to protest at the doors of a medical facility accomplishes exactly that.

Ensuring safe and unfettered access to healthcare especially impacts the safety and wellbeing of our female residents. Numerous studies conducted both in the United States and abroad show that **limiting access to women's healthcare services leads to significantly higher mortality rates among women.**

There is no way to sugar coat it: **when you engage in intimidating women and minors out of seeking care at places like Planned Parenthood, you put the lives of your fellow community members at risk.**

The onus is on the City Council to ensure that Napa residents are not deterred from seeking out affordable healthcare services, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. I implore you to support these ordinance changes to keep our local residents safe and healthy.

Thank you,
Chiara Lesec

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Chiara Lesec



From: [Vicki Green](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ
Date: Saturday, August 15, 2020 8:16:33 AM

[EXTERNAL]

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 13A

My comments are based on the knowledge I have as a retired University Professor of Developmental and Clinical Child Psychology and my experience as a Planned Parenthood Napa Escort Program member.

Re: Revision City Ordinance 12.68.020

The sidewalk is sufficiently wide for 2 people to walk comfortably. I have not seen anyone lying on the sidewalk. However, even after the protestors were advised not to sit on chairs, they continued to do so as well as put chairs on the sidewalk, with material and signs placed on them. (As Escorts, we are trained to not deal with the presence of materials or chairs on the sidewalks.)

Including the Health Center into the central pedestrian district would impact these intrusive practices enabling space for clients to enter and leave the facility comfortably.

Re: Implementation of a buffer zone in front of the Health Center

Over the years I have been an Escort, I have seen protestors follow, harass, and interfere with the direct movement of Center clients, either trying to communicate their beliefs or insisting that clients take their literature. (As Escorts, we are trained to use non-contact strategies to get between clients and protestors in order to limit these intrusions.)

I must note here that a portion of the protestors do not engage in such activities but instead they repetitively chant their prayers with a rosary, some softly and some more loudly, and/or hold large signs while standing/walking back and forth on the sidewalk. Whereas these second set of activities are not as boldly intrusive as the first more noticeable practices, they have the power to be psychologically intrusive and damaging to Center clients. (As Escorts we are trained to not deal with these strategies.)

In my observations, there are a few clients that do not appear to be disturbed by these practices. But a larger number of clients appear to be intimidated and fearful while trying to enter or leave the Center. Many of these clients appear noticeably grateful that a readily identifiable escort is there to protect them.

Implementing a buffer zone would definitely be an effective way to begin to solve these problems/issues.

Vicki Green, Ph.D.

From: [Cindy Dahlgren](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting of 8/18 - Agenda Item 13 A
Date: Saturday, August 15, 2020 10:12:20 AM
Attachments: [City of Napa public comment 08 14 20.docx](#)

[EXTERNAL]

COMMENT TO COUNCIL - PLEASE READ - see attached

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Cindy

PUBLIC COMMENT TO NAPA CITY COUNCIL REGARDING AGENDA ITEM 1-C

Submitted by: Celinda Dahlgren

My name is Celinda Dahlgren and I have been a resident of Napa County for more than 40 years. and I am a Planned Parenthood member and volunteer patient escort. I support Planned Parenthood's proposed ordinance changes because I believe that the safety of the residents of Napa should be the first priority of the Napa City Council. The sidewalk in front of the clinic is very narrow, and when the anti-choice protestors are there, clients must run a virtual gauntlet to get to the clinic. This is highly intimidating, especially for a new, young client. Planned Parenthood has said that up to 80% of clients CANCEL THEIR APPOINTMENTS during the target protests. Think of what might happen to these people because they were afraid to go to the clinic because of this. I have witnessed protestors outside the Napa Planned Parenthood health center harass patients seeking healthcare. No person should ever be harassed for going to the doctor. This is about the safety of our community members and friends. The purpose of government is to protect and provide for its people, and I ask that you vote to support these ordinance changes for the protection and safety of your constituents. Thank you.

From: [michelle erbs](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ
Date: Sunday, August 16, 2020 12:58:48 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Regarding Agenda number 13A

Hello:

Please consider this email as support for the proposed changes to Napa City Ordinance 12.68.020 which proposes to extend the central pedestrian district to include Planned Parenthood on Jefferson Street. I would also like to express my support of adding the buffer zone in front of said health center. Access to health care should be easy and unencumbered and patients should be able to arrive and depart without harassment.

Thank you for adding my voice to what will no doubt be overwhelming support of these changes.

Best,

Michelle Erbs

Napa, Ca

From: [Terry Beck](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 - PLEASE READ
Date: Sunday, August 16, 2020 3:51:23 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Agenda Item Number 13A

My name is Terry Beck and I have been a Planned Parenthood Escort for several years. I support Planned Parenthood's proposed ordinance changes because I believe that the safety of the residents of Napa and the patients of Planned Parenthood Health Center should be the first priority of the Napa City Council. For years I have personally witnessed protestors outside the Napa Planned Parenthood health center physically manipulate and harass patients seeking healthcare by following them and attempting to force them to accept written materials. No person should ever be harassed for going to the doctor. The protestors put chairs, signs and tables on the sidewalk and the patients have to negotiate getting through them as well as through the protestors. Some of the patients do not seem to be bothered by this, but others seem noticeably intimidated and seem anxious and sometimes confused by the 40 Days protestors. This is about the safety of our community members and friends. In addition, the 40 Days for Life volunteers often chant the rosary and pace right in front of the entrance to the clinic. The 25 ft. ordinance would limit this behavior. I don't want to deny a person or group's 1st Amendment rights. The purpose of government is to protect and provide for its people, and I ask that you vote to support these ordinance changes for the protection and safety of your constituents.

From: [Stacey Bressler](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 - PLEASE READ
Date: Sunday, August 16, 2020 3:54:14 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Napa City Clerk and City Council Members,
My name is Stacey Bressler and I am writing in regard to agenda item number 13A. I am a strong supporter of human rights and have volunteered as a Planned Parenthood Northern California patient escort for several years. I have personally witnessed protestors harass and intimidate people entering and exiting the Jefferson Street Health Center. No one seeking medical care should ever have to endure such treatment. This year, in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, I am especially concerned about the health and welfare of my friends and other community members. We need your help to mitigate these risks by supporting the proposed ordinance changes. Creating a buffer zone around the entrance to the Health Center will lessen the risk for your constituents. Thank you for protecting the health and well-being of all of us.

Sincerely,
Stacey Bressler

Stacey Bressler
Bressler Vineyards
(707) 963-2903

From: [Melenn Anaelle Herve](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18- PLEASE READ
Date: Sunday, August 16, 2020 10:09:54 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Agenda Item 13A

Napa City Council,

My name is Melenn Herve and I am a lifetime resident of Napa. I am writing in support of Planned Parenthood and their proposed changes to the Napa City ordinance.

- 1) city ordinance 12.688.020, to prohibit congregating on the side walk near the center
- 2) implementation of a buffer zone around the clinic, prohibiting following/harassment within 25 ft and sound amplifiers

This is about the safety of our community members and friends. With rising unemployment and the access to healthcare becoming increasingly difficult, Planned Parenthood will continue to be the vital resource it is to the our community. Especially in the circumstances of COVID, it is imperative to reduce contact between people and keep a healthcare facility protected.

Sincerely,
Melenn Herve

Caitlin Saldanha

From: Sylvia [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Council agenda item 13A, city ordinance 12.68.020 statement

Categories: Domain in Review

[EXTERNAL]

After my husband and I moved to Napa in 2004, we were recruited by close friends to serve as PP Escorts during the Lenten demonstrations. I was surprised to see demonstrators blocking the sidewalks and parking and interfering in nearby businesses. I am glad those obstacles to personal freedom have since been removed by your actions. I urge you to pass this much-needed ordinance to protect both the legitimate and much needed services of Planned Parenthood and to prevent unrelated neighbor businesses from suffering. Professing one's personal religious beliefs should not prevent other people from seeking either their personal needs for health care or others from carrying out their legal businesses. We need civility in our public lives to live in a democracy; it is the responsibility of all of us, including our law makers, to support public civility and lawful behavior. Thank you for your continuing support for the rule of law and public civility.

Sylvia Weaver Jones

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From: [Joan Taramasso](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Rise Up Napa](#); [Martinez Franks, Margaret](#)
Subject: Comment to Council for August 18 Please Read / Agenda Item 13A
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:00:03 AM

[EXTERNAL]


Good evening,

My name is Joan Taramasso. I am writing today regarding agenda item 13A.

I am a great supporter of our Constitutional rights and believe whole-heartedly in the First Amendment right to Freedom of Speech. I also believe that health care should be available without physical or social impediment and remain confidential between patient and doctor. Protesters in the vicinity of the Planned Parenthood clinic on Jefferson Street, as they mostly peacefully protest, routinely engage with patients and impede foot traffic at the clinic. They often make assumptions about a person's reason for visiting the clinic and create awkward encounters that no woman OR man should have to endure to reach a healthcare facility. I have seen this behavior firsthand. It creates an unsafe and hostile environment for anyone attempting to enter, or pass by, the clinic, patient or not. I encourage you to support ordinances that create a safe environment for all.

Sincerely,

Joan Taramasso



From: [Roderick Macdonald](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [Deborah Macdonald](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 , AGENDA ITEM 13A – PLEASE READ
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:01:35 AM

[EXTERNAL]

My name is Roderick Macdonald. I am a resident of the City of Napa and have been a Planned Parenthood escort for many years. I support the constitutional rights of people to protest but I do not support them:

1. Harassing and intimidating young women, many of them poor, along with other patients trying to access the PP clinic contrary to California's Freedom of Access to Clinic and Church Entrances Act (FACE). This strong law prohibits obstructing, intimidating and harassing patients and staff
2. Blocking the side walk with chairs, tables and groups of people. This inconveniences Napa residents as well as those seeking health care
3. Using their vehicles to block parking spaces in front of the clinic, often over the time limit, as well as using vehicles as billboards

This is particularly concerning in a time of COVID-19. We do not yet know if the 40 Days for Life protesters will socially distance or even wear a mask during their upcoming fall protest but having a large group of people outside the clinic, through which patients will need to pass will constitute a health hazard to patients, Napa residents and protesters themselves

I therefore support the proposed changes to Napa City Ordinance to better protect our patients and residents by:

1. First a revision to city ordinance 12.68.020, which would extend the central pedestrian district to include the Napa health center, so sitting or lying on the public sidewalk outside of the health center would be prohibited
2. The second proposal is to implement a buffer zone in front of the Napa health center. This buffer zone would prohibit following or harassing any person within 25 feet of the entrance, would bar impeding access to the door of the health center, and would not allow shouting, or production of any amplified sound beyond the volume of a conversational speaking voice

Thank you for your consideration.

Roderick Macdonald

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From: [Angie Mancuso](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: "COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:23:28 AM

[EXTERNAL]

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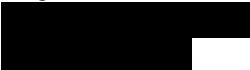
Napa City Resident - I live a few blocks from this clinic and it is absurd the number of people who crowd the entrance daily. As a woman, I can't imagine wanting to walk in there if I actually needed to... I think it's imperative that all women have access to their health needs without being harassed for taking care of their bodies.

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Thanks,

Angie

Angelica Mancuso



From: [Tama](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Regarding Agenda Item #13 A.
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:04:36 PM

[EXTERNAL]

My name is Tama Adelman, and I live in Old Town, Napa. I am also an escort for Planned Parenthood so I have first hand experience with the protesters in front of Planned Parenthood.

I support Planned Parenthood's proposed ordinance changes because I believe that the safety of the residents of Napa should be the first priority of the Napa City Council. For years I have witnessed protestors outside the Napa Planned Parenthood health center physically manipulate and harass patients seeking healthcare. No person should ever be harassed for going to the doctor. This is about the safety of our community members and friends. The purpose of government is to protect and provide for its people, and I ask that you vote to support these ordinance changes for the protection and safety of your constituents. Thank you.
Tama Adelman

If not me, Who?

If not now, When?

Vote and Volunteer

From: [Rogers-Brandt, Khari](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ-agenda item number 13A
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 1:59:25 PM

[EXTERNAL]

My name is Khari Rogers-Brandt I am a resident of Napa and have worked at the Napa Health Center for 20 years. I support Planned Parenthood's proposed ordinance changes agenda item number 13A because I believe that the safety of our patients and residents of Napa should be the first priority of the Napa City Council. I have witnessed protestors outside the Napa Planned Parenthood health center manipulate and harass patients seeking healthcare. I have witnessed protestors becoming physical and shouting at patients claims protestors adamantly deny even though I myself have been a victim of their assault. Protestor continue to hand out written material that is not medically accurate to coerce patients. No person should ever be harassed for going to the doctor. This is about the safety of our community members and friends. The purpose of government is to protect and provide for its people, and I ask that you vote to support these ordinance changes for the protection and safety of your constituents. Thank you.

Khari Rogers-Brandt(Personal Pronoun Preference: she/her)

Center Director

From: [diane slade](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Comment to City Council for August 18th. Agenda Item #13A Please Read.
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 1:59:44 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Agenda Item #13A My name is Diane Slade. I am a Planned Parenthood patient escort and I support the two requested ordinance changes. No citizen should have to risk their safety and well being to enter a health clinic due to protestors blocking the narrow sidewalk, insisting that they take printed literature and following them to their cars. Now more than ever our community members need access to affordable health care. Thank you.

From: [Connie Freed](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Agenda #13A for 8/10/2020
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:10:48 PM

[EXTERNAL]

To Napa City Council members,

My name is Connie Freed. For years, I have witnessed protesters interfering with patients seeking medical services for 80 days per year in front of the Planned Parenthood Clinic on Jefferson Street. I ask you to support the health and safety of Napa County residents by revising city ordinance 12.68.020 to extend the central pedestrian district to include the Planned Parenthood Clinic and secondly, to support the proposal being made to create a buffer zone in front of the clinic of 25 feet . These changes will help ensure that people seeking needed health care are not put at greater risk for contracting Covid-19 from protesters and more likely to seek the health care they need. Thank you for your attention to the important matter.

Connie Freed

From: [Donald Hazelton](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: protesters in front of Planned Parenthood office on Jefferson
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:50:47 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Agenda #13A for 8/10/2020 Inbox



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2:10 PM (27 minutes ago)



to clerk



To Napa City Council members,

My name is Donald Hazelton. Please revise city ordinance 12.68.020 to extend the central pedestrian district to include the Planned Parenthood Clinic and secondly, to support the proposal being made to create a buffer zone in front of the clinic of 25 feet . These changes will help ensure that people seeking needed health care are not put at greater risk for contracting Covid-19 from protesters and more likely to seek the health care they need. Thank you for your attention to the important matter

From: [amy Garden](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Comment To Council for Aug 18 - Please Read
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:19:03 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Agenda 13A

My name is Amy Garden and I have been a Planned Parenthood patient escort for several years. I support Planned Parenthood's proposed ordinance changes because I believe that the safety of the residents of Napa should be the first priority of the Napa City Council. I can attest that the presence of protestors outside the PP healthcare center has consistently generated safety concerns for patients, including blockages to the public right-of-way. No person should ever be intimidated or harassed for going to the doctor. Creating a buffer zone around the entrance to the healthcare center will help protect patient safety. I ask that you vote to support these ordinance changes so that all community members can feel safe and secure when seeking personal healthcare.

Sincerely,

Amy Garden

St. Helena Resident

From: [Todd, Angela](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18th- PLEASE READ
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:19:23 PM

[EXTERNAL]

My name is Angela Todd, and I am the supervising clinician at Planned Parenthood in Napa. I am a registered nurse, licensed public health nurse, nurse practitioner, researcher and Ph.D. candidate at UC Davis. Regarding agenda item 13A, I strongly recommend a vote in favor of the two proposed ordinance changes.

As the covid-19 crisis continues, I am VERY concerned for the health and safety of patients, staff, and of the protestors (most of whom are older adults) if these ordinances are not enforced. I have personally witnessed many unsafe situations before the pandemic began; including protestors crowding the front of our business, forcing pedestrians to enter the street to walk around them, distracting drivers on Jefferson street, and intimidating patients by approaching them quickly, yelling and/or forcing pamphlets into their hands.

Now more than ever, having protestors approach a patient quickly and speak loudly into their face as well as congregating in large groups outside of a health center is a major public health concern for all parties involved. Further, nobody should ever have to feel scared, intimidated, or shamed for seeking health care. The physical, mental, and emotional abuse that I have seen be employed by the protestors outside of the Napa health center is abhorrent and there is no place for that kind of behavior in Napa or anywhere. I have been personally harassed by protestors on numerous occasions for the past seven years that I have worked for Planned Parenthood.

My personal opinion is that we have a major problem with the behaviors of the protestors in Napa and something needs to change. More importantly, my professional and medical opinion is that these actions lead to unsafe situations including the possibility of physical and emotional distress, the delay in much needed health care (sometimes life-saving care) for intimidated patients, motor vehicle accidents on Jefferson Street, and, now, the rise in the spread of covid-19 which is a highly communicable virus that we do not have adequate control over. I have seen many people in Napa collecting in groups without masks and proper eye protection, putting both themselves and others at risk of contracting a potentially deadly virus. The statistics surrounding covid-19 are staggering and sobering; even more so when someone you love is affected.

A vote in favor of the two proposed ordinance changes will not only protect the providers, staff, and patients seeking care at our health center, it will protect the groups of protestors as well. We must work together to make access to health care in Napa as safe and easy as possible and supporting the changes to these two ordinances is bipartisan step in the right direction.

Angela R. B. Todd M.S.N., R.N., P.H.N., F.N.P.-B.C.
P.h.D. Candidate, UC Davis
Lead Clinican, Napa
Planned Parenthood Northern California
Phone (707) 252-3493
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From: [Karen Houghton](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Martinez Franks, Margaret](#)
Subject: "COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ"
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:14:43 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing this email to show my support for Planned Parenthood of Northern California's revisions to city ordinance 12.68.020 (Agenda item 13A). I am a volunteer with the Planned Parenthood Napa Escort Program and have seen how these revisions will further protect clients using the Planned Parenthood facility. I have personally witnessed the intimidation of clients that comes from protesters blocking the sidewalks and following clients to and from the facility with derogatory comments, signs and literature. Protesters continue to block the parking spots in front of the facility and block the sidewalks with their chairs and bodies making it very hard for clients to even reach the facility. I think it is very important for all people to get the medical care that they need without worry or additional stress. I hope our community and it's leaders will promote safety and protection for all individuals using Planned Parenthood's services. Please incorporate these revisions into the city ordinance.

Thank you,

Karen Houghton

From: [Gianna Furina](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Comment to Council For August 18 - PLEASE READ
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:17:30 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing in for public comment in reference to "Agenda Item 13A" on your August 18th docket. This written comment expresses my support for implementing a safety ordinance here in Napa in alignment with the FACE Act (*Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act*). I respectfully urge you to vote in favor of passing any updates to current city ordinances i.e. 12.68.020 or enact a new ordinance that would allow for Planned Parenthood at 1735 Jefferson Street to fall within the pedestrian district of our city.

The "25-foot buffer zone" has been used successfully in many communities. It allows for freedom of speech which is so key in our democracy; as well as protecting the civil rights of members of our community allowing for the safety, dignity and privacy of patients and healthcare providers. Such legislation creates clarity in the law for both sides which alleviates the unnecessary involvement of law enforcement.

Planned Parenthood provides essential healthcare for our community and allows for the under-served and socioeconomically challenged population of Napa to have access to reproductive health education and services. We should not make it a challenge to access these services regardless of one's viewpoint or personal morality with respect to reproductive rights. Both free speech and the constitutional women's right to choose can be respected under a safety ordinance.

