

Jennifer Clements

From: Becky Garza
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Dan Pope
Cc: Courtney Paz; Jennifer Clements
Subject: RE: City Council Public Hearing Nov 17 2020 my comments AGAINST proposed "sanctuary city" ordinance

Thank you. We will include this with the other citizen comment emails we have received (330+ so far).

From: Dan Pope [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:01 AM
To: Becky Garza [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: City Council Public Hearing Nov 17 2020 my comments AGAINST proposed "sanctuary city" ordinance

Dan Pope
Mayor
City of Lubbock
806-775-2050

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mary Crites [REDACTED]
Date: November 16, 2020
To: Dan Pope [REDACTED] >, Juan Chadis [REDACTED], Jeff Griffith <[REDACTED]>, Steve Massengale [REDACTED], [REDACTED] >, Latrelle Joy [REDACTED] >, Shelia Patterson Harris [REDACTED] >, Randy Christian [REDACTED]
Subject: City Council Public Hearing Nov 17 2020 my comments AGAINST proposed "sanctuary city" ordinance

Hello,

My name is Mary Crites and I live at 4617 8th St, Lubbock, TX 79416.

In an effort to do my part to reduce the spread of COVID- 19, I will not be attending the public hearing scheduled for this Tuesday night. However I do want to be heard on this important matter. Please have my comments read during the hearing as I feel very strongly that the council and public should hear from citizens who do NOT support the proposed ordinance that would create a "sanctuary city" and effectively ban abortion in Lubbock. This is a thinly veiled attempt to deny women their legal right to this necessary and legal medical procedure. I fully support and was pleased with the City Council's previous decision to not act on this proposed ordinance. This is not a city issue. The decision about when or if an abortion should occur is deeply personal and should be between your constituent and their physician. Locally

elected government officials should not be creating policy that conflicts or interferes with this personal decision and with established law.

The proposal to essentially ban abortion by creating a “sanctuary city” will waste city funds legally defending this policy. I would prefer our tax dollars be used for legitimate city functions such as parks, libraries and the local health department who is currently doing a yeoman’s job managing the COVID-19 crisis here in Lubbock.

I strongly urge the city council to vote against adopting this ordinance.

Respectfully,

Mary K. Crites, AIA

ARCHITECT

Lubbock, Texas



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Comments to be read:

To the Mayor and City Council of Lubbock:

I am sending this email because I do not feel it is wise for me to attend the Council meeting in person due to the widespread community outbreak of COVID-19. I regret not being able to address the council in person.

I want to express my opposition to passing a Sanctuary for the Unborn ordinance. I realize that the petition submitted by Charles Perry and other supporters have forced the issue despite your attempts to explain the legal complexity involved.

I had hoped that by the Council's getting an outside legal opinion, the group would drop their attempt, but instead, they submitted a legal petition. Now they are forcing each of you to vote on an issue that is likely unconstitutional unless/until *Roe v. Wade* is overturned. Abortion is still a legal medical procedure in the U.S., though each state has varying restrictions.

There are several reasons to vote no on this Sanctuary ordinance. First is the obvious legal issues and the expense of a law suit which will surely be filed against the city, if passed. As for the private enforcement aspect of the ordinance, allowing private citizens to sue doctors and/or clinics who perform legal abortions, that is quite problematic.

Second, such an ordinance will cause further division in Lubbock when we are in the midst of a pandemic and have recently concluded a divisive national election. We need to be pulling together, not fighting over the issue of reproductive rights within our city limits. If some people complain that wearing a mask is a threat to their freedom; then what about controlling women's reproductive decisions?

Third, passing this ordinance will bring negative publicity to Lubbock, and major companies will not look favorably on a city which tries to restrict the freedom of women and to usurp the federal courts. There is a reason no large city has passed such an ordinance. Would the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce market this ordinance in their national recruitment advertising? Would Texas Tech?

Fourth, the Constitution set up a secular government. That was the first thing I taught to my American government classes. We do not have theocratic government at any level — city, county, state or national. People are free to have diverse religious views but those views should not be codified into law. Some pro-life advocates want to force their

beliefs on everyone. Pro-choice advocates allow people to make individual choices. Separation of church and state protects the freedom of both entities.

After the required public hearing, please carefully consider the many ramifications before you cast your vote on this ordinance. I encourage you to vote NO.

Sincerely,

Grace Rogers

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Jennifer Clements

From: Kathryn Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 6:59 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Public Hearing 11/17/2020

Good evening council members,

I would like to express my opposition and concern regarding the proposed ordinance regarding anti-abortion propaganda. This is an unconstitutional petition that is outside the scope of the Lubbock City Council's responsibilities, and does not reflect the entirety of the Lubbock population's system of beliefs. Please reject this ordinance as inappropriate, unenforceable, and ill-conceived.

Lubbock has the opportunity to be a model for the surrounding West Texas communities to show how differing political and religious values can function in healthy and prosperous cooperation.

Please elect not to vote on this ordinance which only satisfies a small enclave of the city of Lubbock that chooses judgement and shame over tolerance, acceptance, and support in this incredibly personal and difficult decision with which many women are forced to reckon.

Thank you in advance for providing equal representation for all members of this city.

Cheers,
Katie Smith
[2604 25th Street](#)

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Jennifer Clements

From: Carol Douglass <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Sanctuary city

I am opposed to the city council naming Lubbock as a sanctuary city. This is not the duty of a city council. Please follow legal council's opinion and vote no.

I believe that it nears violation of US Supreme Court law as well.

Thank you

Carol Douglass

Sent from my iPad

Jennifer Clements

From: Nick Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Please do not consider the anti-abortion ordinance

Dear Lubbock City Council Members,

I am writing to voice my support for the City Council's decision to not act on the anti-abortion ordinance. As you know, abortion procedures are legal medical procedures in the United States of America. It is out of the purview of the Council to make medical decisions on behalf of their constituents. Please refrain from participating in this act of political theatre and do not consider the proposed ordinance.

Thank you,
Nick Smith
Constituent of Lubbock, TX District 3

Jennifer Clements

From: Linda Shough [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, Nove
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: anti-abortion petition

I support the City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance. It is outside the purview of council concerns. Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents. And women have a right to decide what happens with their bodies. If men would stay with women and not abandon them with babies, this would not be an issue.

Linda Shough
1904 64th St
Lubbock, TX 79412

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Allison Wright <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 5:25 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. An abortion is a personal decision and the city of Lubbock cannot dictate to a woman what she can or cannot do with her body. Access to a safe and legal abortion is guaranteed under Roe V Wade and to take away access will only cause people to travel further or seek illegal means for an abortion.

Sincerely,
Allison Wright
6720 28th St Lubbock, TX 79407-2866
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Hunter Nasato
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 6:06 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

Lubbock residents and those in surrounding counties who rely on our city for high quality healthcare need to be able to trust the care they are receiving here. A local ban on abortion, while largely symbolic in nature due to conflicting state and federal policies, would still be a direct attack on the those who seek care at facilities within Lubbock. This politically motivated ban does not take the health and well-being of our residents into consideration at all. Residents of Lubbock deserve respect in making their own medically informed decisions about their own bodies. Healthcare providers in Lubbock have enough to worry about with the overwhelming number of COVID cases within the county and they should not be further burdened with a ban that would attempt to place an attack on them for providing safe and legal abortion services to their patients. Lubbock should remain known for its easy access to high-quality healthcare for rural Texans. A local abortion ban would strip the city of this recognition and act as a message to residents that our city does not value their health or their lives. I deeply care for the Lubbock community and know the city council does as well, which is why I urge you to not pass this ban.

Sincerely,
Hunter Nasato
2003 31st St Lubbock, TX 79411-1811
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Brianna Ross [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

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I'm going to be frank. Dismissing the science behind fetal growth to enact an abortion ban in the city whilst continuing to large impact the community negatively with animal agriculture, lack of recycling of all plastics, and such things as payment for compost, and lack of education on how we can best help with issues that affect everyone is incredibly one sided. Yes! Abortion is harsh! It's not meant to be easy! Yet, in the SAME breath you're very willing to hunt and kill other animals whom are actually conscious of their life, with actual hearts that beat and ability to know of their life and feel pain (unlike the fetus whom has not been proven to feel pain pre-20 weeks development). You say it's for survival and their life is not equal to yours, yet you dismiss ALL the environmental studies saying the COMPLETE opposite. We would assume you would know the nuances of life as you understand the harshness of hunting and animals agriculture. Even with our knowledge of the animals and the impact on our environment, you'd think we'd understand the nuances by now yet, it's ignored. So, since you do not want to pay attention, I'll be one to make you listen. Lubbock cannot truly pride itself on education and forward thinking with this stagnant mindset. Science even notes that without balance, honesty, and integrity, you will not continue to survive. This included understanding harsh ambiguous moments like abortion. On top of being one of the cities with the highest rate of unwanted births, STDS, whilst priding itself on abstinence education (when there's plenty of evidence showing that sexual education providing in-depth education about sex being the best in outcome) is beyond hypocritical. Again, abortions are harsh, but so is the killing of a animal for food, destroying land for crops and housing, etc. Should it be done at such a large rate? No! Yet, to an extent, it's needed. Unplanned pregnancy is NOT good for local money expenditures and is INCREDIBLY unfair to the growing conscious of a growing fetus whom DID NOT ask to be here. Let's be crank again. The fetus is a product of SEX! We have no way of knowing anything beyond that. But! We do know what will happen if we force pregnancies in unplanned situations without proper education on sex (this includes not only having schools to teach it but the TYPE of education as well). So what does this mean? FIRST, work on PREVENTION and understand that even in that, some things while happen that are out of our control. What's out of the control of the northern/father is whether the growing fetus is whether it asked to be here. We do know that what we have in our control is proper housing, education, medical care, food, etc. that prevent unwanted pregnancies and lower rate of abortion. Will it stop them? No! Absolutes are really true. The only one I can think of is death (to be brutally honest). His leads back to the example used before (I.e. animal agriculture, access to more renewable energies, composting etc). Will we stop all cutting down of trees or the killing of other animal life? No! Again, unrealistic. So, it will just happen less. It won't be totally stopped, but thinking in such rigid ways is what GOT us here. Flexibility and proper education with empathy and humanity in mind (not judgment based on an unrealistic moral high ground) will get us to a probable goal. I urge you to

think about this REALISTICALLY and remove the idealism before coming to such the aforementioned conclusion of banning abortion

