

• *AGENDA ITEM 5A. LA CITY EFFORT TO PRESERVE ABORTION CARE AFTER DOBBS
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- Amending this motion ensures *all* people who can become pregnant are included in our language regarding pregnancy healthcare.
- Published findings indicate that non-inclusive language creates additional barriers for marginalized individuals seeking care.

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- “Solely referencing cisgender women in the context of sexual and reproductive health – particular pregnancy planning and care – excludes a diverse group of transgender and gender nonbinary people.”

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- Gender-inclusive language relative to pregnancy has already been adopted by
 - Human Rights Campaign (HRC)
 - American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
 - Planned Parenthood
 - Human Rights Watch
 - Midwives Alliance for North America
 - American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
 - Family Equality Council
 - GLAAD



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- "We understand the fear of erasure. But we don't win the fight for women by erasing others who also lack a place/name/voice... Language can create inclusivity and build community."¹

Similar arguments existed when Birth Certificate language changed from Mother/Father to Parent/Parent, and when Marriage Certificate language changed from Husband/Wife to Spouse/Spouse.

¹Indra. "Position Statement on Gender Inclusive Language." Midwives Alliance North America. September 9, 2015. Available at: <https://mana.org/healthcare-policy/position-statement-on-gender-inclusive-language>