"The FACE statute has many intimate connections with civil rights. The wording and form of the statute was modeled after the Civil Rights Act of 1968 that was enacted to prohibit the use of force or threat of force against persons attempting to exercise their constitutional rights. FACE is designed to cover only unlawful conduct, such as assault, trespassing, and vandalism, while not infringing on the free speech rights of abortion protesters. Inasmuch as the statute provides protection to counseling centers that provide alternatives to abortions as well as to clinics that provide abortions, it is not meant to discriminate on the basis of content or one's viewpoint on the morality of abortion." - Deflem, Mathieu, and Brian Hudak. 2017. "Freedom of Access to Clinics Entrances Act (FACE)." Pp. 396-398 in Encyclopedia of American Civil Rights and Liberties: Revised and Expanded, edited by Kara E. Stooksbury, John M. Scheb II, and Otis H. Stephens, Jr. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

I urge you to see this not as a political hot button, but as a straightforward way to protect all members of our Napa community.

Respectfully,

Gianna Furina

From: [Duran, Montserrath](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:19:13 PM

[EXTERNAL]

My name is Montse Duran and I am a resident of Napa. I support Planned Parenthood's proposed ordinance 13A changes because I believe that the safety of the residents of Napa should be the first priority of the Napa City Council. For years I have witnessed protestors outside the Napa Planned Parenthood health center physically manipulate and harass patients seeking healthcare. No person should ever be harassed for going to the doctor. This is about the safety of our community members and friends. The purpose of government is to protect and provide for its people, and I ask that you vote to support these ordinance changes for the protection and safety of your constituents. I for myself when I was a patient here , I dreaded going to planned parenthood only because of the protestors. They would make me feel very uncomfortable and ashamed of going in even if it was for routine testing, I felt so uncomfortable and felt harassed and shamed on my way in and out of the center. Now working here as an RHS I feel it is very important to voice how horrible the protestors made me feel coming in and out of planned parenthood and how they make others feel as well.

Thank you.

From: [Angela Todd](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18th-PLEASE READ
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:24:09 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Napa City Council Members,

Regarding agenda item 13A: I urge you to adopt the ordinance proposals under consideration regarding distancing between people, especially as it pertains to uninvited proximity of persons at the Planned Parenthood Health Center on Jefferson St.

I am a 64-year-old woman who has received health care from the staff at this center. Further, I am a registered nurse and a professor of nursing at Dominican University of California in San Rafael; specializing in maternal, newborn and women's health care. I strongly object to any attempt by persons unknown to me to impede my visit to any health care provider or to question my reason for visiting. I suspect you would too.

While respecting our society's rights to engage in peaceful protests, I also respect the limits of the law and of civility in this regard.

Despite any ideological or political biases or opinions, we can agree that women and men have the right to safe, affordable, and private access to health care. In fact, the future health of our nation depends on local, state, and national leaders ensuring this basic right for citizens. This is especially critical during the current COVID-19 outbreak, with disease transmission clearly linked to droplet exposure from the respiratory secretions of others.

Under the best conditions, judicious limitations of legal protests need to consider the rights of all concerned...this is even more true in cases where protesting includes entering another person's personal space and/or blocking their access to free movement to and from a health care facility.

Please vote in favor of protecting patients, health care providers, staff, members of the public, and members of your law enforcement departments by passing the two proposed ordinances supporting physical distancing. Thank you for your consideration.

Dr Kathleen R Beebe RNC-OB, PhD

From: [Martinez, Patricia](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:24:45 PM

[EXTERNAL]

My name is Patricia Martinez and I am a resident of Napa and a Reproductive Health Specialist. I support Planned Parenthood's proposed 13A ordinance changes because I believe that the safety of the residents of Napa should be the first priority of the Napa City Council. For years, I have witnessed protesters outside the Napa Planned Parenthood health center physically manipulate and harass patients seeking healthcare. I have heard countless complaints from patients feeling unsafe walking in and out of the health center and continually question their personal safety. No person should ever be intimidated to go to the doctor. This is about the safety of our community members and friends. The purpose of government is to protect and provide for its people and ask that you vote to support these ordinance changes.

Patricia Martinez
She/ her/ hers
Reproductive Health Specialist III

From: [curtis brandt](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:26:02 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Good evening,

My name is Curtis Brandt and I am a resident of Napa. I am writing in support of Planned Parenthood's purposed ordinance agenda item 13-A . This is about the safety of our community. My daughter and her friends have been harassed on multiple occasions by protestors while entering the building. The purpose of government is to protect and provide for its people, and we ask that you prioritize the protection and safety of your constituents. I urge you to support both ordinance changes. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Curtis Brandt

Sent from my iPhone

From: [kathleen.stewart-lightner](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 - PLEASE READ
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:56:31 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Agenda Item 13A

There are a lot of people in our community who don't have healthcare and the women in our community need to feel safe going to Planned Parenthood for their medical needs. I've seen the protesters gathered so closely that it would make anyone uncomfortable to pass them to enter the building. Even though the patient may not be going for an abortion, they are still humiliated just because they are seeking medical attention.

The 1st Amendment does not mean a person can harass another and put our fellow community members in harm's way. We can all agree that the safety and security of our town and our community are paramount to us all.

Unemployment is on the rise and less people have health insurance which means they will come to Planned Parenthood for their health care needs. The addition of unmasked protestors in that small sidewalk space would be a nuisance and a health risk.

Please protect our vulnerable women from these self-righteous protesters.

Thank you for protecting our most vulnerable citizens.

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M. Kathleen Stewart-Lightner

[REDACTED]

"One of the penalties of not participating in politics is, you will be governed by your inferiors" Plato

From: [Cheryl Woods](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18-PLEASE READ
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 5:27:58 PM

[EXTERNAL]

ITEM NUMBER 13A

My name is Cheryl Woods and I am a resident of downtown Napa and a patient escort.

I support Planned Parenthood's proposed ordinance changes because I believe that the safety of the residents of Napa should be the first priority of the Napa City Council. For years I have witnessed protestors outside the Napa Planned Parenthood health center physically manipulate and harass patients seeking healthcare. Patient escorts are necessary to allow patients to enter the premises without being harassed. The protestors can sometimes approach the patient (especially the young ones) and begin to spout off their religious beliefs, before the escorts can get to them.

While I believe in the First Amendment, I don't think protestors should try to approach the patients. We may see a lot of new patients as a result of unemployment. It is so hard to watch a patient who already seems very nervous, trying to cope with protestors. The protesters are focused on abortion and birth control, while ignoring the health care provided. No person should ever be harassed for going to the doctor.

I ask that you support a vote on the two proposed ordinance changes.

This is about the safety of our community members and friends. The purpose of government is to protect and provide for its people, and I ask that you vote to support these ordinance changes for the protection and safety of your constituents. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Cheryl Woods

From: [Anna Chouteau](#)
To: [Clerk; Anna Chouteau](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 | Agenda Item, 13A | PLEASE READ
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 5:30:40 PM
Attachments: [PPNorCal Ordinance letter_Final.pdf](#)

[EXTERNAL]

Hello Napa City Clerk,

Please read the attached letter at the Napa City Council tomorrow Aug. 18 for the Agenda item 13A. Also, will you please let me know that you received this email and could open the attached letter?

Thank you and best regards,

Anna

St. Helena City Council

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Anna Chouteau



August 18, 2020

Dear Napa City Council Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,

Planned Parenthood Northern California Napa Health Center provides vital reproductive health care services for individuals living in the City of Napa and throughout the County of Napa. Amid a pandemic, the health center continues to provide essential care to people that need it the most. The economic challenge of COVID-19 means many people have lost their employer-sponsored health care; Planned Parenthood provides care regardless of insurance and income barriers.

There is an over 10-year history of safety issues at the Napa Health Center. Incidents include direct harm to staff, property damage, blocking of the sidewalks and driveways, Napa sign ordinance violations, and the constant harassment of patients and staff as they enter and exit the clinic. Planned Parenthood Northern California has worked closely with city staff and city police to mitigate the ongoing problems by crafting two ordinances that are before you to help assist and improve safety near the health center.

The update to Napa City Code 12.88.020 would extend the central pedestrian district to include the health center, to eliminate sitting or lying on public sidewalks around the center. This is needed because protestors often bring lawn chairs and tables to crowd the outside of the health center, making it difficult for individuals to enter and exit the clinic. **Individuals deserve access to health care -- especially during a pandemic -- without harassment and fear.** The proposed buffer zone ordinance would prohibit interference with reproductive health care facilities by prohibiting the following or harassment of any person within 25 feet of the entrance of a reproductive health care facility.

These ordinances do not disrupt any person's First Amendment rights, and are a way to reduce aggressive threats, intimidation, and harassment at the health clinic. Many other cities have buffer zones in place, e.g., San Francisco, Sacramento, Redwood City, San Jose, Santa Barbara, and San Diego. Planned Parenthood Northern California experiences heightened protesting during the 40 Days for Life campaign, and without the clear guidance of the proposed ordinances, the physical and verbal threat to patients and protestors will continue.

This is an important issue of access to health care that impacts all of us in Napa County. Both ordinances will create a civil framework for both the protestors and supporters to help keep the clinic safe and accessible. **We urge members of the Council to vote in support of the proposed ordinances to create safer accessibility to the Napa Planned Parenthood reproductive health care facility.**

Sincerely,

Anna Chouteau, St. Helena City Council Member
Diane Dillon, Napa County Supervisor

Marita Dorenbecher, Youtville Council Member
Mary Koberstein, St. Helena City Council Member
Irais Lopez, Calistoga City Council Member
Lisa Pelosi, SHUSD Trustee
Johanna O'Kelley, President, Democrats of Napa Valley
Terry Beck, Vice President, Democrats of Napa Valley
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Buck Donnelly, Executive Committee, Democrats of Napa Valley
Genesis Monnet, Executive Committee, Democrats of Napa Valley
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Conchita Marusich, Executive Committee, Democrats of Napa Valley
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Kaye Hall
Beth Painter, City of Napa Planning Commissioner
Joelle Gallagher, Executive Director First 5 Napa County
Anne Sutkowi-Hemstreet, Community Programs Manager at First 5 Napa or Director of
Rainbow Action Network
Sharon Macklin
Lisa Seran
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Leslie Lew
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Lee Trucker
Stacey Bressler
Meagan Sullivan Kemps and John Kemps
Alex Boeving Allen
Mary Stephenson
Loarine and Jack Stuart
Martha Casselman
Dana Johnson
Dawnine Dyer
Melinda Mendelson
Michael and Amy Caldarola
Sandina Bailo
Cindy Deutsch
Anne Cottrell
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Jennifer Brown
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Polly Webber
Angelica Mancuso
Janet Todd
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Vicki Albright
Angelica Mancuso
Nancy Duckhorn

From: [Babb, Lauren](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Martinez Franks, Margaret](#); [Mary Luros](#); [Liz Alessio](#); [Scott Sedgley](#); [Jill Techel](#)
Subject: SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS ITEM -AGENDA ITEM 13A
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:08:57 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Napa Safety Petition Comments and Signers\[2\].xlsx](#)
[Summary of Incidents 2009-2020 v2.pdf](#)
[2019.08.05 Napa Buffer Zone.docx](#)
[Napa City 12.68.020 Street Revision.docx](#)

[EXTERNAL]

Hi City Clerk and Councilmembers of Napa,

We appreciate the council's willingness to discuss the safety concerns outside of the Napa Planned Parenthood. In anticipation of that conversation I am submitting a few supplemental items for your review. We hope to move this discussion forward to clarify ordinance language so there is clarity around enforcement to ensure safety for patients, staff, and protestors. We have worked tirelessly for many years with city staff and the police department, and even when there is violations of city code acknowledged by city staff there is no enforcement. Our hope is clarifying the ordinance language will provide clear direction for all parties.

- Summary of incidents: highlights all the major incidents that have been document going back to 2009.
- [Napa Safety Petition xls](#). Is a report of the signatures collect back in March to support changes to the city ordinances
- Pictures : 2.26.2020, NAPA0005993, Unknown[2] are photo's illustrating the common crowding in front of the health center during heightened times of protest.
- 2019.08.05 Napa is the language for a Safety Buffer Zone that other cities such as San Francisco, Redwood City, San Jose, Santa Barbara and san Diego have already implemented to keep all parties safe and provide clear direct for how PD can remedy harassment of patients and staff.
- Napa City 12.68.020 Street Revision- is the language to modify to sitting or lying on public sidewalks to include the street that the Planned Parenthood is on.

We look forward to your support and happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thanks!

Lauren Babb, MPS (Personal Pronouns: She/her)

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Summary of Incidents

2009-Recent

2/25/2009-during protest PP staff had liquid thrown on her. PD called (case#npd09001534)

3/11/2009-fire crackers thrown at the 40 days for life protestors

11/8/2012-rocks thrown through health center window (case#12-6594)

11/05/2015- Ron Maxson was blocking the sidewalk egress, PD called (case#15-7117) Officer Medina responded. Ron removed, next step arrest.

12/28/2015-Protestors shouting blocking sidewalk and entrance. PD called (case#15-8108)

3/8/2016-Shots fired 9:07pm. Health center windows broken. (Case#16-1753)

4/7/2016- Ron Maxson was blocking the sidewalk egress, PD called (case#16-2015)

4/28/2016- Ron Maxson was blocking the sidewalk egress. PD called (report#16-2513)

5/9/2016- Ron Maxson was blocking the sidewalk egress, PD called (report#E16053387)

5/19/2016-Ron Maxson was blocking the sidewalk egress. As advised, 8:30am, Napa PD dispatch contacted. 9:25am received a call from Officer Hansen stating he was parked around the corner. He has not received any further instruction from his superiors. He will not remove or site Ron Maxson for blocking sidewalk egress.

6/8/2016- Ron Maxson was blocking the sidewalk egress, PD called (case#16-3404))

6/9/2016- Ron Maxson was blocking the sidewalk egress, PD called (case#16-342)

7/27/2016-Ron Maxson was blocking the sidewalk egress, PD called (report#E160611127)

9/1/2016- Ron Maxson was blocking the sidewalk egress (case#16-5263)

9/30/2016- 40 days for life protestor on the sidewalk with metal pole in hand. Waving the pole around as people attempted to walk down the sidewalk. He entered the health center with pole in hand. He was asked to leave. Did so without incident. Left on foot with pole in hand. Napa PD called. 11:50am-no response. 12:31pm-advised by Captain Manzer unit drove by

10/05/2016-escort walked a women to her car that was dropping off her resume when protestor (Marsha) followed pushing pamphlets making contact with the women. Napa PD called. (Case#16-5982)

11/7/2016-Alpha Pregnancies Ultrasound RV parked in front of the Health Center approaching clients on the sidewalk and escorting them into the RV.

11/14/2016- Alpha Pregnancies RV has returned

12/28/2016 - Ron Maxson and a large group (24 people) blocking the sidewalk. Ron Maxson is using amplified sound (Case#16-773)

2/03/2017 – Planned Parenthood Northern California staff met with senior representatives of the City to discuss the protesting and lack of follow up from the City around proactive solutions like a parking ordinance, sign ordinance, or stand-alone buffer zone.

2/28/2017– Gilda Gonzales sent an email to the City Manager, Mr. Parness, to flag ongoing enforcement issues and discuss next steps and follow up. There was no proactive response from the City Manager.

9/23/2018– 40 Days of Life protests begin in Napa and continue until November 4.

10/1/2018– A protestor called the police stating one of their vehicles was damaged by a women who dropped in to leave a donation. Officer Hanson arrived and was observed praying alongside the protestors.

10/3/2018 – CEO Gilda Gonzales sent an email to Lieutenant Haag and Captain Plummer to alert the department of Officer Hanson’s behavior and the impact it had on patients and staff.

10/18/2018– Planned Parenthood Northern California staff met with Chief Plummer and Lieutenant Haag to discuss the 10/1 incident and how to proactively move forward.

1/10/2019 – escort drove by over the weekend and noticed protestors were posting signs on health center garbage cans.

2/10/2019 – Escort was walking with patient on sidewalk toward Health Center. Protestor was standing in the middle of the sidewalk with a large sign blocking the right of way. As patient passed she made contact with protestor.

6/3/2019- Witnessed 2 protestors outside of clinical facility protesting. Protestors arrived at Napa Planned Parenthood in the morning and had been parked outside of clinic for two hours or more. A person came into the clinic to make a donation. The person making a donation left and exchanged a few words with protestors. As the person was leaving they located the rear of the truck and moved something of a sort. The person leaving the donation entered their vehicle and hit the bumper in front, which was a green truck due to the protestor vehicle blocking. The person who had left a donation left the area. (internal report)

10/1/2019- Planned Parenthood Northern California staffer arm was grabbed by a protestor and she stated “Do you want me to tell you what they do in there?” Protestor ignored staffs request to not touch or talk to her. (internal report)

10/11/2019- An incident that occurred while the HC was closed 10/11/19. Protestor reported to the Napa PD while protesting someone walking by the health center, made a comment to them pushing the sign they carried into their face. Camera surveillance requested between 2:30pm-2:47pm on 10/11/19 reviewed. Case#19-5690

10/2/2019- Team member from City of Napa Code Enforcement confirms the protestors are violating the sign ordinance. Lt. instructed to remind the protestors of the law and no citation issued. Planned Parenthood also informs PD that protestors place their signs on our property’s walkway and leaned up against our shrubbery and our garbage cans, even after Planned Parenthood staff has verbally asked them to remove their signs from private property. Additionally, the protestors’ signs have created a traffic hazard, as they lean their signs against their car windows and block drivers’ views to Jefferson Street when exiting the driveway located next to our building.

10/15/2019- City of Napa Code Enforcement produces a handout about the sign ordinance.

10/31/2019- We met with Planning and Code Enforcement Manager to discuss how enforcement of Napa Municipal Code Title 17.55.130 of "Moving signs" could occur. She informed PPNorCal staff that code enforcement does not have the power to cite. After this conversation, the citation moved to the Napa PD Department

3/3/2020- After that meeting, designated Lt. informed us of PD's new process, and we still haven't seen anyone cited for violating the sign ordinance. "Officers have been instructed to visually document the scene and signs with their Body Worn Cameras or cell phone cameras. If there are any witnesses that are willing to share their video or photos of the violations, then officers have been instructed to obtain that evidence as part of the police report."

3/2/2020- Per Napa PD guidance we call dispatch every time this ordinance is violated, and officers often come out hours later and simply drive by. On 3/3/20 health center staff called PD at 11:45 am and the officer drove by (Case#20-00-1145). Did not document as Lt. stated they were instructed.

8/1/2020- To date there have been zero citations for sign violations, mask ordinance violations or staff/patient harassment.