Sincerely,

Brianna Ross

1711 E 28th St Lubbock, TX 79404-2003



Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Tracy Musgrove
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 6:38 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. The number one reason that I support birth control and access to healthcare is because I was a public school teacher for 23 years and have seen too, too many unwanted and unloved children that should never have had to have been born. Their parents were just too young and didn't know any better and they made their children's lives absolutely miserable! It was not done on purpose mind you, it happened because babies are having babies. You should have to take a parenting class like the one I had to take in Georgia to get divorced before you should be allowed to have children, seriously. The children should NOT have to suffer because the parents and/or grandparents do not have the means or the where-with-all to love and nourish the child's mental health as much as its' physical health while it is growing up. I've seen too much sadness and sorrow which were a direct result of problems in society today because we don't do a better job preventing unwanted pregnancies in the first place. Of course abortion is a terrible thing to have to choose, but the child suffering a miserable life and ending up in jail or addicted to drugs is worse. All of the conservatives scream about "Pro-Life", but they are only concerned about the baby until it is born. After that, they vote to take money away from the children and the services that could help the child thrive. IF you have issues with abortions that is understandable, but if you do, then you need to at least provide the monetary support in the budget that would be necessary to take care of ALL of these unwanted children correctly! Did you know in Texas some 700 kids a day enter the foster care system?! So that is NOT an option, and I was mortified to learn that number! Not to mention since social funding is always being cut, by the so called conservatives, the social workers already have too much to do without adding any more! As a teacher I saw all of the foster care children and the orphaned children and it was not usually a happy thing. Usually the child has too many issues to count, as teachers we do everything we can to help and support them but we have too many to deal with too! I hope you are mortified by this information enough to do something productive about it! Provide FREE, untethered, birth control and reproductive healthcare to ALL so that the children will not have to continue to suffer like they do now, please! I am begging you! Think of the children and not of the parents who were just too dumb to protect from unwanted pregnancy. The cost of raising a child properly, with the bare minimum of necessities is like \$300,000 from birth to age 18, and the first year costs about \$55,000. It is WAY cheaper to provide free birth control to any & all, AND, then the babies and children would not have no one to care or love them on a daily basis! One day I saw my son in the lunch line and hugged him. Then I saw the next kid in line raised his arms for a hug, so I hugged him. It turned into me hugging some 600 kids! They don't even get hugs! I agree that abortion is a terrible choice, but after having seen the results of how the children suffer, I think free birth control is the most

merciful and most economically sound choice possible. All of society would benefit from only happy, healthy, WANTED children because they grow up to be happy healthy responsible adult citizens. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tracy Musgrove

3824 Erskine St Apt 46A Lubbock, TX 79415-2737 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of John Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 7:45 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
John Smith
519 N Flint Ave Lubbock, TX 79415-2221
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Allie Smith
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 7:57 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Allie Smith
5001 104th St Lubbock, TX 79424-6393
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Stanley Thornton
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 9:03 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

Abortion is health care. It is legal. By attempting to ban abortion in our city, you are depriving your citizens of access to potentially life saving medical care. Pregnancy is frighteningly dangerous; the day of delivery being the most dangerous day of a woman's life. My job as an anesthesiologist puts me on the front lines of the battle to save women's lives on that day. There are thousands of possible scenarios of maternal and fetal medical issues which have termination of the pregnancy as the only way to save the mother's life. It is not the role of any group of "concerned" citizens or mainly male officials to insert themselves into a conversation between a patient and her physician. We men need to step away from this issue.

Sincerely,
Stanley Thornton
12004 Vicksburg Ave Lubbock, TX 79424-7745 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mickey Jones
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:59 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

What a woman decides to do with her own body should be between her, her Dr., and her God!! No govt. should have a say so in her decision!!

Sincerely,
Mickey Jones
2517 44th St Lubbock, TX 79413-3623
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:23 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Ordinance to make Lubbock a sanctuary city for the unborn

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For over 45 years, it has been a woman's constitutional right to choose whether or not to have a child. This is an extremely personal decision which affects a woman physically, emotionally, financially, and professionally and should not be dictated by any city or state entity. Our government was founded on the principle of separation of church and state. With all that in mind, I respectfully request that the Ordinance to make Lubbock a sanctuary city for the unborn be denied.

Thank you for your time.

Christine Valdez
Lubbock, Texas

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Coleman Sneed
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:36 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Coleman Sneed
5600 Centerpoint Rd Big Spring, TX 79720-0304 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ken Brown
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

Lubbock City Council,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies. Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

Please understand I'm not for the termination of life but I am 100 % for a woman's right to choose what takes place in her body. If and when the Supreme Court changes it's overall opinion, then that is when to revisit this huge issue. Until then, you have more than enough to do. Thank you for your time. Ken

Sincerely,
Ken Brown
4409 46th St Lubbock, TX 79414-3311
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Kate Peaslee [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: oppose abortion ban - re: Public Hearing on Nov 17

My name is Kate Peaslee, and I live on 60th Street in Lubbock, Texas. I am a constituent of Council Member Steve Massengale in District 4.

I urge City Council and Mayor Pope to oppose any abortion ban in Lubbock. To adopt the proposed ordinance would be not only expensive and unnecessarily controversial, but it would be in direct conflict with state and federal policies.

Our local elected council members and mayor are chosen to uphold the rule of law. Our local elected council members and mayor need to focus their time and resources on protecting Lubbock citizens from Covid and the effects of the pandemic - do not be distracted by this political diversion.

I stand by the Lubbock City Council's previous decision to not act upon this unconstitutional ordinance.

Thank you for your time, and I thank you for the opportunity to speak my voice to you today without having to appear in person and thereby prioritizing the public health of our community.

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Matt Bostick [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:12 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

It is not the place of the city/government to impose religious beliefs onto others or deny healthcare needs for women in the surrounding area.

Sincerely,
Matt Bostick
3814 58th St Lubbock, TX 79413-4632
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Tina Greene-Bostick
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:03 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Using religious or personal feelings to inflict policy on someone else's body autonomy is unacceptable. People need access to safe medical practices.

Sincerely,
Tina Greene-Bostick
3814 58th St Lubbock, TX 79413-4632
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ritwik Rakshit
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Ritwik Rakshit
201 Indiana Ave Apt B205 Lubbock, TX 79415-3392 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Mccown, Shannon [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 1:40 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Abortion Ban

Howdy!

It has come to our attention that there is a petition to name Lubbock a "sanctuary city for the unborn." This would ban all abortions for any reason at any stage of pregnancy. This proposal needs to be unanimously rejected.

1. This violates reproductive and bodily autonomy. This is one of medicine's core ethical principles. Refusal to acknowledge a woman's wishes merely because she is pregnant is denying her autonomy.
2. There are many times when abortion would be necessary, most notably in the cases of ectopic pregnancy or in other conditions that pre-dispose the mother to life-threatening complications. In these cases, the mother has medical priority as she is already a fully-formed, independent life who is capable of making informed decisions.
3. If the petitioners believe that "life starts at conception", then we will need a fully-functional, city-funded healthcare plan that includes child support from the father, welfare, tax breaks, and the ability to take out a life-insurance policy on the fetus should the woman have a miscarriage. If they want to treat the fetus as a fully-realized individual, then this is only logical.
4. In cases of sexual assault, the victim would be further traumatized by the city if she were forced to carry out a pregnancy. This is unjust on every level.

Listen, even without bullet points, we all see this is an absolutely absurd proposition. Why does anyone feel like they should force their "morals" on others' lives? It is not their body, so it is not their choice. This isn't the Handmaid's Tale.

The concept of bodily and reproductive autonomy isn't that hard to understand.

