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May 14, 2024

Mayor Acquanetta Warrens  
City of Fontana  
8353 Sierra Ave.,  
Fontana, CA 92335

RE: "Emergency Ordinance" moratorium

Dear Mayor Warren and Councilmembers:

Today, I join with Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino County (PPOSBC) in requesting the termination of the "Emergency Ordinance" moratorium to allow PPOSBC to begin construction of a long-planned health center in the City of Fontana.

The need for this center is underscored by the need for community health facilities across the Inland Empire. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), residents of San Bernardino County exhibit disproportionately higher rates of sexually transmitted infections compared to the national average. Planned Parenthood's comprehensive services, encompassing treatment for sexually transmitted infections, cancer screenings, sexual health education, and reproductive healthcare are vital in addressing this pressing public health concern.

With 30.5% of Fontana residents either uninsured or reliant on Medi-Cal, and with projections indicating a 50% increase in residents living below the federal poverty level over the next decade, the necessity for accessible healthcare services cannot be overstated.

Planned Parenthood's commitment to a no-turn-away policy will ensure access to healthcare for Fontana's low-income and uninsured population. The proposed Planned Parenthood Center would result in an increase of 36,000 annual medical visits.

In light of these considerations, I urge your support to terminate the "Emergency Ordinance" moratorium, providing the residents of Fontana the access to healthcare services they so rightfully deserve.

Thank you for your immediate consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this matter at my District Office at (909) 381-4100.

Sincerely,



ELOISE GÓMEZ REYES

Majority Leader Emerita, 50th District

Cc: Mayor Pro Tem Peter Garcia, Councilmember Jesse Sandoval, Councilmember Phillip Cothran, and Councilmember John Roberts

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