Summary of City Officials Contacted Throughout the Years

- Captain Robert Plummer
- Captain Jennifer Gonzales
- Captain Patrick Manzer
- Rick Tooker, Community Development Director
- Steve Potter, City Manager
- Doug Jones, Assistant City Attorney
- Allison Haley, District Attorney
- Nancy Weiss, Assistant City Manager
- Greg Sowards, Code Enforcement Officer

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SEC. 1. FINDINGS

- (a) Every person in the City of Napa ("City") has a fundamental right to privacy protected not only by the United States Constitution, but also explicitly guaranteed in Article I, Section 1 of the California Constitution. This right to privacy includes the right to access all legal health care services, including reproductive health care services.
- (b) Maintaining access to reproductive health care services is a matter of critical importance not only to individuals, but also to the health, safety, and welfare of all residents of the City. Efforts to harass, obstruct or otherwise interfere with individuals seeking reproductive health care services may deter, delay, and even prevent individuals from obtaining necessary reproductive health care services. These efforts, which often include forcing patients to run a gauntlet of demonstrators near the entrances, exits and driveways of reproductive health care facilities, or to confront intimidating demonstrators stationed at or near those entrances, exits and driveways, also disrupt the ability of staff at reproductive health care facilities to devote their full efforts to providing health care services and divert valuable facility resources away from patients. Pedestrians, including patients and employees seeking to receive or provide health care, are often blocked or slowed on sidewalks adjacent to reproductive health care facilities by numerous signs lined up in the public right of way, and patients in facility waiting rooms are subjected to loud music and shouting directed inside the facility by demonstrators outside the door. These factors, including difficulty entering and exiting the facility as well as loud noise once inside the facility, can lead to increased patient stress that may affect the efficacy and complication rate of the medical care sought within. Actions that result in such obstruction, delay and deterrence of patients, and diversion of reproductive health care facilities' staff and resources, undermine the City's interest in maintaining the public health, safety, and welfare, and in preserving its residents' constitutional right to privacy.
- (c) Standing on equal footing with the right to access health care services, including reproductive health care services, are the free speech and assembly rights of those who would gather and speak on matters of public concern. This Article intends to balance the right to speak and engage in sidewalk counseling near reproductive health care clinics with the right to access constitutionally protected health care without fear of physical harm, harassment, or delay.
- (d) The City Council hereby finds that [this Article](#) is necessary to promote the full exercise of the right to privacy by patients seeking vital reproductive health care services and is also necessary to maintain public health, safety and welfare within the City. The City Council further finds that this Article strikes a lawful and appropriate accommodation between the right to privacy and to access reproductive health care services and the needs of public health, safety and welfare, on the one hand, and the rights of free speech and assembly, on the other.
- (e) This Article applies only to reproductive health care facilities, not to health care facilities generally. In addition, this Article does not apply to licensed hospitals or to reproductive health care facilities owned or operated by licensed hospitals. This scope ensures the Article is narrowly tailored to address the significant governmental interests it serves, and leaves other health care facilities and locations available for speech. Individuals attempting to access reproductive health care facilities to obtain reproductive health care services have been subjected to harassing or intimidating activity from extremely close proximity, tending

- to hamper, delay or deter their access to those facilities and services and thus subverting their legal rights to seek and obtain legal health care services. The City Council finds that reproductive health care facilities that are not part of a licensed hospital, and not owned or operated by a licensed hospital, are more vulnerable to such subversion of their patients' rights on account of the layout and design of their facilities and parking areas as well as their staff resources and deployment. Further, reproductive health care facilities not affiliated with hospitals commonly possess fewer resources for providing adequate security and safety to individuals seeking access to reproductive health care services. Thus, [this Article](#) provides narrowly tailored, content-neutral restrictions where they are most necessary to further the significant government interests the Article serves.
- (f) The City Council finds that the modest scope of the prohibition on following and harassing individuals, impeding access and making excessive noise in close proximity to reproductive health care facilities is necessary to ensure that patients may gain safe and unimpeded access to reproductive health care services, while allowing speakers to effectively communicate their messages to their intended audience. This prohibition applies equally to all, regardless of the content of their speech.
 - (g) The City Council finds that intimidating behavior, including excessively loud demonstration activity, as well as following and harassing patients, staff, and other individuals around the entrances, exits and driveways of reproductive health care facilities can impede pedestrian and vehicle traffic and create safety hazards on the sidewalks and roadways, and that the limitations this Article imposes on aggressive and intimidating behavior will help promote safe and effective pedestrian and vehicle traffic flow around reproductive health care facilities.
 - (h) The City Council further finds that loud, harassing and intimidating activities – independent of the content of those activities – conducted around the entrances, exits and driveways of reproductive health care facilities can adversely affect the physical and emotional health and well-being of patients seeking services at a reproductive health care facility. Noise control is particularly important around medical facilities during surgery and recovery periods. As has been noted by the Supreme Court, noise produced by protesters that can be heard within a clinic, may cause stress in the patients; this includes loud, disruptive noise heard during patient intake, surgical procedures and while recuperating in the recovery rooms. The City Council finds that this Article will provide a protective space for patients and thereby helps avoid those adverse health consequences.
 - (i) The City Council finds that this Article imposes content-neutral time, place and manner restrictions on speech and assembly, which are narrowly tailored to serve significant government interests and leave ample alternative channels of communication.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Article:

"Amplified sound" means a sound augmented by any electronic or other means that increases the sound level or volume beyond that of a conversational speaking voice.

"Follow" means to physically pursue an individual once that individual has indicated verbally or non-verbally he or she does not wish to be approached or engage in conversation.

"Gathering" means two or more individuals.

"Harass" means to engage in a course of conduct directed at a specific person or persons that alarms, seriously distresses, torments or terrorizes the person. Harassment does not include, among other

things, quiet, consensual conversation conducted from a stationary position. Harassment includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Approaching within eight feet of a person if that person indicates he or she does not want to be approached, except as necessary to enter or exit the reproductive health care facility;
- (b) Following a person if that conduct is intended or is likely to cause a reasonable person to fear bodily harm to oneself or to another, or damage to or loss of property;
- (c) Shouting at a person within 25 feet of the entrance of a reproductive health care facility;
- (d) Intentionally touching or causing physical contact with a person without that person's consent;
- (e) Intentionally blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of a pedestrian or vehicle by any means, including, but not limited to (1) intentionally causing a pedestrian to take evasive action to avoid physical contact and/or (2) placing signs on the sidewalk such that the flow of pedestrian traffic is restricted. This subsection (e) shall not prohibit individuals from holding or wearing signs while using the sidewalk; or
- (f) Using violent or threatening gestures toward a person.

"**Impede**" means to obstruct, block, detain or render passage impossible, unsafe or difficult.

"**Law Enforcement Official**" means a member of a law enforcement agency, including but not limited to a member of a municipal, metropolitan or state police department, sheriffs, or deputy sheriffs.

"**Person**" refers to any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, company, corporation, association, social club, fraternal organization, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, trustee, syndicate or any other group or combination acting as a unit except the United States of America, the State of California and any political subdivision of either.

"**Public Safety Official**" means a member of a law enforcement agency, fire department or other state, federal or municipal employee charged with protection of public health or safety.

"**Reproductive health care facility**" refers to a clinic licensed under Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1200) of Division 2 of the California Health and Safety Code, or any other facility or business that provides reproductive health care services, exclusively or in addition to other health care services. Reproductive health care facility does not include a licensed hospital or a clinic or other facility owned or operated by a licensed hospital.

"**Reproductive health care services**" refers to all medical, surgical, counseling, referral and informational services related to the human reproductive system.

"**Shout**" refers to any audible activity not electronically amplified originating from an individual that is beyond that of a conversational speaking voice, including vocalizations that are audible from more than 15 feet away, as well as vocalizations intended to carry from the street or public sidewalk to the inside of a reproductive health care facility.

SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF INTERFERENCE WITH REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

- (a) **Prohibition.** It shall be unlawful to:

- (1) Follow or harass any person within 25 feet of the entrance of a reproductive health care facility;

- (2) Impede access to the door of a reproductive health care facility; or

- (3) Shout, or cause to be produced any amplified sound beyond the volume of a conversational speaking voice, including use of a loudspeaker, bullhorn or electronic audio instrument or device that produces or reproduces amplified sound on any public street or sidewalk within 50 feet of the property

line of a property housing a reproductive health care facility; provided, however, that this subsection (a)(3) shall not apply to the following:

(A) Vehicles in compliance with or exempted from California Vehicle Code section 27007;

(B) Use of a car horn or other warning device as permitted by California Vehicle Code sections 27000 to 27006; and

(C) Law enforcement or public safety officials acting in the scope of their employment, to the extent necessary to attend to public health/safety issues.

(b) **Business Hours.** Section (a) applies during a reproductive health care facility's posted business hours and up to one hour before the posted business hours.

(c) **Other Laws.** Nothing in this Article shall preclude the enforcement of other state, federal, or municipal laws inside or outside of the 25-foot boundary, including but not limited to those related to sidewalk obstruction, aggressive pursuit, or excessive noise.

SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT

(a) **Criminal Enforcement.** Any person who violates Section 3 of this Article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by incarceration in the City Jail, fine or both. Upon a first conviction for violation of Section 3, the person shall be incarcerated in the City Jail for up to three months, or fined up to \$500, or both. Upon a subsequent conviction for violation of Section 3, the person shall be incarcerated in the City Jail for up to six months, or fined up to \$1000, or both.

(b) **Civil Enforcement.** An aggrieved person may enforce the provisions of this Article by means of a civil action. An aggrieved person includes any reproductive health care facility that is the site of a violation of this Article. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Article or who aids in the violation of this Article shall be liable to the aggrieved person for special and general damages, but in no case less than \$1000 plus attorneys' fees and the costs of the action. In addition, punitive damages may be awarded in a proper case.

(c) **Dispersal Order.** A law enforcement official may order the immediate dispersal of a gathering that continues to violate Section 3 after a verbal warning. A dispersal order issued pursuant to this subsection shall include the following statements: (1) the gathering has substantially impeded access to or departure from the reproductive health care facility; (2) each member of the gathering shall, under the penalty of arrest and prosecution, immediately disperse and cease to stand or be located within at least 25 feet of an entrance or a driveway to the reproductive health care facility; and (3) the order shall remain in place for eight hours or until the close of business of the reproductive health facility, whichever is earlier. This subsection (c) shall apply during the business hours of the reproductive health care facility and up to one hour before the posted business hours.

(d) **Other Enforcement.** Nothing in this Article shall preclude any person from seeking any other remedies, penalties or procedures provided by law.

SEC. 5. ARTICLE ON COMPETING RIGHTS.

In adopting this Article, the City Council recognizes both the fundamental constitutional right to assemble peaceably and to demonstrate on matters of public concern, as well as the right to seek and obtain health care. This legislation promotes the full exercise of these rights and strikes an appropriate accommodation between them. It is not the intention of the City Council to interfere with the right to protest, including the right to protest conditions of employment. Rather it is the intention of the City Council to impose reasonable time, place and manner restrictions on all protests, to protect the right to seek and obtain health care. This Article does not prohibit conduct by a party to a labor dispute in furtherance of labor or management objectives in that dispute.

SEC. 6. SEVERABILITY

If any part or provision of this Article, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of this Article, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Article are severable.

Napa City 12.68.020 Sitting or lying on public sidewalks in central pedestrian district prohibited.

A. No person shall sit or lie down upon the public sidewalk or upon a blanket, chair, stool, or any other object placed upon the public sidewalk, or in any entrance or doorway to any commercial establishment abutting or adjacent to a public sidewalk in the central pedestrian district between 98:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

B. For purposes of this chapter, the “central pedestrian district” shall include all areas contained within the outermost portion of the following streets, including any and all sidewalks abutting or adjacent to such streets, and where applicable, riverbanks: Jefferson Street from ~~Lincoln Street~~ Legion Avenue to Third Street; Third Street from Jefferson Street to Even Street; Fourth Street from Even Street to Coombs Street; Coombs Street from Fourth Street to Division Street; Division Street from Coombs Street to Brown Street; Brown Street from Division Street to Fifth Street; Fifth Street from Brown Street to the west bank of the Napa River; the west bank of the Napa River from Fifth Street to Third Street; Third Street from the west bank of the Napa River to Juarez Street; Juarez Street from Third Street to First Street; First Street from Juarez Street to McKinstry Street; McKinstry Street from First Street to Soscol Avenue; Soscol Avenue from McKinstry Street to Napa Street; Napa Street from Soscol Avenue to Main Street; Main Street from Napa Street to G Street; G Street from Main Street to Brown Street; Brown Street from G Street to ~~Clinton Street~~ Legion Avenue; ~~Clinton Street from Brown Street to Coombs Street~~ Legion Avenue from Brown Street to Jefferson Street; ~~Coombs Street from Clinton Street to Pearl Street; Pearl Street from Coombs Street to Franklin Street; Franklin Street from Pearl Street to Polk Street; Polk Street from Franklin Street to Jefferson Street.~~ (097-030)

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From: [James Asbury](#)
To: [Jill Techel](#); [Mary Luros](#); [Alessio, Elizabeth](#); [Doris Gentry](#); [Sedgley, Scott \(External\)](#)
Cc: [Vicki Asbury](#); [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: Comment to council August 18,2020 please read
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 7:35:53 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Mayor Techel, Council Members
Luros, Gentry, Alessio and Sedgley-

Being an very active ex-citizen of the wonderful City of Napa, I feel that I have a right and duty to comment on issues before the City Council.

Today, the issue apparently is a discussion of a request by Planned Parenthood to create a neutral sidewalk zone in the front of their building on Jefferson Street.

Any action in favor is clearly a violation of the public's constitutional right to express themselves, and to gather peacefully to state those views.

Those citizens, many of whom I know personally, and many whom I have had the pleasure to work with during many of my various community endeavors, are strong and vocal Christians who oppose sacrificing the life of a child. An innocent human being whose identity is known by God upon conception.

We, as a Nation, have many struggles ahead of us, and limiting free speech, at this time, or any other time, will further the divide between its citizens.

I urge you, all five, to reject this request.

In the meanwhile- stay safe and well , and most important stay free.

Jim Asbury
A current resident of Eagle, Idaho

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Henry Gundling](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING Regarding Agenda Item #13
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 7:42:26 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Council Members:

As a practicing Catholic I believe in the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death. Because of this religious conviction, I have long been a supporter of, and participant in, "40 Days for Life" with its vigil for the protection of the unborn. Unlike many of the violent protests we have witnessed in recent months, "40 Days for Life" is exemplary in its peaceful, respectful and compassionate exercise of our free speech rights. The only violence I have ever witnessed over the years came from angry drivers shouting obscenities or making obscene gestures from their blazing cars to those of us praying quietly and peacefully in the designated sidewalk area.

Planned Parenthood, by far the largest abortion provider in the country, seeks to stifle any opposition, including the "40 Days for Life", peaceful demonstration of conscience. How ironic that the "Black Lives Matter" organization outspokenly supports Planned Parenthood, which was founded by an avowed eugenicist, Margaret Sanger, and is responsible for the deaths of approximately 20 million black babies since Roe v. Wade. If black lives truly mattered, as well as the lives of all the unborn, Planned Parenthood would cease to exist.

I urge you to respect the continued, peaceful exercise of our free speech rights.

Yours respectfully,

Henry Gundling

From: [Suzanne Gibbs](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: AGENDA 13A--COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 7:53:22 PM

[EXTERNAL]

My name is Suzanne Gibbs as a PPNorCal patient escort for many years, I can attest that the presence of protestors outside the Napa health center has consistently generated safety concerns caused by blockages to the public right-of-way. The fall 2020 protests begin in late September, and that means many unmasked protestors will impact patient safety and put more people at risk during the height of COVID-19.

I urge to consider a vote of support for the proposed ordinance changes.

Thank you.

Suzanne Gibbs
Napa Resident

From: [Meredith Gibbs](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: AGENDA 13A--COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 7:59:39 PM

[EXTERNAL]

My name is Meredith Gibbs and I am a resident of Napa.

I support Planned Parenthood's proposed ordinance changes because I believe that the safety of the residents of Napa should be the first priority of the Napa City Council. For years I have witnessed protestors outside the Napa Planned Parenthood health center physically manipulate and harass patients seeking healthcare. No person should ever be harassed for going to the doctor. This is about the safety of our community members and friends. The purpose of government is to protect and provide for its people, and I ask that you vote to support these ordinance changes for the protection and safety of your constituents.

Thank you.

From: [ckgruss](#) [REDACTED]
To: [Jill Techel](#); [mary](#) [REDACTED]; [lizinnapa](#) [REDACTED]; [doris](#) [REDACTED]; [Sedgley, Scott](#) [REDACTED]
[Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 13.A - Protests on sidewalks
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 8:57:13 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Mayor Techel and fellow council members:

Please consider me in opposition to the proposed 40 foot buffer zone outside of Planned Parenthood on Jefferson Street. It is our civil right to peacefully walk and pray there as many of us have done in the past. We have never caused any trouble whatsoever - and only wish to express our beliefs that ALL lives matter - including the unborn.

Thank you for consideration on this very important matter. This is America and we are and should remain free to peacefully and quietly protest in front of PP.

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From: [Carole Duncan](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Subject Line: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PLEASE READ.
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 8:59:32 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Re: Agenda 13

In all the years that I have been involved in the peaceful prayer presence in front of Planned Parenthood, there has never been a time when the participants acted or were in any way unruly. Please do not deny our constitutional right to peaceful prayer assembly in front of Planned Parenthood.

Carole Duncan

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From: [suzanne.narducci](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 13A Comment to City Council for Aug. 18. Please Read.
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 9:00:00 PM

[EXTERNAL]

I am Suzy Narducci ,a resident of Napa County since 2003. I am also an escort for the Planned Parenthood Health Center in Napa and I am in support of the two changes this evening to the Napa City ordinances .

I feel helpless for our patients who are harassed as they try to come to the Health Center on Jefferson Street. They have to walk through hostile people eyeing them and often touching them. I remember one demonstrator saying to a young patient, "I will tell your Mother." Does this happen when you go to your OB/GYN or the Queen for an STD test? No.

A crowded sidewalk is not healthy and we must have a safe non-threatening environment for men and women's healthcare.

From: [Paola Gonzalez](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: Agenda #13
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 9:19:11 PM

[EXTERNAL]

To whom it may concern,

Good evening,

I am writing an email to show the full support that my family and I have for the '40 Days for Life' campaign. We strongly disagree with the idea of 'Planned Parenthood's' "40-foot buffer zone". Outside of the private property, everything else is public and cannot be claimed unless it has been rented on an agreement. If 'Planned Parenthood' decides that they want to purchase more land to have their "buffer zone" then there is nothing we can do to interfere.

HOWEVER, seeing as they want to claim PUBLIC space, I find it unjust and unconstitutional. All pro-life work has been known to be peaceful, and has never forced a ANYONE into ANYTHING. This is further proven by the strong presence of children during these gatherings outside abortion clinics.

The entire pro-life population of America recognizes the utter lack of improvement from many politicians. And seeing as nothing is being done to abolish the number one WORST crime in existence, the killing of our own innocent, I urge you to reconsider and let US do your work and reach out to help the millions of women being told that there's no other option but to murder their little girls and boys.

I pray that you will be a little open minded and give life a chance.

God bless you all,

Paola Gonzalez.

From: [Linda Button](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Comment to council. 8/18/20 Agenda item 13A; please read
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 9:23:28 PM

[EXTERNAL]

This agenda item is about the safety of our community members and neighbors. The purpose of government is to protect and provide for its people.

No person should ever be harassed for seeking medical treatment or going to the doctor. With unemployment on the rise, more people may need the healthcare services of Planned Parenthood. They should not have any reservations in seeking affordable quality health care. I ask that you support both of these ordinance changes in order to protect the safety of your constituents.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Linda Button



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From: [Roseanne Kirby](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: Item #13 on Agenda comment
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:41:33 PM

[EXTERNAL]

To the members of the city council:

Mayor Jill Techel

Vice Mayor Doris Gentry

Councilmember Liz Alessio

Councilmember Mary Luros

Councilmember Scott Sedgley

With respect to the constitutional rights and the liberties for public assembly and freedom of speech, I implore you to not allow a special interest for-profit business, Planned Parenthood, to infringe on the peaceful and law-abiding efforts of the Napa community to be exercising their civil rights for 40 Days for Life and voluntary distribution of literature to individuals in crisis. Public sidewalks are paid for by taxpayers, not private businesses. The Napa Pro-Life community has exercised their peaceful assembly for decades without violating any laws.

When the legitimate outrage of a nation was motivated to create an outcry regarding the murder caught on video of George Floyd, no one would dispute that protecting human life is a NATURAL INSTINCT. It is with that motivation that there are individuals throughout our nation that use their financial resources to support struggling single parents, adopt, volunteer in foster care, train to provide educational and counseling services for unplanned pregnancies, pray fervently for individuals and families in challenging circumstances AND also walk regularly in peacefully assemblies to encourage protecting human life. The purpose is to be a voice for the voiceless. There is NO national television camera courageous enough to broadcast the suffering of a child being aborted in the womb for all to see and be outraged. This suffering of the most helpless and the most innocent of human beings is taking place each and every day.

Consider this support for your local pro-life community as REINFORCING black lives matter from conception.

Non-Hispanic Black Abortions by PP

According to the CDC 38% of abortions are done on non-Hispanic Black mothers. Using this data:

- **Per year estimate: 131,355**
- **Per day estimate: 360**
- **Per hour estimate: 15**

Help the MOST HELPLESS. Protect the civil rights of your local taxpayers and citizens who

are NOT VIOLATING ANY LAWS OR ORDINANCES. Do not show partiality to this particular special interest for-profit business organization. It is YOUR responsibility to apply the law EQUALLY, not to cater to a particular special interest group.