//SIGNED//

Shannon McCown, 2d Lt, USAF
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
School of Medicine | Class of 2021
Ultrasound Interest Group VP
[REDACTED]

["There is no greater wisdom than Kindness."](#)

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Felicia Maddox
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Felicia Maddox
4423 38th St Lubbock, TX 79414-2829
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Julianne Shelley [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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Sincerely,
Julianne Shelley
816 N Elkhart Ave Lubbock, TX 79416-1191 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Catherine Ragsdale
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 5:23 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. I have loved Lubbock for 7 years, but I have not once felt like I have had enough access to personal healthcare in this city. It is truly deplorable that you would compromise women's health for your controlling and irresponsible personal agendas.

Sincerely,
Catherine Ragsdale
2703 44th St Lubbock, TX 79413-6610
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Austin James
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 5:21 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. The main focus should be on COVID-19. Lubbock has some of the highest cases and hospitals are filling up, meaning that elderly, and people like myself who are autoimmune/pre-existing conditions, might not have access to proper medical care. Furthermore, a ban on abortions is much worse than allowing them. Without access to safe abortions many women will still get them and they can be harmful/deadly to the mother if not done properly, safely, and with the correct equipment and with a doctor present. Abortions are sometimes necessary and if women have access to abortions they can take care of things before the situation becomes dire. This is something that should be up to the individual, not the government to decide.

Sincerely,
Austin James
2314 32nd St Lubbock, TX 79411-1610
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Matt Gideon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Planned Parenthood is a staple of youth safety when it comes wo women’s health and sexual activity. Please reconsider the positive aspects of this place.

Sincerely,
Matt Gideon
5316 25th St Lubbock, TX 79407-2140
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Katelyn McPherson
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 4:53 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Please understand that as much as it is fair to own guns and let people have them, it should be just the same for women to have their own choices with their own bodies! Taking this away will only create terrible consequences such as botched procedures that lead to death. Abortions are not just for those who can't simply afford to have a child, but to those who are victims of rape. There should never be anyone to take the right of someone that has been through such a dreadful experience. As well as the poverty level continuing to rise, taking away this right will only perpetuate that problem. Please, please, please understand that this shouldn't be something we take away. All women, no matter their beliefs, should have a choice. This is the country that believes in freedoms and the right to choose, regardless of their beliefs!! Let that not be forgotten.

Sincerely,
Katelyn McPherson
100 Lorenz Rd San Antonio, TX 78209-2581 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sue Berryman
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Sue Berryman
56 Pony Express Trl Lubbock, TX 79404-1906 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Garret Fowler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Planned Parenthood provides so much more than just abortions. Abstinence information, and so many other resources can be found here. I find it odd that we continue to let men decide what women can do with their bodies. I hope people will understand that just because they are offended because of a religion, means they can enforce that will on others. THATS NOT DEMOCRACY

Sincerely,
Garret Fowler
6509 87th St Lubbock, TX 79424-4778
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Noelle Zavala
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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With local OBGYN doctors retiring, Planned Parenthood is filling the gap by offering affordable screening, testing, and treatment for sexual wellness. As a local OBGYN, I am begging for help, and planned parenthood is able to answer that call. Lubbock needs their services and I completely support Planned Parenthood in their efforts to help our city.

Additionally, ordinances to ban abortion have historically harmed women and their families. I also fear the ban will drive health care providers away from our city when the threats of litigation start rolling in. This would magnify the harm caused to our city.

Further, I am concerned that when patients are diagnosed with miscarriages, the blame game will begin. Women and their physicians will be at risk of litigation even when miscarriages are spontaneous because cause can never be absolutely determined. I have served Lubbock for 3 years and this proposed ban has made me very nervous for my practice and my partners. I do not want to practice in a city where distrust is actively being sewn between patients and their doctors.

Protect our citizens by protecting our healthcare access. I adamantly oppose bans that affect the health of Lubbock citizens.

Sincerely,
Noelle Zavala
8404 Utica Ave Lubbock, TX 79424-4002
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Trevor Clanton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 3:58 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Trevor Clanton
6108 10th Dr Lubbock, TX 79416-4112
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Breance Brooks
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Breance Brooks
5406 49th St Lubbock, TX 79414-1528
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Hannah Lamb-Vines
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Hannah Lamb-Vines
10605 Toledo Ave Lubbock, TX 79424-7410 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Re sanctuary city ordinance

To the Lubbock City Council and Mayor Pope:

I hope you will vote against making Lubbock a sanctuary city for the unborn. I want your attention on the needs of the already born, especially now that we are suffering from the ravages of a corona virus pandemic. After this pandemic passes there will be others. Please prepare for that by strengthening the public health system and improving public health for the people you serve. This concern should take all your attention.

Sara McLarty, 2125-65th Street, Lubbock TX 79412

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Rachel Tilley [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 3:33 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Rachel Tilley
2414 24th St Lubbock, TX 79411-1016
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Amanda Mulsow
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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This would be a big step backwards for our community. Please think of those that would benefit from this. It greatly outweighs any negative impact.

Sincerely,
Amanda Mulsow
4316 49th St Lubbock, TX 79413-3724
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Emma Whitfill
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have, and to keep in mind that this medical necessity will always be around, and attacking the legality of the choice does not save lives. Making abortion procedures inaccessible will undoubtedly lead to more tragic deaths of impoverished and young women unable to care for a child, just as decisions of this nature always have.

Sincerely,
Emma Whitfill
4314 16th St Lubbock, TX 79416-5841
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of John Boling
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 3:23 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Dictating someone else's body and choices that has no effect on you is morally and ethically wrong.

Please do not strip also potential health benefits for women.

Sincerely,
John Boling
6702 130th St Lubbock, TX 79424-7917
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alexis Tutt
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Alexis Tutt
5402 66th St Lubbock, TX 79424-1313
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alyssa McCoy
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Please recognize that abortion is unfortunately necessary care that many women need. Please consider focusing energy on implementing tactics proven to largely PREVENT abortion in the first place such as comprehensive sex education and access to contraceptives. To ban abortion services would be an injustice to our community.

Sincerely,
Alyssa McCoy
5228 88th St Lubbock, TX 79424-3514
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of buddy crisp
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Thousands of people who don't have access to bigger facilities or discrete care of sensitive matters ie: birth control, obgyn services will be put at risk, and you'll be harming our community even worse as they will have to either go without or pay more money out of pocket to get help in other counties.

Sincerely,
buddy crisp
2410 14th St Lubbock, TX 79401-3692
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Nicole Mago [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 5:28 PM
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Sincerely,
Nicole Mago
602 N Vinton Ave Lubbock, TX 79416-1247 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Felicity Alonzo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 8:07 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Felicity Alonzo
2304 31st St Lubbock, TX 79411-1606
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Madison Sotelo
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 7:58 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. It is a WOMAN'S individual right and a WOMAN'S individual CHOICE. Please do not try to say what she can and cannot do to her own body. An unborn child still resides IN HER BODY. Nobody's else's. Therefore, nobody else should be given the power to take that away from her.

Sincerely,
Madison Sotelo
6537 87th St Lubbock, TX 79424-4796
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Rebecca Clopton
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 7:13 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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Women need the access to healthy and safe abortions, or they will resort to unsafe, illegal abortive tactics. No woman should be forced to carry a child, let alone give birth to one, no matter the circumstances.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Clopton
5626 96th St Lubbock, TX 79424-4426
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Stevan Velasquez
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:54 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Knowledge is power and planned parenthood are one of the few organizations with resources and information that will help the overall health of this community.

Sincerely,
Stevan Velasquez
2506 38th St Lubbock, TX 79413-2802
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Zian Ditto <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. It is not your right to restrict the rights of others.

Sincerely,
Zian Ditto
2614 112th St Lubbock, TX 79423-6726
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Shannon Wilson
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:48 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Shannon Wilson
9308 S 1st St Austin, TX 78748-6870
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alicia Martin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:46 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

I attended Texas Tech 2011-2015 and I served as an RA for three years. There are women who told me in confidence that they were pregnant, scared, and needed help. There are women that could drop out of school, receive dangerous assistance in time of need, or not receive the help necessary due to fear of how the public would react if the appropriate resources are not made available. Lives are on the line. I urge you to be on the right side of history.

Sincerely,
Alicia Martin
101 Fiedors Grove Rd Mount Pleasant, PA 15666-8953 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kate Zurawski
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:45 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,

Kate Zurawski

12331 N Gessner Rd Houston, TX 77064-7637 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ashley Lampe
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:45 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Ashley Lampe
405 Kline Ave Unit 1 Lubbock, TX 79416-4517 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Meg Fernandez
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:43 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Meg Fernandez
BARRINGTON Way Austin, TX 78752
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Tori Floyd
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:42 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Tori Floyd
6720 Bison Trl Watauga, TX 76137-6703
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lindsey Ring
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:37 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Ring
3202 22nd St Lubbock, TX 79410-2118
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Rebecca Morrow
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:17 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I work with a very vulnerable population who experience traumas beyond compare. I urge you to see this as a step in the right direction in allowing planned parenthood to provide safe care to those who have experienced so much harm and misfortune.