Having established an abortion clinic on campus at my college in the early 1970's, I became a pro-life advocate when pregnant with my first child. It was an unplanned pregnancy, not an unwanted child. I untangled my perception of biological facts: it was another person, not "my body, my choice" anymore. I am MORE THAN GRATEFUL that I chose LIFE and vowed to continue to help others understand there is hope and help for them as well. Having served and advocated on various levels in pro-life work since 1977, I will always be a voice for the voiceless and hope that your council recognizes the moral imperative to do likewise.

Roseanne Kirby

From: [Lori Van Winden](#)
To: [Robert Plummer; Clerk](#)
Cc: [maryshaw@](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PLEASE READ.
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:45:37 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Reference Agenda Item #13

I urge you to continue to allow 40 Days for Life to hold their prayerful, peaceful protests at locations such as Planned Parenthood where women are often at risk or in crisis.

I have participated in 40 Days for Life and other pro-life events, as well amassing 32 years as a volunteer for Birthright, a women's crisis pregnancy center.

These groups are not violent and do not break laws. They are respectful of all life, even those who disagree with the values they represent. Their mission is to pray for these mothers, to help them understand the reality of fetal development so they can make informed choices, and to let them know there are myriad resources available to them and their babies, information that is not always provided to them otherwise.

The individuals that participate in 40 Days for Life love these moms, dads, and their unborn children - all without judgment.

As long as they are following the law, they have a constitutional right to peacefully assemble.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Lori Van Winden
Napa

From: [Jaret Paulson](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: COUNCIL MEETING – PLEASE READ. (Agenda Item #13A)
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:15:54 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Good morning,

I am a current resident of Napa County and a sworn protector of life for the last 22 years.

Raised in Sonoma County and now raising our family here in Napa since 2006, both my husband and I have appreciated the small town feel Napa has always had. Small town in charm but not in resources and abilities. As a hard working essential worker here in Napa County, I have seen the impact of these recent current events (Covid and Defund the Police Movements) First hand, start to divide us and in so many cases, local governments are moving to take away what have been our freedoms as Americans. They are using this as an opportunity to make political moves during a time they are asking their communities to trust their decisions. Trust, in communities such as Napa, are imperative. Our freedoms to peacefully protest, historically exercised in a lawful and respectful manner, outside of Planned Parenthood, is another opportunity for local government to make a political move or maintain the trust of its community. Our family would like encourage you to not make any decisions during these times, that go against our historical rights to peacefully protest, as we have exercised for so long here in Napa. We trust you to make a non biased decision and ask our Napa County Government to remain true to all its residents despite ones personal opinions relating to these particular parties involved.

Thank you for your time,

Anna Paulson

From: [Robert Plummer](#)
To: [Caitlin Saldanha](#)
Subject: Fwd: 40 days for Life
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6:51:37 AM

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From: Ted Eshleman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:51:08 PM
To: Robert Plummer <rplummer@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: 40 days for Life

[EXTERNAL]

To whom this may concern:

It seems that Peaceful Prayerful
Protests are deemed
unworthy while other protest movements
Can run rampant in our streets!!

The request by Planned Parenthood
to create a 40 ft barrier is both unfair & clearly stunts 40 days for Life protestors from their first
amendment rights to distribute information to women who may be seeking an option to having an
abortion.

As long as 40 days for Life does not restrict access to the clinic. They should allowed to be in close
proximity to the clinic

Please consider 40 days for Life has a proven track record of peaceful pro life protest!!

Sincerely
Ted Eshleman

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Robert Plummer](#)
To: [Caitlin Saldanha](#)
Subject: Fwd: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PLEASE READ.
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6:51:58 AM

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From: Harold Hayes [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 9:41:23 PM
To: Robert Plummer <rplummer@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PLEASE READ.

[EXTERNAL]

Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PLEASE READ.

Dear City Council **Members**

RE: Reference Agenda Item #13

My wife and I have been home owners and tax paying **residents** of Napa for over 40 years. We are law abiding citizens who believe that our rights of freedom of assembly and of free speech must be acknowledged and protected by elected officials.

Cindy, my wife, has worked locally at Queen of the Valley hospital for 32 years as an RN, helping individual's maintain dignity throughout their journey of life.

Last Spring was our first time participating in "40 Days for Life." Overall, It was a very positive experience and gave us the opportunity to peacefully and prayerfully express our convictions on the rights of babies to live. We maintained a calm and prayerful presence at all times during this prayer vigil.

Everyone who participated agreed to and followed the rules set in place by 40 Days For Life. I never witnessed any prayer vigil participant block or intimidate anyone entering or leaving Planned Parenthood.

It is our belief that as citizens we have the right to pray for those who cannot pray for themselves on the city streets in front of planned parenthood. In these difficult times we ourselves pray for our leaders in all government positions, that they would have the wisdom to protect our inalienable God given rights as declared in The Constitution of the United States and our Bill of Rights.

"The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects the freedom of speech, religion and the press. It also protects the right to peaceful protest and to petition the government."

With respect and gratitude for the hard work you do as Council Members, on behalf of the citizens of Napa.

Harold and Cindy Hayes

From: [Robert Plummer](#)
To: [Caitlin Saldanha](#)
Subject: Fwd: Peaceful
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6:52:18 AM

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From: Carole Duncan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 8:51:26 PM
To: Robert Plummer <rplummer@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: Peaceful

[EXTERNAL]

Please do not deny our constitutional right to peaceful prayer assembly in front of Planned Parenthood. We have never been out of order in all the years that we have prayed in front of Planned Parenthood.

Carole Duncan

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From: [Robert Plummer](#)
To: [Caitlin Saldanha](#)
Subject: Fwd: in support of pro life demonstrations
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6:52:59 AM

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From: Sara DeCrevel [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:41:48 PM
To: Robert Plummer <rplummer@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: in support of pro life demonstrations

[EXTERNAL]

I am a 30 year citizen of Napa and feel I need to be heard. I am personally disgusted by the rights of Planned Parenthood even being considered at this meeting. The prolife people who demonstrate and pray outside the Planned Parenthood facility do so with reverence, with non-threatening attitudes, with care and concern for the unborn children who deserve the prayers and attention that the Pro life demonstrators share. Please disregard any attempt to discourage this peaceful demonstration.

Sara DeCrevel
[REDACTED]

From: [Joan Andrego](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 28 CITY COUNCIL MEETING =PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 7:25:40 AM

[EXTERNAL]

It is an American right to hold peaceful protests. Those who agree with a particular protest are happy and supportive. Those who disagree are possibly uncomfortable or even angry, but that doesn't take away a citizen's right to protest.

Sent from my iPad

From: [John Charlesworth](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: Peaceful protests - 40 Days for Life
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 7:35:38 AM

[EXTERNAL]

We know that the people who pray at Planned Parenthood for unborn children and their parents are peaceful.

It is a basic American right to peacefully gather and distribute literature. We should do nothing to hinder these peaceful people.

Thank you, John and Mary Ann Charlesworth, Napa

From: [Kim Reid](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PLEASE READ.
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 7:45:58 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Chief Plummer:

I participate in the 40 Days for Life prayer campaigns, and have done so for seven or eight years.

There has never been one time that I observed anyone I was praying, standing, or walking with disobeying any laws.

We have always endeavored to peacefully, quietly assemble, most of us carrying signs and/or talking or singing quietly. We smile at the Planned Parenthood employers and anyone going into the facility. Except for a few trained counselors, no one personally engages with the clientele of that facility, unless it is to say “hello” or to smile.

Over the years, the only unbecoming behavior I have ever witnessed has been from the occasional driver who drives by shouting obscenities at us or showing us the middle finger. The more common reaction in recent years, if there is any reaction at all, is a friendly horn honk and wave or thumbs up.

I’m sure that Planned Parenthood prefers it when we are not there, but in that we are exercising our First Amendment right to peacefully assemble on the sidewalk without obstructing anyone’s ingress or egress, without harassing anyone, in order to pray, and to bring to light with signs about the truth of what abortion is, Planned Parenthood has no right to request that those rights be infringed or restricted in any way.

Sincerely,
Kim Reid
Napa, CA

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Robert Plummer; Clerk](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Peaceful protest in front of PP
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 9:42:28 AM

[EXTERNAL]

I have taken part in praying in front of PP in Napa, California. One of our leaders, Ron, always had a pleasant smile and hello to anyone entering the PP building. We never

obstructed the foot traffic of anyone using the sidewalk or their driveway. Most of us are women and some have experienced health issues with abortifacants or had abortions.

Our prayers and presence bring visual support to young women that are being dropped off or coming alone to make a decision that will affect the rest of their life. Maybe their

boyfriend, or family member will not support their carrying a child full term. They realize if they want to talk to one of the sidewalk counselors they can, but please remember

there is only 1-2 persons an hour standing or walking in front of their office, it's not like we're a noisy presence. We're very quiet and respectful.

IF PP believes in what they are providing is in the best interest of the women, than they should not be afraid of a few prayerful people outside.

We are there praying for babies, not to interfere in anyone's employment or their personal choice.

From: [Anthony J. Ryan](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING Regarding Agenda Item #13
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 9:47:51 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Council Members,

I have been participating in the peaceful, prayerful vigils for 40 Days for Life for many years. We never violate the law, but simply exercise our constitutional right to free speech in a very peaceful, charitable way. As a practicing Christian I believe in the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death, and therefore believe it is an extremely important responsibility to stand up for the protection of innocent unborn life in a peaceful way in front of Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the country. Unlike many of the violent protests we have witnessed recently, 40 Days for Life is exemplary in its peaceful, respectful and compassionate exercise of our free speech rights.

40 Days for Life has a document that we ask every participant to sign that states we are there to be peaceful, never violent or rude, and mainly to pray for the protection of life. A few of our members are trained sidewalk counselors who offer free literature to women who may be seeking an option to having an abortion. Our counselors are always polite and respectful of whomever they attempt to engage.

Unfortunately, oftentimes the “escorts” from Planned Parenthood have tried to physically and verbally intervene to prevent our counselors from speaking to the women walking down the sidewalk, and sometimes actually physically engage our counselors. I believe that the Mayor of Napa, Jill Techel, has been an “escort” for Planned Parenthood, and therefore am very concerned that we may not be getting a fair hearing at this Council meeting. I hope that is not the case.

We have countless stories of women who have stopped to talk with our counselors, taken the literature, and express their heartfelt thanks that we are there to offer an alternative to Planned Parenthood’s major focus on abortion and contraception. The request by Planned Parenthood to create a 40 ft. buffer zone is unfair and clearly prevents 40 days for Life participants from our first amendment rights to free speech, to stand up for life, and to distribute information to women with life affirming options.

I urge you to respect the continued, peaceful exercise of our free speech rights.

Yours respectfully,

Anthony J. Ryan

From: [Phyllis Bahue](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#)
Cc: [Clerk](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PLEASE READ.
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:09:28 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Council Members,

I would like to express my conviction regarding Agenda Item #13A and the ramifications of limiting any sidewalk access for reasons of protest. Simply stated, it would be against my rights.

As you are aware, the public has the right to speak out. Both the California Constitution and the First Amendment to the United States Constitution protects our right to free expression.

Free-speech rights are for everybody. The First Amendment protects our rights to express our opinion, even if it's unpopular.

We have the right to approach passersby to hand them a leaflets, engage them in conversation, or ask them to sign a petition.

The First Amendment protects our right to use a table or news rack to display materials, subject to the usual time, place and manner rules. People who have a physical condition that substantially limits their ability to stand have the right to sit down.

Our right to express our opinion is protected no matter what beliefs I or others hold.

Therefore I strongly encourage you to uphold my rights to stand in front of Planned Parenthood on the public sidewalk as a participant of 40 Days for Life or any other pro-life organization.

Thank you,
Phyllis Bahue

From: [Laurie Puzo](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUAST 18-PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:29:26 AM

[EXTERNAL]

My name is Laurie Puzo, my telephone number is [REDACTED] and I am writing in support of Agenda Item 13A

I have volunteered at the Planned Parenthood health clinic as an escort to help clients access the clinic without the intimidation of those lurking around on the sidewalk. The name says it all! PLANNED!! The folks that seek health services at the clinic are showing some responsibility about their own health and possibly others. It impressed me that several young men would come in. It helps being close to the high school. Great that they feel comfortable to attend to something most likely quite private. The protesters are not obnoxious, I've actually met friends wielding signs. They are entitled to their own ideas but not to force it on others. There must be a safe and clear entrance to the clinic. We need to serve our community and the clinic does a great job. Please extend the central pedestrian district to include the Napa health center. Thank you.

From: [Jodie Russi](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: 40 Days for Life
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:37:48 AM

[EXTERNAL]

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Jodie Russi

*Sent with a smile from Jodie Russi, Educator
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CYO West Diablo Officials' Coordinator*

From: [karen good](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING- PLEASE READ -AGENDA ITEM 13A
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:37:52 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear City Clerk,

We are writing to continue to exercise our Constitutional right to assemble in our usual peaceful presence in front of Planned Parenthood on Jefferson Street to pray and to handout educational information to men and women in crisis. There is a Constitutional right to life in the United States. Amendment 5 of the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights states that no one can be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. This was based on the Declaration of Independence, which said that all people are endowed by their Creator with the inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and that the primary purpose of government is to secure these rights. The 14th Amendment to the Constitution repeats the right to life, liberty or property and requires that every person be provided equal protection of the laws. Every president, vice-president, cabinet member, federal or Supreme Court judge, Congressman, and Senator upon election or appointment to office, swears an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States. Human life and personhood begin at conception. This is a scientifically proven and indisputable fact. Our intention is to offer hope, extend compassion, understanding and love to women considering abortion and to the workers of Planned Parenthood. We are a witness to the hundreds of people passing by when they see our commitment to pray and our obedience to our God, Jesus Christ. Randy Alcorn states, "It's never in anybody's best interests to kill a child. It's not just the child who suffers, it's her/his mother." Please do not take away our freedom to stand with the unborn, or with the uneducated men and women regarding abortion. We are fighting a spiritual battle. Our world has been fighting to keep people from dying of this corona virus, yet many thousands more are willingly being killed by their parents. Do not deny us our right. We have never violated any law.

Thank you,

Eric and Karen Good

From: [Kat McDonald](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 - PLEASE READ Agenda Item 13A
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:47:05 AM

[EXTERNAL]

I am a long time Napa Resident and an escort volunteer at Planned Parenthood Napa. Most people use planned parenthood for cancer screening and reproductive health matters. Both men and women use this as an important health resource. Almost every escort shift is met with aggressive behavior by the protestors. They also frequently disseminate information that is so wrong it would threaten the life and safety of those that believe it. I am "all in" for civil protest. It is one of the things that make our country wonderful. However, aggressively threatening, shouting, intimidating people who are attempting to deal with health matters is NOT acceptable. I have witnessed patients having received a grave health diagnosis leave the building only to be harassed and intimidated while attempting to reach their car.

I have personally felt unsafe at times due to the behavior of some protestors and repeated calls to the police often result in a shrug of the shoulders and comments such as "we can't do anything about it OR we didn't see it." In our current heated political climate the measures being requested tonight seem a reasonable and easily enforceable step to ensure the safety of ALL of Napa's population. Planned Parenthood is a vital and important public health service available to EVERYONE in our community and should be treated as such. The patients walking into Planned Parenthood are not making political statements - they are attempting to deal with health issues that are sometimes life threatening and for many - Planned Parenthood is the ONLY resource available to them. They should not be required to walk through a gauntlet of abuse or physical intimidation.

The fact we have not had serious injury or death is more a matter of luck - not the result of a job well done by Public Safety. Too often it is only AFTER a serious incident people in your position take action. Do NOT be on the wrong side of history in this matter. Taking the necessary steps today is not a political move - it is a public safety move. You are being PUBLICLY warned this situation has the very real potential to result in death or serious harm. Don't ignore the warnings from your citizens that volunteer their time to stand outside in the heat or rain to help insure our community members get basic health services.

Kat McDonald



From: [REDACTED]
To: Clerk
Subject: Comment for council meeting August 18th. Item 13A. Please read
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:50:37 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear council members and mayor Techel,

The issue of the folks who gather in front of planned parenthood on Jefferson street has been a long standing issue for me. As an escort during 40 days, I find it continually abhorrent that these folks are allowed to gather. They bring chairs, park illegally, do not continuously move and are intimidating to clients of PP. I'm asking you to finally do something to mitigate this situation by adopting the below proposal.

Our ordinance proposals are as follows: First a revision to city ordinance 12.68.020, which would extend the central pedestrian district to include the Napa health center, so sitting or lying on the public sidewalk outside of the health center would be prohibited.

The second proposal is to implement a buffer zone in front of the Napa health center. This buffer zone would prohibit following or harassing any person within 25 feet of the entrance, would bar impeding access to the door of the health center, and would not allow shouting, or production of any amplified sound beyond the volume of a conversational speaking voice.

Thanks so much for your continued work on behalf of our Napa citizens.

Carol Whichard
[REDACTED]

Please excuse the brevity. I'm typing from a very small device. Have a wonderful day!

From: [Jodie Russi](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. Reference Agenda Item #13A
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From: [Julie Gerien](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 - PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:51:56 AM

[EXTERNAL]

My name is Julie Gerien, as a PPNorCal patient escort, I can attest that the presence of protestors outside the Napa health center has consistently generated safety concerns caused by blockages to the public right-of-way. The fall 2020 40 Days for Life protests begin in late September, and that means many unmasked protestors will be impact patient safety and putting more folks are risk during the height of COVID-19. I urge to consider a vote of support for these proposed ordinance changes for Agenda Item 13A.

Sincerely,
Julie Gerien

From: [Mary Shaw](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PLEASE READ.
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:55:01 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Chief Plummer

It has come to my attention that the City Council will be reviewing the request of Planned Parenthood to put in place a buffer zone in order to isolate peaceful protestors, who have for many years without incident, dutifully practiced their First Amendment Rights.

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

I have been involved in Pro-Life activities in Napa for more than forty years. The slaughter of innocent children in the womb is the most ghastly and vicious crime against humanity imaginable, with Planned Parenthood being the largest abortion provider in our nation. In the troubling times we now find ourselves, the cry of our nation is “Black Lives Matter.” It is important to know that the founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger, was a devout racist who created the Negro Project designed to sterilize unknowing black women and others she deemed as the undesirables of society. Today, 78% of Planned Parenthood clinics are in minority communities with black abortions accounting for 35% of their business, while blacks represent only 12% of the total population.

Sadly, abortion counseling and procedures as championed by Planned Parenthood, are alive and well in our Napa community. I recently spoke with a former employee of Planned Parenthood in Napa who told me of her nine-year experience there. I was horrified to learn that on average, everyday Planned Parenthood is open, 3-5 abortions are initiated. These are chemical abortions where the mother is given poison to start the process that kills her child. She then leaves the office with another dose to finish the job later when she returns home. This grueling practice can be witnessed by viewing the movie UNPLANNED, the story of Abby Johnson, a former director of a Planned Parenthood clinic who left.

As a sidewalk counselor during the 40 Days For Life Campaign, I am there to offer sound and well-researched information and to introduce women to a caring network of loving individuals that offers help and hope. I believe that every woman deserves a choice, a chance to fully know and be informed of options which she can access and to experience the benefit of the loving care and concern that is available to her should she decide to keep her child.

Of course, Planned Parenthood does not want our presence there. With every campaign, their disrespect and aggression towards us seems to escalate. This past campaign they personally called the police on me three times. Each time, the police arrived and found that their complaints were completely unfounded. Their actions towards others and me at times I deem to be harassment.

To date, the 40 Days for Life Campaign is in 1060 cities and 63 countries. This work has saved 17,226 lives that we know of, 206 abortion workers have quit and 107 abortion centers are now closed because of 40 Days!

From: [H Bailie](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ - Agenda Item 13A
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:58:22 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Greetings,

I am submitting this Public Comment below for Agenda Item 13A for the 6:30 Napa City Council session on August 18th.

Thank you,

Bailie

Respected Members of the Napa City Council,

My name is Bailie, Heather Bailie, and I am a resident of Napa who is writing today in support of Planned Parenthood's proposed ordinance changes.

Planned Parenthood is the nation's leading provider and advocate of high-quality, affordable health care for women, men and young people. In Napa, Planned Parenthood is a trusted source of reliable health information - that allows people to make informed health decisions and access to important services, including birth control and cancer screenings.

For years, I have witnessed protestors outside of the Napa health center physically manipulate and harass patients seeking services because the current ordinance is insufficient.

These protests are a public health and public safety issue. Instead of focusing on their healthcare, individuals are met with harassment, requiring volunteers to intervene and walk people safely into the facility. No person's health care should be compromised because of the actions of these demonstrators.

This ordinance change would be successful in allowing protestors to assemble and exercise their first amendment rights while also ensuring that women, men and young people can continue to make private medical decisions without the fear of harassment and intimidation.

This issue is not about the right to life - it is about upholding the access, dignity and respect everyone deserves when taking care of their health.

Thank you.

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Coach Bailie
H. Bailie Paddle Sports & Fitness
415-420-8339

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Tonight's City Council Request by Planned Parenthood
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:04:35 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear members and staff of Napa City Council,

First Amendment rights are being trampled on a lot these days, but it seems it is only to one side. Riots are happening in the streets of America, yet no business is asking for buffers. They just want the law upheld. It had been stated the rioters have 1st amendment rights! Free speech, the right to lawful assembly AND the freedom of worship without government interference are guaranteed in the First Amendment.

Planned Parenthood, also known as the provider of abortions not a women's health center, is asking to limit the freedoms and protections of the 1st amendment. Why? 40 Days for Life has a spotless record. They are not looting, burning or even disrupting the business of the abortion mill. 40 Days is just peacefully praying and peacefully expressing outrage to the killing of babies in the womb. They are responding in Love to a grievous sin.

Planned Parenthood must be feeling the effects of God's intervention. Prayer and free speech against them, coupled with the desire for our government to stop funding them must be at the heart of their request. Napa City Council has a responsibility to the people of Napa that includes those who are opposed to the work of abortion. To be moral, civil and just, you must not rush to protect Planned Parenthood and step on those who would peacefully beg to differ. Education about the ills of abortion, like the pain it has caused on individual women, not to mention the loss of children being brought into the world, need to be heard. Please consider the children for once. Napa is not just about revenue and tourism. It is about its people, who may differ. What message are you sending to people? Siding with PP is saying that you agree with their ideals and are against people with consciences. You would be stifling the conversation that needs to happen. 40 feet barrier might not be enough for PP. They would actually like 40 Days to disappear. Prayer can span at least 40 feet, but the presence of good people exercising their rights is important here. Please leave well enough alone. Deny their unlawful request and allow the dialog to continue. What we don't need now is for the council to put their hand on the scale.

Jim Prudhomme
Napa Resident and Property Holder

[REDACTED]

From: [P.Obran...](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PLEASE READ.
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:12:52 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Reference Agenda Item #13

**We have never violated any laws
DO NOT TAKE AWAY OUR RIGHTS.
PROTECT OUR RIGHTS.**

Thank you for your time
Paul

From: [Jennifer Simi](#)
To: [Clerk; Jennifer Simi](#)
Subject: 13 A Comment to Council for August 18 Please read
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 9:44:00 AM
Attachments: [Planned Parenthood.docx](#)

[EXTERNAL]

If I've submitted too late, please let me know so I may read this at the meeting instead.

Thank you!

Jennifer

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

My name is Jennifer Simi, I am a Napa resident, and I have been a Planned Parenthood escort for the past 3+ years. During that time, I have escorted patients during both the Fall & Spring '40 Days for Life' protests and witnessed the chaos they bring to the Napa health care center. The sidewalks are lined with multiple chairs for the protestors comfort, a rack or table for their leaflets and pamphlets, and they continually pace back & forth, chanting in front of the entrance and driveway making it difficult to navigate & disruptive for patients. Protestors intentionally take street parking directly in front of our Napa Planned Parenthood leaving patients to park at greater distances away. I have seen these protests go on during our fires when the air quality was poor and at the beginning of our Public Health Covid-19 Pandemic despite the 'Stay at Home order.' Having the narrow sidewalk essentially blocked by these protestors creates an increasingly unsafe entrance for patients seeking medical care. The escalating behavior of these protestors, approaching patients, staff, neighboring businesses employees, and escorts, is now incredibly dangerous for all. I have been present during a volunteer shift where law enforcement was needed to address the protestors tactics and behavior and know this is not uncommon. Please prioritize the healthy & safety for those in our community who are seeking **essential medical care** and vote in support to protect them by creating a **buffer zone** and revising ordinance 12.68.020, to extend the central pedestrian district to include our Napa Planned Parenthood health care center. This is long overdue. Your vote in support of these ordinance revisions, is a voice for the underserved, a vote for women, a vote for the healthy & safety of our community members who must visit Planned Parenthood for their medical needs & care. Thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns and support of the ordinance revisions.

From: [REDACTED]arickrobertson.[REDACTED]
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ item number 13A
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:05:36 AM

[EXTERNAL]

A woman's right to choose what she does with her body, and what medical procedures she undertakes, is protected by the constitution. Harassment and intimidation is not something the citizens of Napa should tolerate, as substitutions for policy and empathy. Protect the rights and the health care of Napa's women by implementing item number 13A.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Robert Plummer](#)
Cc: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:24:00 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Reference: Agenda Item #13

I am a retired probation officer for Napa County, and as such have seen and worked with my share of people in crisis. Additionally, in years past, I volunteered as a pregnancy counselor for Planned Parenthood, and at that time accepted the beliefs they promoted that abortion was really no big deal, and far and away the best and only reasonable option for a young unmarried pregnant girl. Accordingly, I, like the other volunteers, joined in guiding many young women toward that option by drastically downplaying the alternatives and repeating the false assurances about abortion. Therefore, despite their disclaimers, I know by experience that Planned Parenthood does pressure girls in this way, and with maturity have come to abhor it.

40 Days for Life seeks to offer information about the alternatives to abortion so that girls and women in crisis can make a truly informed choice. They do this by simply being present at the place where that choice is being made, available to offer compassion and counsel. They also silently pray for all those involved – the girls and women themselves, their families, and those who will be interacting with and treating them medically. This is their constitutional right, and they have never broken any law in acting on it.

40 Days for Life has been a responsible and cooperative presence in pursuing their aim to offer help. Planned Parenthood's current request seems to me unreasonable, and simply an effort to silence any point of view contrary to their own. I expect the Council to deny this request.

Sincerely,
Susan Prudhomme

From: [Owen Robertson](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18TH PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:29:31 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Regarding agenda item 13A. I'm writing to voice my support for Planned Parenthood's proposition to the city council to provide better safety for their patients by revising city ordinance 12.68.020 and by implementing a buffer zone. Patients must be protected in any scenario.

-Owen V. Robertson

[REDACTED]

From: [QUAD](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 -- PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:35:49 AM

[EXTERNAL]

RE: AGENDA ITEM 13A

I am writing in support of Planned Parenthood's request to the City Council to better protect their patients by revising city ordinance 12.68.020 to disallow sitting or lying on public sidewalks outside the center and by implementing a 25-foot buffer zone that does not allow shouting or use of amplified sound in front of the center.

PLEASE MAKE THESE changes so all patients are protected from harassment by anti-choice protestors.

Meredith Robertson



From: [Ermilita B.](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 , AGENDA ITEM 13A – PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:41:21 AM

[EXTERNAL]

To: Napa City Council via clerk@cityofnapa.org

My name is Ermilita Bruce and I am a resident of Napa and patient escort. I support Planned Parenthood's proposed ordinance changes because I believe that the safety of the residents of Napa should be the first priority of the Napa City Council. For years I have witnessed protestors outside the Napa Planned Parenthood health center physically manipulate and harass patients seeking healthcare. No person should ever be harassed for going to the doctor. This is about the safety of our community members and friends. The purpose of government is to protect and provide for its people, and I ask that you vote to support these ordinance changes for the protection and safety of your constituents. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ermilita Bruce

Sent from my cell phone

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Ermilita Bruce Gulliksen, M.S., CCC-SLP
Speech-Language Pathologist
Ca. State License # 12288

From: [imdholli](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#)
Cc: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Re 40 Days for Life support
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:57:07 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Chief of Police Robert Plummer,

This email is written in support of 40 Days for Life. Please allow the peaceful and prayerful presence of 40 Days for Life outside on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood. It is their Constitutional right to assemble, to pray, and to distribute information helpful to women in crisis. Thank you very much for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Holli Scheumann

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

From: [Bunnie Finkelstein](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Comment for August 18: Agenda Item # 13A
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:00:44 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Napa City Council,

I strongly support the proposed ordinances to insure that visiting our local Planned Parenthood Health Center will be a safer and calmer experience.

Patients seeking medical advice and care often have emotional and psychological problems connected to their physical concerns, and these “sidewalk assaults” are horribly damaging.

Please vote for the health and safety of all the Napa community by supporting these ordinance proposals.

Many thanks, and best regards,

Bunnie Finkelstein

From: [Christine Cattolica](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Comments: Regulation of Protests on Sidewalks Near Reproductive Health Care Facilities 13.A. 2231-2019
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:06:13 PM

[EXTERNAL]

I am forwarding comments for the City Council's meeting tonight regarding Item 13A on the Agenda.

Thank you for adding these comments to the public record.

Christine Cattolica

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Christine Cattolica [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 12:02 PM
Subject: Comments: Regulation of Protests on Sidewalks Near Reproductive Health Care Facilities 13.A. 2231-2019
To: <Rplummer@cityofnapa.org>, Ron Maxson <[REDACTED]>

I have participated in 40 Days for Life in Napa for 10 years. This is an international peaceful prayer vigil which prays for an end to abortion. Some prayer participants carry small signs expressing a desire to end abortion. We do not block the sidewalk. We do not approach clients entering or exiting Planned Parenthood. We do pray.

During the last two or three campaigns, Planned Parenthood Napa has repeatedly and frequently called police complaining of some purported violation. They make false allegations of improprieties. Planned Parenthood has created the illusion of 40 Days for Life being a lawbreaking nuisance. There could be nothing farther from the truth. The record should clearly demonstrate that these were fictitious allegations created by Planned Parenthood with a plan conceived by management and their frequent visitors, i.e. their attorneys, to make a case for a buffer zone. Freedom of Speech must never be compromised by falsehoods created by an opposing point of view.

America is made great by diversity of views and the freedom, American freedom, to express those views. To compromise Freedom of Speech is to endanger democracy itself. There are many groups whose views I do not share but I believe in their right to assemble and express those views. Our freedom of speech is rare in the world and sets us apart as the ideal.

The mere presence of people praying in front of Planned Parenthood seems to be the issue for Planned Parenthood. Their discomfort is not cause to limit freedom of speech. This is a grave step to take because of someone's discomfort.

The citizens of Napa will be picking up the tab for this proposed regulation. The taxpayer's coffers which have been greatly reduced by COVID will be paying for long litigation as this 40 foot buffer zone is fought in the courts. Planned Parenthood will not be the ones paying the legal fees. The citizens will be paying at a time when funds are so desperately needed in other areas. This is a travesty of fiduciary obligation by the City.

I believe Planned Parenthood is upset by sidewalk counselors who distribute literature. These counselors are not a part of 40 Days for Life. Their activity has been affirmed by the Supreme Court as a practice in keeping with the Constitution. A buffer zone will not alter their activity.

So what is gained and what is lost by a buffer zone? Planned Parenthood's gain is to not have to see

peaceful people praying.

Oh, but what is lost? Freedom. 40 short feet toward tyranny by the loudest and richest.

Christine Cattolica

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“I wish it need not have happened in my time,” said Frodo. “So do I,” said Gandalf, “and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for us to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.”

J R R Tolkien

From: [orville fisher](#)
To: [Clerk:](#) [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:04:49 PM

[EXTERNAL]

I have been part of many 40 Days for Life campaigns in Napa . I have been proud to be part of a group that is so responsible , so respectful of our laws in Napa . 40 Days for Life has been a model of what a peaceful protest should look like .

I was saddened , but not surprised to hear about planned parenthoods request for a 40 foot buffer zone in front of their business. This is a request to give their building a distinction that is entirely unnecessary , and perhaps unique in the city of Napa . Freedom of speech comes in many forms , and it can be curbed only in the most extreme cases . There is nothing extreme going on in front of planned parenthood during 40 Days for Life . The sidewalk is accessible , the doorway is not blocked , the customers are not being harassed or threatened .

I am aware there is a much smaller presence in front of the business at other times of the year . Again , the peaceful presence that is there is not a threat or obstruction of any kind to the business that is taking place , nor the customers .

The charade of planned parenthood feeling entitled to try to restrict the freedom to assemble is unworthy of this city council's time . When all the facts are looked at there is nothing that separates planned parenthood from any other business the public may object to . Their three minute parking zone is routinely violated by customers going inside . That is the only breaking of law I've seen at planned parenthood .

This is all about image , an effort to create the illusion planned parenthood is under attack when they are most definitely not .

Rationality , reason , says deny planned parenthoods request . I am hopeful these are the basis of the final decision .

Orville Fisher

From: [Janice Andrade](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 13
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:07:20 PM

[EXTERNAL]

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that the City Council will be discussing the pros and cons of the 40 Days For Life organizations supporters praying on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parent Hood facility.

I have stood out front of this facility on many occasions over the last several years, praying and offering support to my fellow supporters as we unite to pray for the well being of the young women who may use this facility as an avenue to end their pregnancies. These gatherings have always been peaceful and loving. I have never seen or heard any negative remarks made towards the young women and men who have passed by or to the Planned Parent Hood workers. Everyone, in my experience, has been courteous to each other and anyone else who has entered the facility. We have always obeyed any public rules of the sidewalk, which is a public place. This action by the 40 Days For Life group has been going on for many, many years. In fact some very dedicated individuals have been praying there even before the 40 Days For Life organization began.

We live in this wonderful country of America and this beautiful town of Napa where many of us wish to spend our time praying for the right to life for all humans, born and unborn. All life matters. We are giving a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves, the innocent unborn and newly born victims of abortion. We want this valley to stand for a culture of life not death.

Thank you for listening and please help us continue our quest to pray peacefully for these women and men who are seeking help with their unwanted pregnancies.

Janice Andrade

From: [Babb, Lauren](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Martinez Franks, Margaret](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ" Agenda item 13A
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:10:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[EXTERNAL]

Public comment: **item number** 13A

Members of the Napa City Council,

Planned Parenthood Northern California has offered affordable health care to the Napa community since 1979. In 41 years, we have witnessed many safety issues outside of our health care center. Planned Parenthood has worked tirelessly with city staff and the Napa Police Department to improve safety and clarify enforcement of city ordinance violations. City staff has shared their uncertainty around their ability to enforce state and city law specific to patient and staff harassment, noise violations, sign violations, and other issues that occur outside the health center.

Today we are hoping to create clear safety rules pertaining to the public right-of-way outside of our Jefferson Street health center so that all who utilize this sidewalk can feel safe in our community. We are proposing that Napa City Council adopt two ordinances to protect our community members better. First, a revision to city ordinance 12.68.020, which would extend the central pedestrian district to include the Napa health center, so sitting or lying on the public sidewalk outside of the health center would be prohibited.

The second proposal is to implement a buffer zone in front of the Napa health center. This buffer zone would prohibit following or harassing any person within 25 feet of the entrance, would bar impeding access to the door of the health center, and would not allow shouting, or production of any amplified sound beyond the volume of a conversational speaking voice. The buffer zone ordinance has been proven to work well in neighboring California communities, including in San Francisco, Sacramento, Redwood City, San Jose, Santa Barbara, and San Diego. Both proposals can be found in our supplemental documents package sent to the City Clerk on Monday, August 17, at 6:08 pm.

These ordinance proposals are not an attempt to hinder anyone's 1st Amendment right to protest. We sincerely hope that these ordinance proposals will offer better clarity for Napa law enforcement agencies, local protestors, Planned Parenthood staff, and our patients as to what is and is not permitted in the public right-of-way outside of the Napa health center. We have always strived to be good neighbors to the Napa community, and want to protect the rights of all citizens. We hope Council will consider moving forward with both ordinances in the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect.

Thank you,
Lauren Babb
Public Affairs Director
Planned Parenthood Northern California

Lauren Babb, MPS (Personal Pronouns: She/her)

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From: Robert Plummer
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Caitlin Saldanha
Subject: FW: 40 Days for Life

Robert Plummer
Chief of Police

Police Department, City of Napa
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-----Original Message-----

From: Dolores Fischer [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Robert Plummer <rplummer@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: 40 Days for Life

[EXTERNAL]

It was shocking to learn that Napa Planned Parenthood would request the Napa City Council to consider limiting First Amendment rights of citizens.

I have participated in our peaceful and prayerful presence at P.P. since 40 Days commenced in Napa. Never has there been an untoward incident on our part. Unfortunately, staff at P. P. has sometimes misinterpreted our very presence there as aggressive and unnecessarily called the police. The amusing side to this is that the majority of people who pray are seniors, completely incapable of causing any trouble. Not that we would anyway as we believe in the Constitution and respect the rights of others just as we expect ours to be respected.

It is indeed sad to hear that we may be denied the right to pray to save the lives of unborn babies and save their mothers, yes, and fathers too, from the dreadful effects abortions have on their lives.

Since 1973 when abortion became legal, some 60,000,000 babies in the womb have been eliminated and never allowed to live. Isn't that enough?

Sincerely,

Dolores Fischer
Professor Emerita
Napa Valley College

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From: [K. D. Yeend](#)
To: [Clerk; Robert Plummer](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING, PLEASE READ in reference to AGENDA ITEM 13A
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:29:50 PM

[EXTERNAL]

I would like my experience at the Planned Parenthood Clinic to be made known. In all the times I have been there quietly praying, I have never seen any illegal activities on the part of those keeping a prayer vigil. I have never seen any aggressive behavior on the part of the vigil participants. On two occasions I witnessed aggressive behavior on the part of Planned Parenthood Clinic personnel, possibly a supervisor, who came out to yell at the vigil keepers. I have observed specially trained prolife counselors speak to those who are approaching the Clinic and offer them some printed material. I have also observed that they immediately back off if the person declines. If the person pauses to listen, they speak calmly and politely and stop when the person asks them to or moves away. I have never observed any attempt to block someone from the clinic or on the sidewalk. In fact, the 40 Days for Life participants always move to the side to allow persons to pass. They may say "Good Morning" or "God bless you" but I never witnessed any other conversation except from a counselor.

Traffic is never interfered with. A single vehicle with an identifying placard is usually parked near Planned Parenthood. Unless we have a disability which makes it impossible, we have been asked to park a distance away so as to not interfere with parking near the clinic.

I strongly urge you to respect our constitutional right to have a peaceful protest of an activity with which we disagree. In light of the recent protests across our country, it would be quite prejudicial to deny us that right.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen D. Yeend

[REDACTED]

From: [Ginger Gregory](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fw: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:36:35 PM

[EXTERNAL]

I noticed a typo in the letter I just sent you, so I corrected it and am sending my new and improved letter to be read for tonight's meeting. (In the first letter I referred to the meeting as being on August 1 instead of August 18.)

Dear Council Members,


Response to Agenda Item 13A at August 18, 2020 Meeting:

I have served as a program escort for Planned Parenthood for the past 3 years. While many of the demonstrators on the sidewalk outside the Planned Parenthood building have been respectful of patients approaching and leaving the building, I have witnessed several demonstrators for whom that was not true. One in particular followed a young woman I was escorting as she left the building and entered the sidewalk, talking to this woman in a loud, insistent voice and waving pamphlets in front of her face as she tried to walk back to her car. The young woman trying to leave had to turn her head toward the demonstrator, as she could not see where she was walking. As the escort, I said in a neutral voice to the young woman, "You don't have to respond." The demonstrator yelled at me that this was none of my business, and yelled louder, "She can talk to me if she wants to!" She continued to try to hand the woman the pamphlet, which she did not take. The woman walked away, averting her gaze.