By not bringing planned parenthood into Lubbock, those who are overlooked with extreme out of pocket health care costs or many times ignoring dangerous symptoms due to no coverage, will continue to suffer and struggle. This is NOT the city I have come to know. Lubbock can be a very welcoming and nurturing communal city. Please take care of our neighbors who don't have as much as we might.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Morrow
1918 13th St Lubbock, TX 79401-3705
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Nathalia Orta <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 4:06 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Nathalia Orta
4314 16th St Apt 29 Lubbock, TX 79416-5833 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Joshua Brown
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:02 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Please do not deprive the citizens of Lubbock of the services and assistance that Planned Parenthood can provide us.

Sincerely,
Joshua Brown
2416 21st St Lubbock, TX 79411-1008
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Matthew Weaver
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 5:56 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Matthew Weaver
3427 54th St Lubbock, TX 79413-4049
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Victor Bradley
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 3:58 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Victor Bradley
2124 16th St Lubbock, TX 79401-4518
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Joshua Ibarra [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 5:36 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Completely oppose this ban. Freedom of choice . We taking away rights these days?!?

Sincerely,
Joshua Ibarra
2223 27th St Lubbock, TX 79411-1403
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Amy Morales <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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This will not have the desired effect. This will not stop abortions, it will only make those who feel they have no other option even more unstable and unsafe.

Sincerely,
Amy Morales
4006 88th St Lubbock, TX 79423-2913
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of haley g <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 8:09 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Think about your sisters, your mothers, your daughters.

Sincerely,
haley g
1903 9th St Lubbock, TX 79401-2514
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ciara Alfaro
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Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:36 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. You are not preventing abortion by passing this ignorant ban--you are merely making abortion much more dangerous. I have lived in Lubbock most of my life and I will tell you bluntly: this ban is not coming from a place of love, rather it is coming from a place of trying to control others' lives. Please do better (and spend your efforts on providing tangible support for the overwhelmed foster care system in Lubbock instead).

Sincerely,
Ciara Alfaro
1514 Nottingham Ave Wolfforth, TX 79382-3203 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Parker Aviles
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Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:36 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Parker Aviles
8102 Salem Ave Lubbock, TX 79424-3226
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jake English
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:33 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Women decide what to do with their bodies, not politicians

Sincerely,
Jake English
7028 34th Pl Lubbock, TX 79407-2724
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Andrea Harral
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:17 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. This decision would end up doing more harm than good.

Sincerely,
Andrea Harral
2100 Mac Davis Ln Lubbock, TX 79401-2215 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Taylor Phillips [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:16 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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This will NOT stop abortions. This will only stop safe ones. Do not do this.

Sincerely,
Taylor Phillips
4702 4th St Lubbock, TX 79416-3200
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Elijah Quiapo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:14 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. What you are doing is null and void under BOTH state and federal law and violates the protected rights of the people under Roe v Wade.

Sincerely,
Elijah Quiapo
504 N Clinton Ave Apt B Lubbock, TX 79416-2535 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ivan Garcia [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:09 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. I believe that if you will take the time to consider this that only good will come out of please and thank you.

Sincerely,
Ivan Garcia
619 80th St Lubbock, TX 79404-6311
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kaitlyn Garcia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:59 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Kaitlyn Garcia
2603 48th St Lubbock, TX 79413-4519
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alyssa Stewart
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:57 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. The citizens of Lubbock can be trusted to make their own health care decisions and do not need a divisive ban put in place which would force one system of beliefs instead of presenting every option.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Stewart

5519 50th St Apt 906 Lubbock, TX 79414-1649 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alexandra Lee [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:29 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Keep the church separate from the state, and refrain from using your personal ideologies to disenfranchise our community.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Lee
4630 55th Dr Lubbock, TX 79414-4214
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of lleigh Villa
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:28 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
lleigh Villa
618 E Austin St Muleshoe, TX 79347-2210 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Destiny Rios <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:26 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. I personally would not get one but that's a choice I made for myself. All women should have the choice on what they want to do or feel comfortable with. No one should have a say in what a women does with her body. Also, everyone's situation is different, so we do not have the right to enforce such a heinous suppressive law.

Sincerely,
Destiny Rios
5702 Fordham St Lubbock, TX 79416-3608
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Vanessa Ramirez
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:27 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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As a Lubbock native and young college woman, I urge you to reconsider the proposed ban on abortion here in Lubbock. Women should be able to dictate their reproductive healthcare and it should not be ripped away from them without any say. Banning abortion will not stop abortion from happening; it will just make it taboo again and lead to dangerous outcomes. In the past, women have gone through back alley abortions and using metal hangers to do it themselves. They have used unsafe homemade remedies like swallowing absurd amounts of ibuprofen to induce a miscarriage, they have traveled outside of their states for their healthcare, and have even gone as far as injuring themselves to induce a miscarriage. The act of banning abortion is inherently dangerous and shows that the city of Lubbock does not care about women; they care more about a clump of cells. This is a selfish political agenda that harms the women that you so call are “protecting”. Texan women are educated and strong minded enough to make their own reproductive decisions; we do not need local and state legislative to interfere with our rights. We have fought long and hard for our rights as women and we will not sit back and let the city take them away.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Ramirez
4809 71st St Lubbock, TX 79424-1607
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Emorie Villa <emorievilla11@lubbockcity.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:26 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Emorie Villa
618 E Austin St Muleshoe, TX 79347-2210 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Veronica Buenrostro <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:08 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Everyone has the right to decide what happens with our bodies. No government official should be able to take away my bodily autonomy.

Sincerely,

Veronica Buenrostro

2202 Mac Davis Ln Lubbock, TX 79401-2217 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Madison Allbright
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Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:00 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. We deserve the right to make a medical decision for ourselves, the government does not decide for us.

Sincerely,
Madison Allbright
5723 70th St Lubbock, TX 79424-1422
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of emilie goltz
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 8:59 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. This act violates a women's right to pick and what she does with her body. No other person should be able to decide what someone does to their body and has no say in whether they can or cannot do something. You say think of the child, but what if that child is going to be addicted to drugs, what if that child is going to be subjected to the system and bounce around in foster care until they're 18, what if the mother can't have an abortion so she gives birth and throws the new born away? Banning abortion will not stop the termination of fetuses. People will find a way, even if it puts their own well being at risk. We need to think of the child and the mother.

Sincerely,
emilie goltz
1610 N Interstate 35 San Marcos, TX 78666-6776 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of William Holmes [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 8:56 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

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A ban would simply end legal and safe abortion. Abortion would still happen.

Sincerely,
William Holmes
4314 16th St Lubbock, TX 79416-5841
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jon McCord
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 8:30 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. The lives and freedom of countless proud West Texas women are on the line, don't let national political discourse decide the fate of West Texas gals, there's no opportunity for women's health treatment anywhere close to Lubbock. This is about freedom, either you support freedom or you don't.

Sincerely,
Jon McCord
4301 16th St Lubbock, TX 79416-5853
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Shana Ragland [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 8:29 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Shana Ragland
504 N Clinton Ave Lubbock, TX 79416-2535 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Venus Reyna
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:32 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding banning abortions will have. The fact that local governments try to decide what rights a woman has is appalling. Abortions may not coincide with religious beliefs, but it is a basic human right as a woman. To limit our choices to our own body just shows how ignorant our city can be. Our body is our choice, and if we need such services it our business not the whole city's. I implore you to reconsider your proposition, everyone deserves their right to choice.. whether its agreed upon or not.

Sincerely,
Venus Reyna
5302 75th St Apt 1104 Lubbock, TX 79424-2513 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Brooklyn Riebe
[REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:00 AM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Brooklyn Riebe
1505 Terry Dr Slaton, TX 79364-3646
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mia Clapp
[REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:01 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Mia Clapp
3209 74th St Lubbock, TX 79423-1398
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Shannia Russin
>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:55 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Shannia Russin
9020 County Road 7310 Wolfforth, TX 79382-7051 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Erica Wiggins [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:47 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Erica Wiggins
4403 27th St Lubbock, TX 79410-1706
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ashley Rollison
>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:21 AM
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Sincerely,
Ashley Rollison
3201 W Loop 289 Lubbock, TX 79407-3230
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Scarlett Gonzalez [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:01 AM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. It is a major thing to die and will change so many lives. Some people urgently cannot afford children, some are raped, and some people should not be parents during certain time of life. Banning abortion and forcing women to give birth would cause several more cases of depression, anxiety, people in poverty, and kids in foster care. There is already not enough proper care and kids living horrible lives. Women should not be forced to have a child. It will ruin lives, including the child's. They will most likely not live a good life if the parents cannot afford to take care of him or her. They will not be properly cared for, and all the lives around the kid will be much harder. Respectfully, I think banning abortion here would cause a lot of problems and be a terrible mistake.

Sincerely,
Scarlett Gonzalez
2110 La Salle Ave Apt 102F Lubbock, TX 79407-1475 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Annika Conrick
[REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:53 PM
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Sincerely,
Annika Conrick
4213 95th St Lubbock, TX 79423-3965
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kelly Deuvall
>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:45 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. What if a girl is not ready to keep a child. What if having the child could cause issues for her and the baby? You need to think about these things and many other thing along with it. For example a girl who gets pregnant from her rapist. How would you feel if that was your daughter? It is our body and it is our choice.