While that interchange may not have technically violated the agreement between the demonstrators and Planned Parenthood, it was loud and involved the demonstrator yelling at the escort. The woman leaving Planned Parenthood was clearly uncomfortable with the whole interchange, including the interaction between the demonstrator and me.

I volunteer for this service so that women can feel safe and comfortable accessing the variety of critically important women's health services that Planned Parenthood has to offer. I am distressed to think that some women may avoid accessing women's health services because of the intense emotions and invasive behaviors that some demonstrators display toward them.

Ginger Gregory



From: [Nancy Duckhorn](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 - PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:43:54 PM

[EXTERNAL]

REGARDING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 13A

To the City Council

I am a long-time supporter of Planned Parenthood, and over the last several years I have served as a volunteer at the local health care center on Jefferson Street, escorting patients into the clinic. During this time, I have experienced, on multiple occasions, protestors harassing patients upon entry and making it cumbersome to enter due to the protestors' tables, chairs and signage on the sidewalk.

I am asking that the Napa City Council please revise City Ordinance 12.68.020, extending the central pedestrian district to include the Napa health center, so sitting or lying on the public sidewalk outside of the clinic would be prohibited for the safety of the patients.

In addition, I propose that the City Council implement a buffer zone in front of the Planned Parenthood Health Center, which would prohibit following or harassing any person within 25 feet of the entrance, bar impeding access to the entrance of the health center, and would not allow shouting or production of any amplified sound beyond the volume of a conversational speaking voice.

I thank you for your consideration,

Nancy Duckhorn
Citizen of Napa County

From: [Lynn Hill](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Comment to Council for August 18, 2020
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:48:13 PM

[EXTERNAL]

City Council Meeting- regarding #13

A copy was sent to Police Chief Robert Plummer. If he is unable to read his copy, I hope you will please read:

Dear City Clerk,

I am a retired teacher who taught Kindergarten for 18 years and First Grade for 6 years at Snow School. Every student was precious to me, even the challenging ones. It was such a joy to teach them how to read and write and get them started on their education. I tried to instill in them a love and respect for themselves, their peers, their parents and families, and others in their lives. It was a very worthwhile occupation for me.

I never knew how all of them turned out later in life, but some have come back to thank me for the time I shared with them. I'm just thankful that their parents gave them the chance to survive and do something with their lives. Maybe they weren't all successful, but they were able to make choices for themselves, and many have been a benefit to their family, friends, and have been a joy to me, with all the wonderful memories I can recall.

I believe life begins at conception and that each life is valuable and truly a gift from God. Raising three children of my own was challenging at times, but the joy far exceeds the heartaches. Mothers who become pregnant need to be aware of the support available to them during their pregnancies and after the birth of their child.

I have walked and prayed in front of Planned Parenthood several times. It never really felt like a protest. My behavior has never been a threat to anyone. Sometimes i was by myself, or with one other person, or with a group of people who were like minded. We just wanted to pray for the woman who felt there may only be one solution to an unexpected pregnancy.

While I have walked and prayed, people in cars have honked and waved, and sometimes flipped us off and cursed at us. We just continued to walk and pray. One time an employee was leaving at the end of her shift, and my friend and I were the only ones walking on the sidewalk, and we smiled and moved to get out of her way as she passed by. Two police officers showed up soon after to tell us they had received a call to report that we were blocking an employee from leaving the building. They had seen us walking and praying the Rosary as they approached us, so they had a sense that it was a false report. I'm not one for confrontations, and would never initiate an argument, especially with a stranger. I have only seen peaceful and prayerful people each time I have been in front of Planned Parenthood and at the Walk for Life in San Francisco each year.

So I'm hoping we can continue to pray in front of Planned Parenthood, to ask God to touch the lives of all who enter the building, and to be of any assistance to clients who question us and may not be aware of other alternatives for them and the life they carry inside them.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reading this letter.

Sincerely,
Lynn Hill

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jim Eckert](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PLEASE READ.
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:53:24 PM

[EXTERNAL]

This comment is regarding Agenda Item 13.A. 2231-2019 Regulation of Protests on Sidewalks Near Reproductive Health Care Facilities 13.A.

My name is James Eckert and my wife Maureen and I have been residents of the City of Napa since 1976. Maureen and I have spent many an evening hour silently praying on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood on Jefferson Street as part of the 40 Days For Life prayer vigil. We have always been peaceful and have never interfered with pedestrian traffic including anyone entering or leaving the facility. We do this because we know that ALL LIVES MATTER whether black, white or any skin color; whether unborn or aged or any stage in between. We stand out in the dark, cold and rain and pray for the employees and clients of Planned Parenthood; pray that they will come to realize that they are killing a human being, a unique beloved child of God, even if they are only dispensing or being given a pill for a do-it-yourself-abortion at home! I cringe when I am told that Planned Parenthood is about Womens' Health as I must assume that at least half of the aborted children are female!

Please do not take away my rights to peacefully protest this evil in our community!

May God bless you all with wisdom in this life and death matter.

James Eckert

From: [ELAINE HERRICK](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Comment to Council for August 18
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:57:39 PM

[EXTERNAL]

My name is Elaine Herrick and I am a resident of Napa. I recommend that the council support the ordinance change proposed by Planned Parenthood. It would create a buffer zone around the Jefferson St. facility in order to protect both the safety and dignity of patients entering. Harrassing patients, staff and escorts has occurred intermittently for years now. I request that the council take action.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: [Raul Baccay](#)
To: [Robert Plummer; Clerk](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:01:46 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing in reference to Agenda Item #13A that you are to discuss in today's City Council Meeting. I have participated in a number of prayer rallies in the cities of Sacramento and Fairfield, and hope to do the same with the Napa 40 Days Life group. I have been cursed and screamed at, but these few people are just added opportunities to include in my prayers. There are far more good people who are very supportive (honks and/or thumbs up) of the good intentions of the 40 Days for Life.. And I would dare to assume this will be true especially in Napa. Thus, I hope you would respect the Constitutional rights that the 40 Days for Life prayer warriors try to exercise as they peacefully assemble and pray for the safety of the pregnant women and the child/ren in her womb, the same Constitutional rights you want every American citizen to be afforded. These 40 Days for Life warriors are there in the public sidewalks hoping, praying, and available (e.g., to talk to, to distribute information to help women in crisis) for the women who maybe 'moved' by the prayers and untiring sacrifices of these prayer warriors.

Respectfully,

Raul Baccay
[REDACTED]

From: [Robert Bellfi](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Robert Plummer](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. Reference Agenda Item 13A
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:05:55 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear City Council members,
How is it that those wishing to peacefully and lawfully assemble, pray and distribute useful information, whose sole intentions are for the welfare of the couple and their baby, should somehow be regulated to the back of the bus?
Thank you for your time and consideration,
Robert Bellfi

From: [Ron Maxson](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); Clerk
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:23:18 PM

[EXTERNAL]

I am a retired Army officer who has long been involved in prayerful protest in front of the Planned Parenthood "health center" on Jefferson. In fact, for many years, I was typically the only prayer warrior present. I am also the father of six, one a special-needs adopted child, and the grandfather of a burgeoning brood.

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I fought in the Vietnam War and served in the Air Cavalry – the same service seen in the movie "We Were Soldiers" (a film I have never been able to watch, as those days are not days I wish to relive). Ultimately, I reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. I received all the standard service medals associated with the units in which I served. I also earned the Purple Heart (for wounds received in action), the Air Medal (several for valor and multiple for meritorious achievement in aerial flight), the Distinguished Flying Cross (for extraordinary achievement in the same), the Legion of Merit, and two Silver Stars (for gallantry in action). I should note that, before I went to Vietnam, I took a retreat to consider under ministerial counsel the justice of the American cause there. Had I determined that the American cause was unjust, it was my intention to declare myself a conscientious objector and to go to a military prison as a consequence. The struggle against totalitarian Communism and the status of South Vietnam as the victim of violent aggression convinced me that the American cause was just.

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I spent 22 years serving that country in the manner outlined above. When I returned, I was aghast at the injustice of legalized abortion, and considered that the fight against such an evil was in reality a continuation of the fight against Communist totalitarianism. (We should never forget that the first country in the modern era to legalize abortion was Lenin's Soviet Union, one hundred years ago in 1920.) But I also saw that the struggle against abortion had to be a spiritual struggle, and non-violent. I have maintained these resolutions ever since I made them. I have never engaged in anything approaching violence or intimidation as I engaged in this struggle. Mostly, I have prayed.

That is, in front of Planned Parenthood, I have been an old soldier pacing back and forth as I said my rosary. Nowadays I am often accompanied by my wife, an old lady saying her own rosary.

From my own point of view, my service in the pro-life cause has been more important than my service in the Vietnam War. My Silver Stars both involved saving fellow soldiers in the face of enemy fire. I'm glad I saved those comrades. But I'm even gladder for the babies

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It's hard to see how this old soldier constitutes any actual problem for Planned Parenthood. It's hard to see why they seek to take away his First Amendment rights. It smacks more of the Communism that I fought in Southeast Asia than of the free exchange of ideas in a democratic republic.

Other prayer warriors at Planned Parenthood are as restrained as I am. We all know we won't accomplish anything by stepping outside the role of peaceful, prayerful witness. Indeed, we all know that we will undermine our movement and all our purposes if we step outside that role. This should be evident from a long history of police reports. Planned Parenthood calls to complain, the police arrive, the police end up telling Planned Parenthood that our behavior is perfectly legal.

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From: [Dominic Figueroa](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Robert Plummer](#)
Subject: RE: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:29:02 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Regarding Agenda item #13A

Dear Mayor Techel, Council members Gentry, Alessio, Luros, and Sedgley,

Over the past twelve years, I have peacefully participated in the 40 Days for Life Campaign outside of Planned Parenthood located at 1735 Jefferson St. Each time that I have arrived on the public sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood, I have pledged to be peaceful, prayerful, and non-combative (even when passersby have yelled inappropriate language directly at me).

As a group, we are a peaceful, prayerful vigil witnessing to the dignity of each human life. Accordingly, we respect and uphold the dignity of both the clients who enter the clinic, and the clinic workers. I, myself, have cordially greeted clinic workers upon my arrival on the sidewalk. We exercise our first amendment rights to assemble and pray on a public sidewalk in Napa.

I ask you to please uphold these rights as citizens of this city by not instituting a 40 foot zone around the Planned Parenthood facility. To do so would show that this City council shows partiality to certain private organizations over the rights of their citizens to public assembly guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

Sincerely,

Dominic Figueroa

From: [dfbrumley](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#)
Cc: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUG. 18 CITY COUNCIL MTG. PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:35:49 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Chief Plummer,

Please know you are in my prayers as you make your presentation to the City Council regarding the peaceful prayer vigil, 40 Days for Life.

I hope that the fact that our vigil participants pose no threat to anyone at the PP facility comes through in tonight's meeting.

We are there for 2 reasons:

1. To pray that our young people will make healthier lifestyle choices which respect, not only their own bodies, but the very lives of the children which they have brought into being.
2. To give young people information which they are not receiving at the PP facility.

We are not there to frighten or intimidate anyone. We cannot be blamed for the groundless fears of the PP staff and therefore should not have our constitutional rights cancelled on that basis.

Thank you for all you do to keep our community safe.

Best regards,

Deborah F. Brumley



Napa

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: [dona bakker](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PLEASE READ.
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:43:04 PM

[EXTERNAL]

I would like to address Agenda Item #13.

For many years I have been involved with the 40 Days For Life prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood. In all that time I have never witnessed any violations of any laws. We keep the sidewalk clear for foot traffic. We have always been friendly and cordial to anyone entering or exiting the facility, including the staff and the escorts. We come to pray and, if the opportunity arises, to offer information about alternative choices to any woman seeking to end her pregnancy. However, we never force anyone to listen or to take the information. We pray silently for them and their unborn babies, as well as the staff. We also pray for the fathers. We pray for all the women who carry the burden of past abortions. I would hope that the Planned Parenthood staff shares our concern for the unborn babies and their mothers. If that is the case, and they are truly pro-choice, then they should be open to allowing their clients to be prayed for and possibly hear of alternative options for their babies. We are not there to proselytize our beliefs on anyone. We come from all religions. We are mothers, fathers, grandmothers, grandfathers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, and friends and believe all lives matter, even those yet to take a breath. If someone does not believe in God, then it shouldn't be a problem for us to pray silently anywhere. And it certainly isn't against the law.

Dona Bakker

From: maryrileyfamily@gmail.com
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:46:51 PM

[EXTERNAL]

RE Agenda Item #13A

I am a Napa resident, a wife and mom. I have seven children -- some natural, some special needs, some foster, and some adopted. Each of these children is precious and I am blessed to have such a beautiful family. I have been witnessing and praying peacefully at abortion facilities for over 30 years. When I pray at Planned Parenthood, I bear witness that every life is worth living and that each child deserves love and a chance at life.

While on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, I never block or harass the incoming clients or the public passing by. I peacefully exercise my constitutional free speech rights. The police have been called many times while I pray. Each and every time a Napa Police officer comes and assesses the situation, he assures me that I am acting properly and constitutionally. The officer then lets Planned Parenthood know of this positive assessment and leaves. I have never received a warning or citation. In fact, no pro-lifer has been convicted of criminal wrongdoing at Planned Parenthood in Napa. In my opinion, Planned Parenthood is harassing me and the police with their incessant calls and complaints.

I feel strongly that a woman should be given every opportunity to make the best and most informed decision for her baby and herself. Planned Parenthood doesn't give the full picture of the dangers of the pills and procedures they promote. Planned Parenthood targets minorities. I want moms to know there is information, medical support, legal support, material support for her and her child should she choose to give her baby a chance at life. I want moms to know Napa cares about them and their baby. We want to help them make a healthy choice. If Planned Parenthood really valued choice and were honest, they would want all options presented. Why does Planned Parenthood want to hide the truth? Why does Planned Parenthood harass the police and promote unconstitutional ordinances and laws? Why does Planned Parenthood ask the City Council further to bully and intimidate pro-lifers?

Thank you,
Mary Riley

From: [Marcia Ryan](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); Clerk
Subject: Re: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING -PLEASE READ. Regarding Agenda #13A
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:48:22 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Mayor Techel, Council Members Luros, Gentry, Alessio and Sedgley,

Let me tell you about what actually happened in front of Napa Planned Parenthood.

During a past 40 Days For Life campaign, I spoke with a mother (about 29 years old) who was pushing a baby stroller for twins. I greeted her with "Twins, how wonderful!" She immediately explained that her son was almost 3 yrs old, and her daughter was a 1 1/2 year old.

I then proceeded to give her information about the breast cancer/contraceptives connection. I told her about data from a 10 year study showing the greater risks of breast cancer caused by the pill, the patch or the injection.

I continued: "Another aspect of these contraceptive products, you may not know, is that they don't ALWAYS prevent conception, and the designers of these products KNEW that. So they added two additional hormones that would cause the lining of the uterus to become thin and hard, so that when the fertilized egg (with its' own DNA) comes down to implant in the uterus to get nourishment to grow, it can't. So it dies. The reality is, it's the earliest form of abortion. And it is believed that using these products for just one year, as many as 2 of these SILENT abortions may occur."

The mother raised her hand in a "stop" gesture, then spoke as she pointed to her children. "My son is the failure of the pill. My daughter is the failure of the patch." Then placing her hand on her tummy, she said, "And my third is a failure of the injection."

I exclaimed, "Do you realize those contraceptives did EVERYTHING to try to prevent the lives of your children? They're truly miracles!" Tears began to well up in her eyes. I told her, "You have a fantastic husband to say yes to your unexpected babies. And you, Mom, for bringing them to birth to love and cherish." She smiled the happiest smile and continued on her walk with her little ones.

Now that's not the end of the story. About 90 minutes later, I see the same mother I spoke with earlier coming down the sidewalk with her husband. I go to meet them saying to the husband, "May I shake your hand? I want to congratulate you for being a great husband and Father." He was filled with pride and joy for his family, and thanked me over and over. What an opportunity to present to them information about Natural Family Planning classes offered in Napa for married and engaged couples using the Symptothermal Method that is 97% effective. We're there to listen and to help. We never violate any laws.

This young couple realized the precious gift of life they were given...and said yes...three times!

Thank you for your time and serious consideration about this restriction of freedom of speech denying people what can help them.

Respectfully,
Marcia Ryan

Sent from my iPad

From: [Friends For Life Tri-Valley](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Linda Mertes](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE READ. Reference Agenda Item #13A
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:52:19 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear City Council,

I am so surprised to hear that Napa is considering passing a law which prevents peaceful, prayerful, well-intentioned people from offering help to women in unplanned pregnancies! In our country, we want to protect the rights of all people, especially the most vulnerable. The unborn babies are innocent and their lives need to be protected. As well, women in unplanned pregnancies are in a vulnerable situation where many of them feel they cannot do this without help. When we stand in front of And abortion facility, we have been able to teach women the truth about abortion, about the development of their babies, and guide them to organizations that can help them in various ways. We have seen women leaving after an abortion, looking absolutely miserable. Abortion is not a choice that helps a woman but it in fact harms her physically emotionally and spiritually. We have seen women change their minds and leave with such peace and joy on their faces. We have been thrilled To help new mommies by paying their rent, purchasing groceries, providing them with baby items, and offering our friendship and moral support. I have met the Napa 40 days for life volunteers and they are all about love. They have followed the law. This is a work of charity for mother, father, baby, and the greater society. Please do not hinder these good people from helping those who are in need.

Respectfully,
Linda Mertes

From: [Paul McCluskey](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18,2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING-PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:05:14 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Council Members,

My husband and I have been active in the Pro Life movement for several years, and currently chair The Life Chain of the Napa Valley. We do not believe violence or ridicule of any form has a place when it comes to dealing with opposing abortion. An unwanted pregnancy is a very private, sensitive, often traumatic, circumstance. We believe every woman who finds themselves in that situation needs loving support, not criticism. In our years of participating with Forty Days for Life, we have never witnessed ANY inappropriate or negative behavior from fellow protesters. The majority of us simply pray during our shifts in front of Planned Parenthood and do not interact with those going into PP save a cordial hello or smile, unless approached. Prayer and presence is our primary focus. However, we are more than willing to assist in providing information on alternative options, and support, available to any woman seeking to save her baby. Our strength is found in "Grace" and "Truth" not hate or shame as accused.

Grace: No condemnation. No guilt or shame. No judgement. No forceful, abrupt interactions. We offer kindness, gentleness, understanding, patience, listening, resources, prayer and support.

Truth: PP offers abortions which is one option, but it will kill the baby. There are other options. God loves them and loves the baby they are carrying. Both are precious lives. Both deserve to live. Both lives matter to us, and to God.

It is our Constitutional right and privilege to stand in front of PP in prayer and protest. We are sometimes the only voice for the voiceless, and the only loving support for women who really do not want an abortion but see no other option.

Sincerely,

Paul & Coleen McCluskey

From: [Christine O'Connell](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR 8.18.2020, COUNCIL MEETING-PLEASE READ (agenda item 13a)
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:12:50 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Council Members. Thank you for your service to the community. We have always been law abiding citizens and now are "law abiding citizens" here in Napa for the last 5 years. We would like to express our thankfulness to not only be able to voice our opinions but to be able to support Pro Life activities. We also think that a peaceful assembly is an American tradition. We raised our children in Santa Rosa & when they were quite young we were able to participate in "peaceful assembly as an American tradition" & show our children first hand one of their rights & responsibilities of living in the U.S.A.. They are now grown & have their own children and are teaching them of their rights & responsibilities. This particular protest is only connected to the Planned Parenthood location & business, NOT any other business or even private home on that street, Jefferson. It seems to our household that considering the 40 foot buffer zone for Planned Parenthood is not good business planning for anyone except Planned Parenthood. Please vote against restrictions regarding "peaceful assembly for protest" in this particular situation as well as any other "peaceful assembly for protest" in this fair community. We exercise our right to vote when the elections come around. We vote for life. We hope you will consider that. Thank you for your consideration.