Sincerely,
Kelly Deuvall
2526 108th Dr Lubbock, TX 79423-6037
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sydney Burns
>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:31 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Sydney Burns
3522 Lubbock, TX 79423
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Trinity Huckabee
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:28 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Women who have real health issues should have the right to choose for themselves whether abortion is the right choice for them individually.

Taking this right away from women sets us back in the grand scheme of progression.

Sincerely,
Trinity Huckabee
4318 32nd St Lubbock, TX 79410-2645
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Taylor Charles
>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:29 PM
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I think it's a great idea to ban abortions in lubbock texas!!

Sincerely,
Taylor Charles
2005 County Road 7570 Lubbock, TX 79423-6648 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sage Eaton
>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:29 PM
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Sincerely,
Sage Eaton
250 S Stagecoach Trl San Marcos, TX 78666-5153 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sav Ybarra
>
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Sincerely,
Sav Ybarra
4408 62nd St Lubbock, TX 79414-4529
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of isreana Zavala
>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:24 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
isreana Zavala
2302 W Loop 289 Lubbock, TX 79407-1632
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Francesca Abuda
>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:18 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Some women never wanted to be in the place carrying the baby. Some cant provide for its needs, and that maybe easy for you all be against abortion with what the resources you have, but they can't even feed their own selves. Providing organizations for mothers is not really a smart way bc we dont want people leaning more on the government for help. But having these options for us to decide, is our right. It is womens' right to decide, this is not 19th century anymore. It has changed for a reason.

Sincerely,
Francesca Abuda
6611 36th St Lubbock, TX 79407-1813
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kylee Hinton [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:13 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Passing this ban is an ignorant move and is not going to stop abortions, but only make them much more dangerous. I have lived in Lubbock my whole life and know that this is not something that people are trying to pass out of love and care, but instead is coming from a place of hate and the need to control other people's lives and bodies when you have no right to do so considering IT IS NOT YOUR BODY! People get abortions for so many different reason which none of them are anyone else's concern except that person. Lubbock has WAY bigger things to focus on than the decision someone makes about THEIR OWN body. Do better Lubbock, please. This city is putting focus on the wrong issues and it's disappointing, yet, not surprising and that should be concerning to you.

Sincerely,
Kylee Hinton
4516 77th St Lubbock, TX 79424-3202
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ansleigh Brister
>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:08 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Ansleigh Brister
210 N Winston Ave Lubbock, TX 79416-1529 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jordan Pape [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:57 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. I understand your perspective, but please please consider the alternative.

Sincerely,
Jordan Pape
2124 21st St Lubbock, TX 79411-1106
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] n behalf of Albri Ballinger
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:41 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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It upsets a lot of young (and older) women who can't travel around to go get an abortion and have to have the kid forcefully.

Sometimes putting the child up for adoption is not the answer, because even the fostering facilities are struggling with how many children and teenagers they have to take care of that no one else will.

Please don't do this to us, please keep abortions legalized.

Sincerely,
Albri Ballinger
6721 87th St Lubbock, TX 79424-4798
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Allison Brock
>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:44 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. I go to college in Denton but Lubbock has been my home since I was born. I walk about 5 blocks almost daily to and from campus, and every single time I am scared of something happening to me. If I were to get raped, and there be no abortions available where I live, my life would be ruined. I would have to move my life back home for aid and financial purposes, i would have to work a job I didn't enjoy, and honestly it hurts to say but I think just looking at that child would traumatize me each time. I don't think they'd actually ever be loved by me. This shouldn't be the only reason why women should be able to get abortions either, no ones life should have to be uprooted for a fetus that is medically not alive. I say this due to the fact that when a person is declared brain dead, they're dead, medically and physically dead, and I feel this should be the same with fetuses. it is not killing anything since medically it was never even alive. It would also be selfish to use religion to back a law like this due to the fact not everyone practices or believes in one religion. If you ban abortions due to your own belief, you should also ban us from eating pork and wearing cloths the Bible goes against because it goes against others. It is straight selfish to push a "life" onto someone that may not be capable of taking care of it, whether that be financially, physically, or emotionally. It is also selfish to say just put them up for adoption since the foster care system can harm a child's mental state in the long run, and there are already so many children in need of families as is. This would be a basic human right you are taking away if you go through with this. I will be ashamed to call Lubbock my home, because you will just have said you want to control other women because of your own beliefs/morals. We need to allow women to have this option because abortions won't go away if you do, when outlawed they just become more dangerous and life threatening.

Sincerely,
Allison Brock
919 Eagle Dr Denton, TX 76201-6643
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] n behalf of Kade Mohr
>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Kade Mohr
7117 19th St Lubbock, TX 79407-1207
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Emma Henry-Tingle
>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:57 AM
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Sincerely,
Emma Henry-Tingle
212 B Carroll St SE Atlanta, GA 30312-2306 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] n behalf of Celine Cottenoir
>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:33 AM
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Women of Lubbock deserve to make their OWN decisions regarding their body. Mind your own uterus !!!!!!!!

Sincerely,
Celine Cottenoir
3520 78th Dr Lubbock, TX 79423-1220
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of camryn ontiveros [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:23 AM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
camryn ontiveros
3514 103RS St Lubbock, TX 79423
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kelsey Wall [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:13 AM
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Women should have the access to healthcare of their choosing. Women should decide for themselves what is best for their futures. Men should not be in charge of our bodies nor our choices. Men should not dictate if we have access to procedures or not.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Kelsey Wall
407 Dallas St Plainview, TX 79072-7505
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] n behalf of Claire Young
>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:07 AM
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In a city with very high teen pregnancy rate, as well as very high STD rates because of the college statutory rape rates, the health of your citizens should come before violating separation of church and state.

Sincerely,
Claire Young
2316 17th St Lubbock, TX 79401-4437
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Allie Aguirre
>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:00 AM
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Sincerely,
Allie Aguirre
4717 64th St Lubbock, TX 79414-4825
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] n behalf of Alex-Marie Baez
>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 10:57 AM
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Lubbock, Texas is home to thousands of college students. I was an RA at Texas Tech University in 2015 and saw for myself how sexual assault leading to unwanted pregnancy can ruin a woman's life. If you care about the lives of children, turn your focus to the spike of children living in homelessness in Lubbock and stay out of women's medical decisions.

Sincerely,
Alex-Marie Baez
15 Mcdonald Cir Albany, NY 12204-2350
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Anna Lane [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 10:55 AM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Anna Lane
9102 Salem Dr Lubbock, TX 79424-5000
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] n behalf of Rachél Holloway
>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 10:53 AM
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Sincerely,
Rachél Holloway
2120 26th St Lubbock, TX 79411-1428
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Madeline Windham
>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Madeline Windham
2210 17th St Lubbock, TX 79401-4524
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: I am opposed to the proposed anti-abortion ordinance

Dear Members of the Lubbock City Council,

I am writing to express my support of the Lubbock City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns.

I believe local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents. As a city, we are in the midst of a crisis related to the pandemic and that is where our time and resources need to be spent, not on this ordinance.

The abortion ban and ordinance are examples of political theater, and I do not want to see Lubbock being used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuvers.

Sincerely,

Dr. Curtis Bauer

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Curtis Bauer

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alyssa Franco
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. I grew up in Lubbock and knew many girls who would go to extreme lengths to get an abortion or herbal at home abortions. Please give them the opportunity to do this with safety, but also have access to preventative options to decrease the need for abortion. Lubbock should be safe for women.

Sincerely,
Alyssa Franco
2008 31st St Lubbock, TX 79411-1812
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sarah Hollers
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Dear Lubbock Council,

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. This decision will have an major impact on the available care to women in need! Abortion is a very hard and awful decision to make. It's a decision that follows a women to their grave. It's not fair for anyone to make decision but the woman carrying the baby. Please recognize separation between church and state, Lubbock. The Bible says, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." These decisions are between herself and the Lord, and the Lord does forgive. It's not up for Lubbock to judge and forgive. Please Lubbock, if you are a Christian City like you say you are, do not take away health care for women in need. Do not make this harder than it needs to be. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sarah - Born and raised in Lubbock, TX.

Sincerely,
Sarah Hollers
15450 FM 1325 Austin, TX 78728-2808
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Carly McMahon
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Plan parenthood is important. Don't take that away from the people in this community. It's educational.

Sincerely,

Carly McMahon

1010 Mac Davis Ln Lubbock, TX 79401-1810 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of bradee held
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 8:59 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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Growing up as a woman, surrounded by women, I have never understood why men think they have control over our bodies. I will never understand why women try to shame other women for basic human healthcare instead of supporting their decisions and uplifting their fellow women. We have been treated as objects for far too long. If i choose to have an abortion, you will never even know. You would never even know my unborn fetus and you will never know the affect it may or may not have on me. If your reasoning for being pro-life is because of your religion, that is okay. You can be pro-life for yourself, but pro-choice for other women. I guarantee you that nowhere in the bible it says to shame anybody for their decision no matter how large or how small. Shame on anybody who uses the word of God to curse their own people.

Sincerely,
bradee held

7117 19th St Apt 2409 Lubbock, TX 79407-1281 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alyssa Cruz [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Alyssa Cruz
7010 Ironton Ave Apt 112 Lubbock, TX 79424-5809 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Madison Baker
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 7:43 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

This would put a city that needs to strive to be more progressive & inclusive more behind than it already is.

Sincerely,
Madison Baker
3601 55th St Lubbock, TX 79413-4713
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Vanessa Delgado [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 7:30 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Delgado
2105 49th St Lubbock, TX 79412-2135
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of kenz cox [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 7:25 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
kenz cox
6402 Albany Ave Lubbock, TX 79424-1316
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Natalie Lodinger [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Anti-abortion Ordinance Opposition

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing my testimony I would like to be read aloud in the Nov. 17th public hearing. My testimony is the following:

"I support the City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance because it is not a decision for local government officials. Government officials should not make medical decisions for citizens. Each citizen has the right to decide what happens to their body and choose the medical care they want to receive. The abortion ban and ordinance is purely political theater that I do not want the Lubbock City Council to participate in."

Thank you,
Natalie

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Natalie Lodinger, M.A.
Doctoral Candidate
Experimental Psychology-Human Factors
Texas Tech University
[REDACTED]

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jaqueline Fierro [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:10 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Jaqueline Fierro
2819 Auburn St Lubbock, TX 79415-2638
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of noah virgili
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
noah virgili
6911 70th St Lubbock, TX 79424-2068
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sicily Sosa
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:10 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Sicily Sosa
1508 Bates St Lubbock, TX 79401-1108
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sarah Gonzales
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. I also urge to remind you that the foundation of this country is to separate church and state, especially when it comes to our laws no matter how national or local they may be. We are already facing a divisive time as it is, we do not need more of this in our town. This town is suffering with coronavirus cases by the second, an abortion ban is the last thing our local leaders should be focused about. Life, even after it leaves the womb, also matters.

Sincerely,
Sarah Gonzales
1809 76th St Lubbock, TX 79423-1636
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of sloan arp
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
sloan arp
6006 79th St Lubbock, TX 79424-1704
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of camden pucket [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:15 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
camden pucket
210 N Winston Ave Lubbock, TX 79416-1529 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Drea Hernandez [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Drea Hernandez
3311 37th St Lubbock, TX 79413-2338
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of lidia garza
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
lidia garza
1903 73rd St Lubbock, TX 79423-1601
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Idalis Sosa [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Idalis Sosa
1508 Bates St Lubbock, TX 79401-1108
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Tammi Carranza
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Tammi Carranza
3701 Folsom Rd Amarillo, TX 79108-7503
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Luke Trevino
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. We must protect the young women of our community.

Sincerely,
Luke Trevino
8802 Elkridge Ave Lubbock, TX 79423-3041 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Tesla Botello [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. I am a woman and I should have control over my body.

Sincerely,
Tesla Botello
4645 52nd St Lubbock, TX 79414-3822
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Reymi Sanchez
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:34 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Reymi Sanchez
3014 County Road 7730 Lubbock, TX 79423-6480 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Natalie Ramos
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Natalie Ramos
909 Flint Ave Lubbock, TX 79406-0028
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alejandra Varela
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:40 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Alejandra Varela
5606 15th St Lubbock, TX 79416-5216
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Regan Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Regan Miller
3511 78th Dr Lubbock, TX 79423-1219
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Tytiana Ortiz
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:44 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Women need to have the option.

Sincerely,
Tytiana Ortiz
3003 Fordham St Lubbock, TX 79415-1633
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ana Lira [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Ana Lira
3201 SH-289 Loop N Lubbock, TX 79407
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of shayla cao
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
shayla cao
6008 84th St Lubbock, TX 79424-3685
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Morgan Hagood
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Morgan Hagood
5102 80th St Apt 206 Lubbock, TX 79424-3004 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Yozelin Castillo [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Yozelin Castillo
3110 Harvard St Lubbock, TX 79415-1650
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Olivia James [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Olivia James
2100 Mac Davis Ln Lubbock, TX 79401-2215 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Emili Ruiz [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Women deserve to have a choice about their body and future. Women need a safe and rationalized space to make the best decision for them.

Sincerely,
Emili Ruiz
405 W Edwards St Slaton, TX 79364-5129
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mia Segovia
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Making abortions illegal is bias and dangerous to young women all over Lubbock county. This decision is directly against women's rights.

Sincerely,
Mia Segovia
1316 81st St Lubbock, TX 79423-2514
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Monica cadavid [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:54 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. It's a women's right to her own body and should b able to make the decision of having a baby or aborting, there are many circumstances where aborting may be the best choice, everybody has their own story. It is our rights as people to have freedom over ourselves and our bodies , nobody else's, do not take those rights away.

Sincerely,
Monica cadavid
3210 Oakridge Ave Lubbock, TX 79407-1853 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alek Garcia
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Alek Garcia
525 E Geneva St Slaton, TX 79364-5428
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alek Garcia
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. This will make it very unsafe for women all around. Children will be born into unstable communities, some women will travel for the abortion or even try to do it themselves. This is a very bad decision to take away these services that have been around for a while now

Sincerely,
Alek Garcia
525 E Geneva St Slaton, TX 79364-5428
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Brittney Groves
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:06 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. People should have a right to their own body and what they want to do with it. What about those you can't birth a child and have to have a abortion preformed what about those who were raped?? It's not right to take choice away from women it only creates un safe abortion as well. Let women have their own choice.

Sincerely,
Brittney Groves
14409 Little Eagle Ct Elgin, TX 78621-4233 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Megan Acebedo [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:06 PM
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Sincerely,
Megan Acebedo
3315 66th St Lubbock, TX 79413-5711
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Brock Thetford
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:06 PM
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BAN ABORTION! And anyone that had an abortion put them in jail

Sincerely,
Brock Thetford
1500 S Avenue K Carrizozo, NM 88301
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kolby Fannin
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:07 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Kolby Fannin
8114 County Road 7000 Lubbock, TX 79407-5442 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Regina Anaya [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Regina Anaya
2931 Cactus Dr Denver City, TX 79323
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jaelyn Diaz [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:08 PM
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Sincerely,
Jaelyn Diaz
3415 48th St Lubbock, TX 79413-4009
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Maria Isabel Garcia
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:14 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Maria Isabel Garcia
4539 60th St Lubbock, TX 79414-4543
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Regan Sinclair
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:16 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding abortion because making something illegal because you find it morally wrong is not the way to run a country. There are over 100,000 kids in the foster care system, many of which will never be adopted. If people are not ready to have a child, we shouldn't force them, or force their hand into finding a different route for the abortion. Please stop trying to take away more and more of our freedom because it doesn't match up with your "morals". Planned parenthood is not the problem. The problem right now is politicians trying to play doctor and it needs to stop.

Sincerely,
Regan Sinclair
5009 102nd St Lubbock, TX 79424-6369
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Laura Deurmyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:17 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Sanctuary City Ordinance
Attachments: Comment re 'sanctuary city' ordinance.pdf

Please see my attached comment for Tuesday's meeting.

My information is as follows:

Laura Deurmyer
3302 41st St, Lubbock, TX 79413

**WARNING: This message was sent from outside the City of Lubbock's email system.
It could contain harmful attachments or links to harmful web pages.**

I am writing regarding the recent effort to ban abortion within the city of Lubbock. I oppose the Council doing this for a number of reasons, as follows:

First, I believe that it is shameful that this Council is even considering a distraction such as this given the crisis that our city is currently experiencing. Lubbock - a mid-sized city at best - is now competing with huge metropolitan areas like Chicago for the most coronavirus cases and deaths in the nation. This is not how we want Lubbock to get mentioned on national and international media, like CNN and the BBC.

Our efforts to combat the pandemic have definitely not been as robust as they could be; it is time for the Council and the Mayor's office to put aside partisan political show projects like this abortion ban and focus on the people that you have been elected to support. The health department and our hospitals have been visibly doing what they can, but they cannot do it all without you and your support. Please put your attention back onto the Covid crisis and act to enforce restrictions, promote safe behavior and protect our citizens. That is where our time and resources should be going right now.

Second, the ban that is proposed is patently unconstitutional. Attorneys hired by the city (using our tax dollars) have advised against this course of action because it will only cost money and end in defeat in the courts. I understand that many here, including probably most of the Council, wish that Roe v Wade was not still standing; however, it is. Therefore, passing an ordinance like this is simply tilting at windmills. A useless exercise that will cost the city a lot of money - our money - in the long run. Honestly, I would much rather that money be spent on programs to alleviate the suffering of our citizens caused by Covid right now, wouldn't you?