Michael & Christine O'Connell

[REDACTED]
Napa CA 94558

From: Patti Wessman
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: "COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ"
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:44:34 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Council members,

In Agenda Item 13A, I encourage you to pass the ordinance proposals to ensure the safety of all those seeking medical care as well as the escorts to Planned Parenthood patients.

I have been an escort for Planned Parenthood and no one should have to feel disrespected seeking medical care.

Patti Wessman

From: [John Tracy](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Cc: [JMT](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PLEASE READ. Reference Agenda Item #13A
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:22:38 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Item 13A on the agenda proposes to regulate the assembly of protestors on sidewalks near reproductive health care facilities by creating a forty (40) feet buffer zone. As you're no doubt aware, such a zone would effectively deny the protestors the right of assembly on public grounds.

I am sure that you are also aware that such a zone and the subsequent denial of the right to assembly is a clear violation of the United States Constitution and cannot be enforced.

The First Amendment states:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

As previous protests in front of the Planned Parenthood Clinic going back several years clearly demonstrate, these protests have been peaceful and have not in any way abridged the access rights of those who wish to make use of the clinic's services. The protestors have always remained civil to both potential clients and to the staff of the clinic. They have always allowed unfettered access and have refrained from any sort of intimidation.

There is no reason to believe that the protestors' behavior will not continue in the same manner.

Any discomfort created in the minds of potential clients is due to being reminded that the action they are contemplating will result in the murder of the lives in being in their wombs.

The City Council members and other government employees should keep in mind that any action taken in regard to this matter is not immune from personal liability and possibly criminal action.

Excluded from the doctrine of sovereign immunity are cities and municipalities which have no inherent power and exist within the limitations imposed by the Legislature. The state, in turn, cannot grant what it does not have. The First Amendment has proscribed that right to exist within the people.

In addition, Congress has enacted the Civil Rights Act.

. 42 U.S.C. § 1983 provides: Every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia, subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress. The most common claims brought under § 1983 are for violation of constitutional rights. Under § 1983, "any citizen" can be that person if they, while acting "under color of state law," deprived the plaintiff of their constitutional rights, and the challenged conduct caused a constitutional violation. The "color of law" element is established where a public employee acts pursuant to their office or in their official capacity.

One further point, which is more political than legal. The protests of which I have been a part have been generally popular with the citizens of Napa. The passing drivers have indicated a strong stand for life by approximately 9 people against abortion vs. 5 people in favor of abortion. These people will vote in the

next election.

Please consider these points carefully.

John Tracy

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From: higo2@aol.com
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Robert Plummer](#)
Subject: RE: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:26:44 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Regarding Agenda Item #13A

Dear Mayor Techel, Council Members Gentry, Alessio, Luros, Sedgley,

I am a law-abiding citizen with deep respect for the the law, as I have multiple family members in law enforcement, including my son and two of my brother-in-laws. I would like to tell you about my experience at 40 Days for Life since 2008. During my time on the sidewalk, I have offered information to the clients going into the clinic, in regard to the connection between breast cancer and the birth control pill (Of which there is a growing number of medical studies and research to demonstrate this).

For example, refer to these studies:

(1) <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5492671/> (2) <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2754710/>

I have always asked the women if I can speak with them and offer them information on the pill. They would either respond "yes" or "no", and I always respected their response. A couple of times when a client said, "yes", a clinic worker wearing scrubs would meet the client at the door and take the pamphlet from their hands and throw it in the garbage can next to the front door. Other times, the workers came out and threatened to cancel client's appointments if they did not come in right away and cease talking with me.

Please continue to allow me to share with women on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood. This might even be your daughter, spouse, or relative someday.

Sincerely,

Adriana Figueroa

From: CFFiedler [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Comment to City Council for August 18th. Please read. Thank you. Note to reader: last name is pronounced Feed ler.
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Categories: Unverified Contact

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----- Forwarded message -----
From: Clerk

Good afternoon Ms. Fiedler,

The Clerk's Office is

[EXTERNAL]

Amended submission! This is not part of the letter!

Agenda item 13 A

Council,

You personally may not have ever required the services of Planned Parenthood. I did, when I was in my thirties and had no health care coverage. They provided great, efficient and friendly women's health care to me- but no abortion.

Unfortunately, "abortion" is the first word which comes to mind for so many when they think of Planned Parenthood. They also provide Cancer screenings, STD testing, HIV services, mens' health care, free condoms and much more.

Years later, I discovered that a group were harassing folks using the clinic. It made my blood pressure go up and I became a volunteer escort. That means I walk adjacent to a client entering or leaving the Jefferson Street clinic. These "protesting people" think it's their right to yell at, annoy, proselytize, harrass and have unscientific brochures to thrust at the clients. They pray loudly and quietly for our souls. They have collapsed in loud sobbing tears, even laying on the cement, on our behalf. They have told complete strangers what to do, and what not to do with their bodies.

I was a witness to a "protestor" in her sixties scream at a teenager- (already nervous about coming in alone through the "gauntlet") "How many weeks pregnant are you?"!

To me, it is disgusting and horrible to put a young person through that unnecessary embarrassment, shame and let's agree- it's none of the "right to life" woman's business what she was doing there!

That is the one big reason why I escort for Planned Parenthood and why I certainly hope you will pass this 25 foot buffer zone. The obnoxious presence of these people can make our clients of all ages feel unsafe and intimidated.

Can you remember how embarrassing it was to buy condoms, or even tampons at a drugstore when you were a teenager? Now imagine walking through a group of a dozen or more adults holding signs and praying the rosary for your soul.

Please, take a minute.

We do occasionally have some clients and general public come and yell at protestors. Sometimes they have little children holding up signs too. They clearly do not understand what is happening and that is heartbreaking.

I respectfully request you pass this buffer zone. I have seen near collisions when clients are trying to avoid having contact. I have been involved in many "almost" skirmishes resulting from placing myself physically between a client and a protestor.

Their up until now lawful presence right in front of the clinic creates potential dangerous situations for the 40 Days in spring, and fall. Prior to the pandemic, they were in front on random days. Protestors sometimes follow clients in and out of the clinic.

Please help us make our public street safer for all. If passed, surely there will be less calls for the Police to come, too.

Thank you,

Cheryl Fiedler

From: [Ron Maxson](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE READ SHORTER VERSION & FILE LONGER VERSION
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-----Original Message-----

From: Ron Maxson <[REDACTED]>

To: clerk@cityofnapa.org <clerk@cityofnapa.org>

Sent: Tue, Aug 18, 2020 1:58 pm

Subject: Re: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE READ

Thank you for this information. I will attempt a shorter version to be read this evening.

-----Original Message-----

From: Clerk <clerk@cityofnapa.org>

To: Ron Maxson <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tue, Aug 18, 2020 1:35 pm

Subject: RE: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE READ

Good afternoon Lieutenant Colonel Ronald G. Maxson,

The Clerk's Office is confirming receipt of your email below and your written comments will be provided to City Council for the August 18, 2020 City Council Meeting. Your written comments will be made a part of the record.

Please note that the City Clerk will announce receipt of your email at the beginning of the meeting, but the text of the email will not be read into the record since your comments are over 500 words. However, a copy of your email will be provided to the Councilmembers.

Please let me know if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Thank you,



Tiffany Carranza

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From: Ron Maxson <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:23 PM

To: Robert Plummer <rplummer@cityofnapa.org>; Clerk <clerk@cityofnapa.org>

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the only prayer warrior present. I am also the father of six, one a special-needs adopted child, and the grandfather of a burgeoning brood.

For decades I avoided talking about my military service and mentioning decorations that I had received. I'd like to resist doing that now – but the matter that the City Council is considering is so important in my view that I am willing to say things that I don't want to say and have never said before. I am about to spend a paragraph "showing my wounds," as candidates for public office used to do under the Roman Republic. If these wounds have no meaning to you, you can skip the next paragraph in my statement.

I fought in the Vietnam War and served in the Air Cavalry – the same service seen in the movie "We Were Soldiers" (a film I have never been able to watch, as those days are not days I wish to relive). Ultimately, I reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. I received all the standard service medals associated with the units in which I served. I also earned the Purple Heart (for wounds received in action), the Air Medal (several for valor and multiple for meritorious achievement in aerial flight), the Distinguished Flying Cross (for extraordinary achievement in the same), the Legion of Merit, and two Silver Stars (for gallantry in action). I should note that, before I went to Vietnam, I took a retreat to consider under ministerial counsel the justice of the American cause there. Had I determined that the American cause was unjust, it was my intention to declare myself a conscientious objector and to go to a military prison as a consequence. The struggle against totalitarian Communism and the status of South Vietnam as the victim of violent aggression convinced me that the American cause was just.

Now, like Coriolanus, I beg the consideration of my country.

I spent 22 years serving that country in the manner outlined above. When I returned, I was aghast at the injustice of legalized abortion, and considered that the fight against such an evil was in reality a continuation of the fight against Communist totalitarianism. (We should never forget that the first country in the modern era to legalize abortion was Lenin's Soviet Union, one hundred years ago in 1920.) But I also saw that the struggle against abortion had to be a spiritual struggle, and non-violent. I have maintained these resolutions ever since I made them. I have never engaged in anything approaching violence or intimidation as I engaged in this struggle. Mostly, I have prayed.

That is, in front of Planned Parenthood, I have been an old soldier pacing back and forth as I said my rosary. Nowadays I am often accompanied by my wife, an old lady saying her own rosary.

From my own point of view, my service in the pro-life cause has been more important than my service in the Vietnam War. My Silver Stars both involved saving fellow soldiers in the face of enemy fire. I'm glad I saved those comrades. But I'm even gladder for the babies saved by my peaceful, prayerful presence – babies whose mothers have told me that my presence was what made them rethink their options.

It's hard to see how this old soldier constitutes any actual problem for Planned Parenthood. It's hard to see why they seek to take away his First Amendment rights. It smacks more of the Communism that I fought in Southeast Asia than of the free exchange of ideas in a democratic republic.

Other prayer warriors at Planned Parenthood are as restrained as I am. We all know we won't accomplish anything by stepping outside the role of peaceful, prayerful witness. Indeed, we all know that we will undermine our movement and all our purposes if we step outside that role. This should be evident from a long history of police reports. Planned Parenthood calls to complain, the police arrive, the police end up telling Planned Parenthood that our behavior is perfectly legal.

May I suggest that Planned Parenthood is offended not by anything we are doing but by what we are thinking? May I suggest that Planned Parenthood's aggressive push for a bubble zone is a shabby little exercise in thought control?

That, I submit, is downright un-American. I defended the Constitution of the United States. My constitutional rights should not be under attack here at home.

Lieutenant Colonel Ronald G. Maxson (U.S. Army retired)

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 – PLEASE READ

Categories: Unverified Contact

[EXTERNAL]

RE: 13A

please put an end to the harrassment
women seeking healthcare are subjected to.
please affirm the motions
in agenda item 13A.

thank you,
ross rubin

fb, ig, tw &

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From: [B and K Palla](#)
To: [Robert Plummer](#); [Clerk](#)
Subject: Regulation of Protests on Sidewalks Near Reproductive Health Care Facilities 13.A. 2231-2019
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:49:18 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Napa City Council Members,

I am emailing you, as a Napa resident, to peacefully voice my opposition to the creation of a 40 foot buffer zone requested by Planned Parenthood. Napa's 40 Days for Life prayer vigils have been peaceful and never have engaged in any violation of the law. The effort by PP to establish a buffer zone is a means of denying 40 Days for Life demonstrators exercising their Constitutional rights to peacefully assemble, to legally demonstrate for an end to abortion and to promote adoption as an alternative to abortion.

I am an adoptive Mom, forever grateful to my youngest son's Birth Mom for her heroic gift of life to my son despite a crisis pregnancy. I have also witnessed silently my support of adoption at some of the Napa 40 Days for Life vigils and have experienced first hand their peaceful nature. In this country, through judicial fiat, abortion is legal up to the moment of birth and far beyond the viability of the unborn child. The issue of abortion has never been put to a vote by the people. In every way possible, abortion is tragic.

The right to life is the fundamental right upon which all our other rights depend. Without our Constitutional right to life, all our other rights are rendered meaningless. I am forever grateful, as an adoptive Mom, that there are fellow citizens willing to shine a light on this important issue of our time. Conveniently, all those who support legal abortion up to the moment of birth, as is the current law of our country, have already been born. They were not denied their right to life.

Sincerely,
Bernadette Palla

From: [evelyn zlomke](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Agenda item 13A
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:52:18 PM
Attachments: [PP & City council.docx](#)

[EXTERNAL]

Please find attached my letter in support of changes to the central pedestrian district, and the creation of a buffer zone at the Napa Planned Parenthood clinic. It is not necessary to read this letter into the comments.

Thank you,
Evelyn Zlomke MPH RN



August 18, 2020

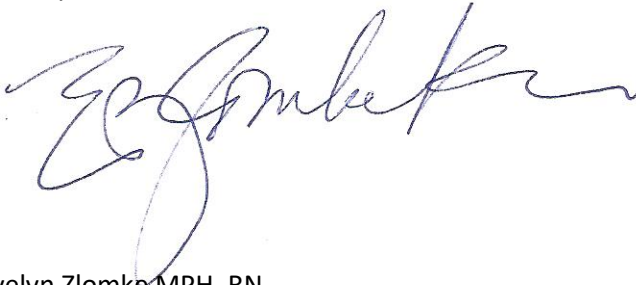
Honorable Mayor Techel, and City Council Members,

Re: Agenda item 13A - Safeguards for Planned Parenthood Clients

I have been a Planned Parenthood escort, and have seen aggressive pamphleting by some of our First Amendment exercisers in front of the Napa Planned Parenthood during their biannual 40 Days and 40 Nights vigils. So far everything has been cordial, but some clients are quite relieved to have us there to escort them. I believe if access to the clinic were less restricted than currently more people would feel less apprehension in coming to the clinic for their healthcare. To be clear, healthcare is a right for all, and Planned Parenthood is the only option for many of Napa's lower income people. They need to feel safe in coming to the clinic.

Please adopt the proposals to revise City Ordinance 12.68.020 to enlarge the central pedestrian district to include the Napa Planned Parenthood Clinic, and also to create a buffer zone 25 feet from the clinic entrance.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Zlomke', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Evelyn Zlomke MPH, RN

Maternal Child Health
ezlomke@gmail.com
(707) 953-9393

From: [Brad Shurmantine](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: Agenda Item 13A
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:50:32 PM
Attachments: [Support of Ordinance Changes.docx](#)

[EXTERNAL]

Looks like we may be evacuating because of fire so I will not be able to speak after all. Here is a copy of my remarks that I would like read into the record if possible. Thank you.

Brad Shurmantine

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 11:15 AM Clerk <clerk@cityofnapa.org> wrote:

Good Morning,

Thank you for providing us with your name, phone number, and agenda item number below.

A representative from the City Clerk's Office will call you this evening to connect you to the Council meeting to allow you to provide your comments to the Council via telephone. You will be called once the item is being heard and the Mayor has asked for public comment.

Please remember to turn down the audio on your computer or TV in order to reduce any feedback noise. You will have 3 minutes to provide your comments and a buzzer will sound at 30 seconds alerting you to wrap up, and will sound again at the 3-minute mark alerting you your time is up.

If you have any other questions, then please let us know. Thank you!

Caitlin Saldanha

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From: Brad Shurmantine <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Clerk <clerk@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: Agenda Item 13A

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Sir,

I would like to call in this evening during the virtual City Council meeting in support of Agenda Item Number 13A.

My name is Brad Shurmantine, and my phone number is [REDACTED]

I have timed my remarks and they are less than 2 minutes long.

I will be on-line, monitoring the meeting, with my cell phone at hand.

Please let me know if there is anything further I need to do.

Thank you,

Brad Shurmantine

I am speaking in support of Agenda Item Number 13A, which would create a safety & privacy buffer around the Napa health center. Napa citizens using the health center should have their privacy and feelings respected, which is not currently the case. Other citizens who have adopted a certain theology believe they have the right to impede, harass, and intimidate people who use the health center. I urge the City Council to adopt ordinance changes that will protect the rights of all Napa citizens.

I was born and raised Catholic and I respect the beliefs of those who currently protest; I understand that they seek to prevent others from falling into sin; they seek to save souls. Good for them; they should keep doing so. We should all try to be as good and as kind to each other as possible. However, these protesters are driven primarily by theological concerns, and in effect they are working hard to impose their theology on the rest of us. We often hear loud complaints, often from religious conservatives, about “outsiders” who are trying to impose “Sharia Law” on the rest of us. That’s a horrible, fearful thing to do, unless you happen to be Christian, in which case it seems to be perfectly OK to foist your theological prohibitions on the rest of us. Well, it’s not OK.

We live in a secular nation, where every theology has a right to exist, but no theology has a right to impose itself on others. The ordinance changes do not prevent the protesters from protesting; they merely need to move away a little, provide a little space, so people using the clinic feel safe and respected. This is quite reasonable.

I trust that City Council members, who no doubt have their own theological beliefs, will understand that this is not at all a matter of theology but a simple measure that will allow all citizens to act freely in accordance with their personal beliefs, as guaranteed by our Constitution. Thank you.

From: [Sally Sheehan-Brown](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Comment to Council for August 18 - Please read
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:53:10 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Regarding Agenda item 13A

I have been involved with Planned Parenthood Northern California as staff and as a volunteer since 1980. I was Manager of the Napa Center from 1989 to 1998. During those years we were subject to weekly protests and harassment from protesters. We had dangerous encounters on a regular basis including children standing in our driveway. The clinic received a serious bomb threat to staff and building in 1995 that required federal agents from ATF providing investigation and support. During those years we received minimal and inconsistent support from local law enforcement. The safety of the clients, staff and as well as the protestors was of constant concern.

I have been a volunteer as a Clinic Escort for the last few years. Though I am very happy to see much has improved, some interactions involving the protesters and clients are still concerning. I encourage the Council to support the revision to the city ordinance as well as the implementation of a buffer zone. These additional improvements would continue to ensure the safety of all those involved.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sally Sheehan-Brown

[REDACTED]

From: Robert Plummer
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: FW: Revised less than 500 word letter

Robert Plummer
Chief of Police

Police Department, City of Napa
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-----Original Message-----

From: Lynn Hill <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:06 PM
To: Robert Plummer <rplummer@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: Revised less than 500 word letter

[EXTERNAL]

Comment to Council for August 18, 2020 #13 on agenda

City Council Meeting- Please read:

Dear Chief of Police Robert Plummer,
I am a retired Kindergarten/First Grade teacher who taught 24 years at Snow School. Every student was precious to me, even the challenging ones. It was a joy to get them started on their education. I tried to instill in them a love and respect for themselves, their peers, their parents and families, and others. It was a very worthwhile occupation for me.

I'm thankful that their parents gave them the chance to survive and do something with their lives. Maybe they weren't all successful, but they were able to make choices for themselves, and many have been a benefit to their family, friends, and a joy to me, with all the wonderful memories to recall.

I believe life begins at conception and that each life is valuable and truly a gift from God. Raising three children of my own was challenging at times, but the satisfaction far exceeds the heartaches. Mothers who become pregnant need to be aware of the support available to them during their pregnancies and after the birth of their child.

I have walked and prayed in front of Planned Parenthood several times, never feeling like a protester. My behavior has never been a threat to anyone. I was either by myself, with one other person, or with a group of people. We wanted to pray for the women who felt there may only be one solution to an unexpected pregnancy.

While I walked and prayed, people in cars would honk and wave and others would sometimes flip us off and curse at us. We just continued to walk and pray. One time, an employee was leaving at the end of her shift, and my friend and I were the only ones walking in front of the building, and we smiled and moved to get out of her way as she passed by. Two police officers showed up soon after to tell us they had received a call to report that we were blocking an employee from leaving the building. They had seen us walking and praying the Rosary as they approached, so they had a sense that it was a false report. I'm not one for confrontations, and avoid arguments, especially with strangers. I have only seen peaceful and prayerful people each time I have been in front of Planned Parenthood and at the Walk for Life in San Francisco each year.