Third, this ordinance is nothing but an attempt to use Lubbock for propaganda purposes. Since the ordinance is illegal currently and will not be able to be implemented or enforced, all it serves as is a feather in the cap of outside agitators who want to make a bigger name for themselves in anti-choice activist circles. My understanding is that, if we enact this ordinance, we will be one of the larger Texas cities to do so, the others having correctly concluded that it would be a waste of time and resources. Do we really want to be used as a propaganda talking point for people who don't live here, don't care at all about our citizens and have no idea what would be good policy for Lubbock? We may be a relatively small city, but I never thought of us as being easily manipulated pawn material - aren't West Texans supposed to be tougher and smarter and more independent than that?

I realize that if you do not pass this ordinance, a special election is likely in the future. If that is the case, and it passes, which I do not believe that it would, at least then the city would not have made a conscious governing choice to go down the path of failed lawsuits and lost resources.

Please defeat the ordinance to make Lubbock a "sanctuary city".

Laura Deurmyer
3302 41st St/ Lubbock TX 79413

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Emelly Grier
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Emelly Grier
1122 County Road 225 Denver City, TX 79323-5736 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Brenda Thiessen
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:28 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Brenda Thiessen
2722 Frankford Ave Apt 317 Lubbock, TX 79407-7862 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kaitlyn Cervantez
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Kaitlyn Cervantez
4015 44th St Lubbock, TX 79413-3301
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Claire Duncan [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Claire Duncan
11814 Evanston Ave Lubbock, TX 79424-1460 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ruben Valdez [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Ruben Valdez
2702 Baylor St Lubbock, TX 79415-2326
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of rylie denham
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:51 PM
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This puts many women in danger, lead by at-home abortion.

Sincerely,
rylie denham
6007 77th St Lubbock, TX 79424-1732
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ashlyn Houston
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Ashlyn Houston
2614 Gannon St Lubbock, TX 79415-9778
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Devon Garcia
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Devon Garcia
6706 90th St Lubbock, TX 79424-6729
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of danielle lara
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Women in Texas, ESPECIALLY LUBBOCK, need planned parenthood. Please consider making this city a safer place. If you really care about a child's life, adopt children until there's none in foster homes. get a vasectomy so men don't creat illegitimate children and dump them on women. teach SEX ED in schools. DO NOT take away a woman's access to needed help.

Sincerely,
danielle lara
5612 Amherst St Lubbock, TX 79416-1412
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Winter Reynolds
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Winter Reynolds
2602 Cypress Rd Lubbock, TX 79403-1800
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Erika Gonzalez [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:57 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Please reference the issue back to roe vs.wade and a pregnant woman's constitutional right to make decisions concerning her body thank you have a nice day.

Sincerely,
Erika Gonzalez
1925 69th St Lubbock, TX 79412-4061
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Stephanie Correa
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:57 PM
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Sincerely,
Stephanie Correa
7036 96th St Lubbock, TX 79424-8906
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Bryanna Rangel
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Taking away this choice that women have will only set us back from what we've worked so hard to achieve. And that is the right for women to make decisions about their own bodies and whats going inside them.

Sincerely,
Bryanna Rangel
412 40th St Lubbock, TX 79404-2724
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Cassidy McDonald
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Cassidy McDonald
406 Pittman Ave Wolfforth, TX 79382-3363 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sage Maliepaard
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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A city ban on abortion would harm people's ability to safely exercise their freedoms, putting lives at risk. Bolstering supports that reduce the risk of unwanted pregnancy and make raising a child more feasible would be a far better use of resources.

Sincerely,
Sage Maliepaard
2223 15th St Lubbock, TX 79401-3619
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Britney Anderson
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:42 PM
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. The fact that Lubbock City Council even proposed an ordinance to ban abortion in the city is injudicious. I believe that there needs to be serious rethinking about how the city will be impacting many rape victims and young parents.

Sincerely,
Britney Anderson
9115 Belton Dr Lubbock, TX 79423-4131
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ashton Gillis [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Not only will this decision affect thousands of women, but you will show your city that controlling women's bodies and their decisions is your main concern. Instead, make sure the youth of your city receive effective sex education, and that men and women alike have easier access to birth control.

Sincerely,
Ashton Gillis
6869 N McClelland Rd Breckenridge, MI 48615-9505 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jennifer Garza Galvan
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Garza Galvan
3115 Jarvis St Lubbock, TX 79415-1653
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Morgan Meek [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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If you ban abortion it won't stop abortions. What you're banning is safe abortions for woman everywhere. We're still going to try to give them to ourselves and end up in the hospitals which are OVERFLOWING DUE TO THE MASS AMOUNT COVID CASES IN LUBBOCK. Also vasectomies exist. If your only argument is a religion that not everybody agrees with, how is that fair?

There's so many different beliefs in the world we live in. Especially Lubbock Texas being a big college city we have students from all around the world, so why would we force our religion on to them?

Sincerely,
Morgan Meek
2413 County Road 7730 Lubbock, TX 79423-6101 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Eldra Evans
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Eldra Evans
315 N Utica Ave Lubbock, TX 79416-3034
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Dyan Gruber
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Abortions, whether they are religiously acceptable or not, can be a life-or-death procedure for some women who develop pregnancy complications. This is a blatant violation of women's rights and a strategic campaign to take away our access to life-saving healthcare procedures. It's time we separate church and government. I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Dyan Gruber
2210 Main St Lubbock, TX 79401-2923
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Theresa Atiee
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:21 PM
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This the true meaning of government overreach

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Sincerely,
Theresa Atiee
1602 Lubbock, TX 79401
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ashton Nieto [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:13 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Ashton Nieto
1805 15th St Lubbock, TX 79401-4737
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Hailey Langer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:57 PM
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Sincerely,
Hailey Langer
1606 Elkhart Ave Apt 3 Lubbock, TX 79416-5301 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Hailey Langer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:55 PM
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Hailey Langer
1606 Elkhart Ave Apt 3 Lubbock, TX 79416-5301 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Samantha Van Horn
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Sincerely,
Samantha Van Horn
5901 95th St Lubbock, TX 79424-6706
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Arianne Mumma
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:14 PM
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Sincerely,
Arianne Mumma
2617 23rd St Lubbock, TX 79410-1623
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:15 PM
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Sincerely,
Kristen McDonald
5102 80th St Lubbock, TX 79424-3001
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. This is taking a women's choice away from her. This is against the 1st amendment. We have the right to have an abortion and the right to have it as an option. Banning abortions means taking away women's rights.

Sincerely,
Kaylin Cao
6008 84th St Lubbock, TX 79424-3685
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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I hope you realize that by banning abortion in lubbock , you are driving women to other more harmful ways to get rid of a baby. Lubbock is supposed to be progressive and care for its own, this would be so dis-tasteful to pass.

Sincerely,
Jason Dwayne
6416 37th St Lubbock, TX 79407-3640
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:19 PM
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Abortion is a lifesaving, necessary component of healthcare. To claim to be “pro-life” while failing to consider the very real human cost of banning abortion is not morality. It’s hypocrisy.

Sincerely,
Robin Shurmur
4528 7th St Lubbock, TX 79416-4713
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Dawn Franklin
3601 61st St Lubbock, TX 79413-5303
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:25 PM
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We need planned parenthood. Women deserve to have the opportunity to make their own decisions and choices in life, regardless of anyone else's ethical beliefs. The adoption agencies are overwhelmed with children that need homes and have been neglected, we can prevent these children from enduring lives of suffering because of their parents neglect if we have planned parenthood available in our city. Some people cannot maturely handle such a responsibility of having kids. Please think of the women.

Sincerely,
Laura Smith
2323 Glenna Goodacre Blvd Lubbock, TX 79401-2234 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
nevaeh gonzalez
1002 Frankford Ave Lubbock, TX 79416-5056 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. so please don't ban abortion, young girls need to be able to make their own opinion.

Sincerely,
Lillian Elias
6534 86th St Lubbock, TX 79424-4770
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
katie wilson
5802 112th St Lubbock, TX 79424-3890
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. I was a child born from two addicts. For the first 6 weeks of my life I lived in a tent. Once removed by cps (finally I have two older siblings who had to live in this situation longer) i lived with my grandparents. I'm very thankful they took care of me but I WAS NOT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. Once back in the care of my mother years later she had turned to drinking instead of crack. I starved even though her "wonderful husband" worked as a derrickman at the oil fields. I moved out of there because her neglect and ignorance ignored me being sexually assaulted for over a year. I moved to my fathers and he wasn't any better. He hates himself so much and my mother too. And unfortunately I look like both of them. Physical and mental abuse ensued. I am now 20 years old. This is just a peep into what I had to deal with because Lubbock was a "sanctuary for the unborn". Where was Lubbock when I needed them. This is supposed to be my HOME and from day one I haven't felt welcome. What happens to the sanctuary city after the child's born. If it's there I NEVER experienced any type of bliss from this town. Planned parenthood is our ONE chance for a better town.

Sincerely,
Kayla Upchurch
2825 61st St Lubbock, TX 79413-5651
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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As a women living in lubbock texas i strongly encourage everyone in this decision to understand that my right will be taken away.#prochoice

Sincerely,
melanie white
8726 Wolfforth, TX 79382
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:43 PM
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Lubbock is a big college town and with college comes many things, some of which are sex. There is an increased chance of STDs and pregnancy especially in Lubbock. Kids don't want to have kids and get STDs so I urge you to carefully consider this decision.