So I'm hoping we can continue to pray in front of Planned Parenthood, to ask God to touch the lives of all who enter the building, and to be of any assistance to clients who question us, and may not be aware of other alternatives for them and the life they carry inside them.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reading this letter.

Sincerely,
Lynn Hill

Sent from my iPad

From: Laurie Buurma <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Robert Plummer
Cc: Clerk
Subject: 40 days for Life

Categories: Unverified Contact

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Chief Plummer:

I participate in the 40 Days for Life prayer campaigns, and have done so for seven about 10 years. I have never observed anyone I was praying with disobeying any laws.

We have always peacefully and quietly assembled, most of us carrying signs and/or talking or singing quietly. Only once has a customer walked out of PP and asked me why I was there, and I could gently explain.

Over the years, I have witnessed water bottles thrown at me a couple times, and the occasional driver who drives by shouting obscenities at us or showing us the middle finger. The more common reaction in recent years, if there is any reaction at all, is a friendly horn honk and wave or thumbs up.

I'm sure that Planned Parenthood prefers it when we are not there, but in that we are exercising our First Amendment right to peacefully assemble on the sidewalk without obstructing anyone's ingress or egress, without harassing anyone, in order to pray, and to bring to light with signs about the truth of what abortion is, Planned Parenthood has no right to request that those rights be infringed or restricted in any way.

Thank you!
Laurie Buurma

Laurie Buurma
Real Estate Professional

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From: Eva Hernandez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Robert Plummer
Cc: Clerk
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18,2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING -PLEASE READ
REFERENCE AGENDA ITEM #13

Categories: Unverified Contact

[EXTERNAL]

To whom it may concern this letter is to advocate for 40 Days for Life. My name is Eva Hernandez Rubalcava. I worked for Napa Planned Parenthood about 9 years. I could say that in those 9 years 40 Days for life were outside of Planned Parenthood praying in a peaceful manner. The lead MR. Ron Maxon was there praying outside Planned Parenthood everyday he was kind respectful and would always smile. That made me feel good. They never violated any law. To me it was a blessing and just felt good to know that they were out there praying for me and for everyone that worked there and for the end of abortion. I worked there blindly I thought I was doing a great job providing abortion services for women. In 2014 deep in my heart I started to feel that this was not the place for me but I felt trapped in darkness. But I did not feel alone because I knew I had so many prayer warriors outside Planned Parenthood praying for me. Especially so close, I feel that if they were had been 40 feet aside I would have not felt protected. No one ever broke the law, no one ever said anything derogatory or offensive. I had women actually tell me that they had change their minds of having an abortion and continued their pregnancy because 40 days For Life had helped them and had guided them in the right direction, such as finding a prenatal care provider, psychologist, counselors and even place to live. Also finding all resources that they needed and of course prayer. As time past by I started to have pain in both of my arms. The doctors could not find what was wrong. Some would say it was carpal tunnel and could not agree. As I started to grow in my faith. I would cry to God asking him for guidance. Lots of spiritual things happened to me and earthly angels were sent to me. I started to feel confused I was not sure that this was the place for me to work, I felt lots of pain in my arms, medically, emotionally and mentally I could not work there anymore. God is so wonderful and he opened my eyes. One day I saw a ultrasound the baby was 7 weeks and I was always told a pregnancy was a fetus a blob of tissue but not this baby, This baby was moving his hands his heart was beating so fast. That's were I realized that it was a baby and it was going to die with the abortion pill. How crazy was that I thought to myself. I just could not be there any longer. By the grace of God. God had orchestrated everything and December 12, 2015 was my last day working for Planned Parenthood.

All I have to say is that I felt protected by having 40 days for life being so close to me was just great. I deeply feel that if they are far from clients. Meaning far from were they are know lots of life's are going to be in danger. The life of the mother as of the baby. People already feel that they are alone, and I feel that it is very important that people continue to pray outside (in front) Planned Parenthood close were women and men and teenagers can get all the information they need at a hands reach. No one is pushing anyone into not having an abortion or implementing religious believes. We are here to help out anyone who is feeling confused. We give out information resources. So women and Men and teens have all information and can help them decide what they think its best for them.

I my self have prayed outside Napa Planned Parenthood. Please take this letter into consideration.

sincerely,
Eva Hernandez Rubalcava
Life advocate, Public Speaker
To End Abortion.

[REDACTED]

From: Eva Hernandez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Robert Plummer; Clerk
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18,2020 @ CITY COUNCIL MEETING_PLEASE
READ REFERENCE AGENDA ITEM3 13

Categories: Unverified Contact

[EXTERNAL]

To whom it may concern,I'am sending this email on behalf of a teeneager who wants to be anonymous and would like me to share her story.

I was 15 years old when I found out I was pregnant. Confused and scared I went to Napa Planned Parenthood. I did not need a Parent consent to go in. I got a pregnancy test and was positive. I was offered an abortion. I did not know what to do. I saw people praying outside later I learned it was 40 days For Life.

I was told I did not need a parent consent to have an abortion. I was scared I wanted to continue my pregnancy. But I had no support. I agreed to get an abortion and they scheduled me for a Friday afternoon.

As I passed the people that were praying outside Planned Parenthood I felt good cause they were praying. I went home and waited for my abortion appointment. The day came I was scared . I walked towards Planned Parenthood and there was a lady and a man praying. They smiled and asked if it was ok to give me some pamphlets I agreed and I asked what they were praying for. They told me they were praying for the end of abortion. I was surprised and I finally had the courage to tell them I was there for an abortion I was about 7 weeks in gestation. They kindly asked if they could pray for me and the baby , I agreed and I felt cared for, I felt there was hope. They gave all resources. I decided to continue my pregnancy. Today my baby is 3 weeks old. I am so thankful that people were outside Napa planned Parenthood praying. And they were close at my reach. Please help them stay where they are for many teens could feel lost and 40 days for life could really help them alot.

Sincerely,

A teen who felt lost.

Thank You 40 days for life!!!!!!

[REDACTED]

From: Maureen Thoits <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Robert Plummer; Clerk
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING -- PLEASE READ

Categories: Unverified Contact

[EXTERNAL]

Reference: Agenda Item #13

Dear Mr. Plummer,

I would like to comment on the issue of whether or not Planned Parenthood should be allowed a 40 foot buffer zone in order to prevent

the peaceful and prayerful presence of 40 Days for Life participants. I have been a participant myself, for all the years it has been going, and I

have only witnessed affability and kindness. To participate, we had to sign an agreement not to argue with, raise our voices at, or

block the path of Planned Parenthood clients, etc. The 40 Days for Life Campaigns were unique in that, unlike other protest groups, there would

be people either conversing quietly, praying while walking, or silently holding signs--ones that had the message "Pray To End Abortion", or that

showed babies, alive and happy (not the graphic ones!) There was often a participant who would offer leaflets to the ladies, always politely,

always asking permission first before doing so.

Peaceful presence and prayer, making available information helpful to women in crisis; these activities are what the First Amendment was created

for. People have the right to come together and collectively express, promote, pursue, and defend their collective ideas, be they unpopular or not.

And those who take part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign are not working for money or political gain. They have the conviction of what is good

in their hearts, and they give generously of their time, talent and treasure to defend it, the Right to Life for all people, especially the ones who

cannot defend themselves.

“It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door.”

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Fwd: City Council Napa meeting this evening
Categories: Unverified Contact

[EXTERNAL]

-----Original Message-----

I would like to express my deep disagreement with your decision to impose a distance between the 40 Days for Life campaign participants and the Planned Parenthood clinic.

I would appreciate you taking into consideration my request.

Claire Bocek

[REDACTED]

From: Kelly Decker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Comment to Council for Aug 18, please read Agenda item 13A

Categories: Unverified Contact

[EXTERNAL]

Comment for August 18, Agenda Item 13 A please read

Dear Members of the Council,

I am a PPNorCal patient escort, my name is Kelly Decker, and I can attest that the presence of protestors outside the Napa health center has consistently generated safety concerns caused by blockages to the public right-of-way. The fall 2020 40 Days for Life protests begin in late September, and that means many unmasked protestors will impact patient safety and put more folks at risk during the height of COVID-19. I urge you to consider a vote of support for these proposed ordinance changes. Healthcare is a private matter and patients should not have to risk their safety or be harassed or molested while trying to obtain life-saving screenings or access to medicines or treatments.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kelly Decker

[REDACTED]

Napa, CA 94559

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Linda Geyer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: 13A

Categories: Unverified Contact

[EXTERNAL]

I walk to work and always have to cross over because they put out chairs and a table with materials there is little room to walk through there gauntlet Last I knew it was illegal to set up chairs on a sidewalk without a parade that had a permit. Protestors need to be walking not standing or sitting to prohibit those who are just walking. What about the truck parked with posters so big you need to pull way out to get a clear view of Jefferson stree if your in a car.
Thanks for your support

Linda Geyer
Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Carolyn Regan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Robert Plummer; Clerk
Cc: napavlycofl@gmail.com
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE READ. Reference Agenda Item #13A

Categories: Domain in Review

[EXTERNAL]

Officer Plummer and the County Clerk,

I have been made aware that tonight's Napa city council meeting is going to discuss putting a 40-foot buffer zone restriction on 40 Days for Life participants who pray in front of Planned Parenthood and various abortion facilities in Napa County.

Please stop right now and recognize that this is an infringement on citizens' Constitutional rights to assemble and rights of free speech! Planned Parenthood and their ilk would love nothing more than to shut down free speech from those who oppose the killing of unborn children. What about the right of unborn children to "LIFE, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"? We the People are trying to defend the rights of the unborn children by offering abortion-minded mothers options and resources to help her with her unplanned, crisis pregnancy.

NO LAWS ARE BEING VIOLATED!!! I've been a participant in 40 Days for Life in Northern California and can attest that people are PEACEFUL and PRAYERFUL and kind. If a woman wants her abortion, she has that legal right and NO ONE will stop her.

However, many of these women and men aren't given the resources to help them carry their pregnancies to term by Planned Parenthood because PP is motivated by money and profits and not the well-being of the mother and certainly not of the child in her womb.

I've witnessed first-hand how women (and many times their partners, husbands, boyfriends) have been relieved and thankful for our presence. If there is a 40-foot buffer zone, Planned Parenthood will win in their goal of securing the MONEY for the abortion procedure without regard to the mental and physical health of their "patients".

Bottom line: a 40-foot buffer zone is a breach of our Constitutional right of free and peaceful assembly!

Please respect our rights and the rights of women to be able to receive love, support and information that Planned Parenthood doesn't offer.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue. Please be courageous in defending our rights.

Carolyn Regan

From: M W <margaretwigger [REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 18 - PLEASE READ, AGENDA NUMBER 13A

Categories: Unverified Contact

[EXTERNAL]

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Margaret Wigger, I am a lifetime resident of Napa, and a volunteer with the escort program for Planned Parenthood here in Napa. I am writing to you tonight in reference to agenda item number 13A, and to ask you to please adopt the two new city ordinances being proposed for the health and safety of Napa residents.

As someone who has been harassed and intimidated by the protestors outside of Planned Parenthood myself, I felt it important to help others be able to safely access these services, so I joined the Northern California Planned Parenthood escort service. While volunteering as an escort, these protestors were attempting to follow and block patients, pass out incorrect and damaging information to them, and violating City ordinances and laws. On my first day escorting, a gentleman had to be told by Napa Police to move his vehicle as it had been there for longer than was allowed. About the third or fourth time I volunteered, a young girl was almost in tears as I walked her back to her car because of the presence and harassment by these protestors right outside of the Planned Parenthood doors.

Everyone has the right to free speech, and while I do not agree with these protestors, I acknowledge their right to protest. **However, healthcare is also a human right.** Patients of Planned Parenthood, often young or low-income individuals trying to get preventative health care, are being negatively impacted by their actions. It is for this reason that I am asking you all to please adopt the two new ordinances being discussed tonight (a revision to ordinance 12.68.020 and the creation of the 25-foot buffer zone outside of the entrance to Planned Parenthood). By approving these ordinances you would be saying and showing that you support people's right to access necessary healthcare and make a direct impact on the health and safety of Napa's residents.

Please take these comments into consideration as you make your decision tonight. Thank you for your time,

Margaret Wigger

From: Eva Hernandez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 5:43 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Council city of napa 8/18/2020

Categories: Unverified Contact

[EXTERNAL]

This was sent to me from a 16 year old teen who has a good story to share! This is why we need 40 days for life close to Planned Parenthood! It's in Spanish!

Hola mi nombre es Alondra yo tengo 16 anos y ya tuve a mi bebe me embareze a los quince anos yo me sentía muy asustada porque con la primera persona que tuve relaciones en octubre yo si di mi consentimiento pero lo nuestro no funsenio y estuve en una relación con alguien mas en noviembre yo nunca quise tener relaciones y estuve muy asustada porque me trataba mal cuando le dije que estaba embarazada y no savia de quien es pero me tuve que embarazar en octubre so me relaje mas cuando me dijo el doctor eso y por eso estoy con el que estuve en octubre y me trata mejor que el otro pero aun punto yo quise abortar y ya no sabia que ser me sentía asustada de que me iva ser algo con el que estuve en noviembre porque me trataba mal y ise una cita en planned parenthood nos que yo quise abortar es por como me trataba y cuando fui era como si diosito me mando 2 angelitos para decir me que no estoy sola y esa pareja realmente me cambio y mi pensamiento tambien y yo no quiero que los vayan a quitar a los que se ponen a rezar enfrente de planned parenthood porque ellos si cambian vidas y yo quiero que se queden no que se vayan porque ellos me ayudaron a mi y yo se que las jovensitas que son de mi edad o menores o mas grandes como adultas yo quiero que se sientan seguras y queno se sientan solas porque un bebe es realmente una grande bendición!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Herman Soon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 5:55 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Comment to council August 18 PLEASE READ agenda item 13A

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[EXTERNAL]

There is a group of folks who pull in Jaguars and Escalades protesting the use of Planned Parenthood by members of our community to health services. They annoy and sometimes hinder access

They spread disinformation
and intimidate the clients.

13A is supposed to prevent sitting a lying on the sidewalks. I urge passage to prevent a group of people who do notice but sit and lie all day.

Thank you

Herman Soon

From: Howard Haupt [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:05 PM
To: Robert Plummer; Clerk
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUG. 18 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE READ

Categories: Unverified Contact

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Chief and Council,

Thanks for the opportunity to present my thoughts and perspectives on this issue, Agenda item #13A.

As Co-Director of 40 Days for Life for 12 years, I can speak with experience and authority. The international 40 DFL movement is the world's largest coordinated campaign to end abortion locally through prayer & fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

It has gained a remarkable momentum because it speaks to the heart and conscience of people in over 1,000 cities and 63 countries. Napa is one of these cities.

It has saved over 17,000 lives that we know of; 206 abortion workers have quit their jobs; and 107 abortion centers have closed where there was a 40 DFL group present.

I served 27 years in the U. S. Air Force, having given the oath to "uphold and defend the Constitution". Now I am finding myself denied of the very rights I was sworn to protect! By extension, my duty to protect the innocent and voiceless is equally compelling.

Our purpose is clear - to change the hearts and minds of fellow citizens through a peaceful prayer presence in front of a business whose ultimate objective is the death of an unborn child.

For the past 12 years we have carried out our peaceful mission of silent prayer and vigil on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood.

However, there exists a misperceptions of our purpose and activities due to biased reporting and exaggerated claims of "blocking" or "harassment". This information is not true, and the photo evidence collected by PP will bear this out. Our sign-in requirement contains a "Pledge of Peace" that prohibits such actions.

A typical scenario would be a PP phone complaint of 40 DFL people blocking the sidewalk, whereas in reality it is 2-3 people stopping to chat for a moment. Clients and escorts then would have to step around on a 10 ft - wide sidewalk. Police arrive to find no evidence. However, the complaint is documented and becomes part of a file that ultimately could be used in a frivolous case against 40 DFL. I see this as misleading and a wasteful misuse of police resources.

Chief Plummer, you and I had discussed this issue last spring when the question of a possible buffer zone arose, and we agreed there should be a diplomatic solution. After you handed it over to one of your lieutenants, the discussions continued along the same lines and were conducted with mutual respect. COVID then intervened.

If after the hearings the Council unfortunately determines to establish a buffer zone, litigation would probably follow. This would be unfortunate, because neither the City nor 40 DFL really want to go there.

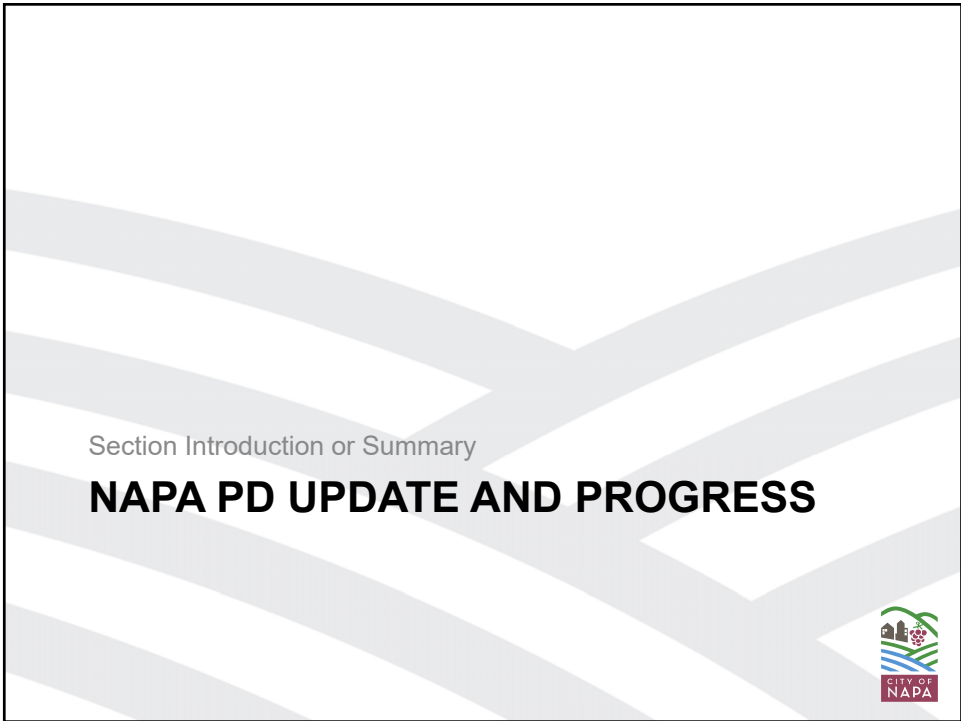
An agreeable solution must protect our First Amendment rights Thank you.

Howard Haupt
40 Days for Life/Napa

Sent from my iPad



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UPDATE AND PROGRESS

- **Defensive Tactics**
- **Technology**
- **Community Engagement.**



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DEFENSIVE TACTICS

- **Completed a five-year review of Use of Force**
- **The training unit is working on a quarterly Defensive Tactics training program.**
 - **Cover non-deadly force training**
 - **Discuss CIT updates**
 - **Shoot don't shoot technology**
 - **Wellness and Physical Fitness Training**



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TECHNOLOGY

- **Mark43 program that will track CIT and improve our Use of Force tracking and transparency**
- **UAV Program**
- **Expanded camera program**



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Community Engagement

- **Monthly radio appearance to discuss topics about policing in the community**
- **Partnering with College to discuss training programs that build on yearly ethnicity and cultural awareness training.**
 - **Cultural Awareness and specialty needs awareness**
- **Continue to work with PCC**
- **Community Police Advisory Committee**



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CPAC

- **CPAC would review and make recommendations to the Police Department**
 - Policies & Procedures
 - Problem Solving
 - Community relation strategies
- **Mayor and City Council input.**



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QUESTIONS

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