Sincerely,
Nathaniel Magot
909 Flint Ave Lubbock, TX 79406-0028
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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Sincerely,
Jadan Aguilar
2419 21st St Lubbock, TX 79411-1007
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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Sincerely,
Mark Labib
6023 89th St Lubbock, TX 79424-0812
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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Please think about this rationally. If you outlaw abortions in Lubbock you will be repressing the reproductive rights of thousands of women. Contrary to what you think, abortions will happen with or without a ban. Lubbock has a poverty rate of 22%, which is higher than the national average. These women you are attempting control are often desperate enough to perform abortions at home because they cannot afford to leave town. This is incredible dangerous and not only risks the life of the fetus but also the mother's life! When making your decision please think about the women who have been raped or the women who are risking their lives for the pregnancy. There are many many reasons for abortions and all of the reasons are valid. These women can't afford to raise a child often times and to glamorize adoptions and foster care is an atrocity. I have known several children who grew up in foster care who were beaten and assaulted daily. What about the child who is raped by their foster father and becomes pregnant? Is that potential child doomed to experience the deplorable existence that is our overfilled foster care system? Please consider that you can be against abortions for yourself and be pro choice. By banning abortions you are forcing women to endure and suffer through trauma that they have no control over. We have the right to make this decision ourselves. If this abortion ban goes through, you can expect peaceful protest as we express our freedom!

Sincerely,
Jetonne Mumma
2617 23rd St Lubbock, TX 79410-1623
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Rebekah Thomason
6523 8th St Lubbock, TX 79416-3779
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Jamie Gibson
4806 76th St Lubbock, TX 79424-2108
[REDACTED]

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. If abortion is what you're afraid of, I promise you women will still find a way. You are hurting us.

Sincerely,
Kalee Grimsley
2408 Mac Davis Ln Lubbock, TX 79401-2221 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Regardless of your religious beliefs on the matter it is a personal choice every woman should have; it is their body and men should not have the right to delegate it as they see fit. Let alone pushing your beliefs on everyone. People should have the right to do what they see fit for their own life.

Sincerely,
Jared McKed
2102 W Loop 289 Apt 1 Lubbock, TX 79407-1769 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. You will not be banning just abortion, but safe abortions. It is very important to think this through.

Sincerely,
Leon Wise
3814 53rd St Lubbock, TX 79413-3824
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 5:35 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Realize that women should have the choice to do whatever they want with their bodies, and men shouldn't have a say in that.

Sincerely,
mackenzie cox
6402 Albany Ave Lubbock, TX 79424-1316
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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As a male I understand I really have no say in this, but they way I see it, let the women choose what they do, so long as there isn't a heart beat or brain waves then there's no harm done.

Sincerely,
Ben Lyons
1735 74th St Lubbock, TX 79423-1490
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 5:23 PM
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Sincerely,
Alexia Villarino
6113 17th St Lubbock, TX 79416-6132
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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Sincerely,
Karina Ayala
513 N Avenue F Denver City, TX 79323-2743 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 5:16 PM
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Sincerely,
Layk Kindle
4510 Ironton Ave Apt 5206 Lubbock, TX 79407-3785 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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Nooooo!! Abortion is murder. Get that out of our good city.

Sincerely,
Jeremiah Juarez
810 12th St Wolfforth, TX 79382-2418
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Makayla Romero
6801 19th St Lubbock, TX 79407-1230
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 5:08 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Abortion Mandate

Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents. Lubbock is focusing on taking away safe abortion options for the citizens of Lubbock, but not focusing on the hundreds of Lubbockites currently in the hospital suffering and dying from COVID. This proves to me that the city council's priority is to save the unborn rather than the living.

Please do better to help the women of Lubbock maintain a safe option available if an abortion is needed.

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Lexi Petree

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 5:03 PM
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. It is highly unnecessary to corner the rights of Lubbock women in any way.

Sincerely,
Denisse Saenz
308 Frankford Ave Lubbock, TX 79416-1517 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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As we all know, the proposed ordinance is unconstitutional and unenforceable, and it attempts to prevent procedures that are well within the constitutional and legal rights of women in this community. Furthermore, an independent law firm has said the ordinance breaks several state laws. As Texans, we have the freedom to make our own decisions about private medical concerns; we do not need state politicians making these decisions for us. I urge our local elected officials to stay focused on important issues like reducing COVID rates in Lubbock, rather than on a divisive, expensive attempt to ban abortion.

Lubbock was recently cited as being one of the top 10 cities in the nation for daily deaths due to COVID-19. At that time, we were averaging six Covid-deaths a day. It is a fact that the pandemic is raging in Lubbock, and the situation is dire. Our medical facilities are overwhelmed; there are shortages of space, personnel, and supplies. Yet, at the same time, life appears to go on, without concern or precautions, for a large majority of our community. We continue to pretend we are doing something about it, but the numbers tell us quite emphatically that we are not doing enough. As we face increased infections and deaths in the coming months, the real question is: Is it safe to be living in Lubbock, Texas?

Therefore, if there were to be an ordinance that would truly benefit the citizens of Lubbock—that would be “for life”—it should be to make Lubbock a Sanctuary City for the Living. It is, perhaps, much easier to profess concerns for the “unborn”, when it’s a concept that doesn’t directly impact one’s daily life. To advocate and legislate for the “living” is a much taller and more relevant order at this time. It requires city leaders to do the unpopular thing. It requires all of us to manage and alter as necessary our daily lives in ways that would benefit the greater Sanctuary City for the Living, and start establishing and implementing ordinances and mandates to save the lives of the good of our community.

Imagine taking the time and energy it took to obtain signatures for this proposed ordinance and instead using that same time and energy to educate and advocate for a safer Covid-aware community. The proposed ordinance is beyond the scope of what our city council members were elected to do, as evidenced in their own summary of their 2019-2020 council priorities. (See City Council Priorities Planning Meeting LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019.) However, there is a mandate in that same document that requires the council to represent the healthcare needs of their constituents. Imagine what could be accomplished if council members were encouraged to rally their constituents to a unified response to our current Covid crisis.

Given the dire health crisis our community faces at this moment in time, I propose we keep our focus on making Lubbock a Sanctuary for the Living by establishing and implementing ordinances and mandates to support and save the lives of of our fellow citizens.

Sincerely,
Sarah Reid

134 Preston Hollow Ln Wolfforth, TX 79382-1731

Jennifer Clements

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Sincerely,
Kayli Rowland
4007 109th St Lubbock, TX 79423-0878
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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Sincerely,
Ryleigh Veach
5601 111th St # AT Lubbock, TX 79424-8000 [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Alyssa Ansley
4911 8th St Lubbock, TX 79416-4913
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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Sincerely,
David Galarza
509 E 78th St Lubbock, TX 79404-6607
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Courtney Cervantez
4015 44th St Lubbock, TX 79413-3301
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
haley chapa
Hapchap Ttuedu Lubbock, TX 79416
[REDACTED]

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Please don't just see planned parenthood used for abortion but for other health care reasons for women.

Sincerely,
Dulce Gomez
3140 4th St Lubbock, TX 79415-3802
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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Sincerely,
Bailey Sullivan
4924 Harvard Dr Lubbock, TX 79416-1219
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Alexia Paredez
5417 16th St Lubbock, TX 79416-5403
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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Sincerely,
Hailey Crouch
4807 55th St Lubbock, TX 79414-4108
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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All i will say is what if your daughter was raped and impregnated by her abuser and had no where to turn to for help. So instead of her getting a safe abortion she does it at home with a hanger and bleeds too death because she had no other option. All the kids who would be put into foster care and abused by foster parents or neglected. Why would you take this right away from women if there are already so many orphans who never have the chanve to have a home. Why take this help from women and leave them with nothing but hate and louthing because she had to carry her fathers child or her uncles because they touched her. This shouldnt even be up for debate abortion is a womens right. Especially with how many rape cases and victims there are. No one should have to suffer and carry their abusers baby. Or a baby they wont love unconditionally. Just think about all the kids who will be abused and neglected or abandoned because yall wanna cancel plan parenthood. Its wrong. Plan parenthood is a haven fir many people who cant afford pregnancy tests who cant find help with insurance from any hostbital and for those who cant or dont wish to have a child. Its a womens right and you shouldnt be able to take it from them because of a few peoples belief. Taking this away wouldnt only affect you. It will affect anyone who is poor and cant take care of a child for anyone who has been abused and would rather kill themself and the baby because they cannot have a abortion legally. You might be fixing abortion rates but youll be increasing suicide rates. Youll be making it even harder for abusers to trap their victim with a child. This is the wrong choice and plan parenthood should nit be defunded it should not be cancelled it should infact have MORE funding for those in need.

You are sick if you take these rights away from women and your sick if you think about your daughter going threw the same thing and YOU took away her rights

Sincerely,
Hope Canales
412 5th St Wolfforth, TX 79382-2964
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 8:16 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Item 7.1 on Nov 17 Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

Lubbock City Council Members:

I'm writing to urge you to oppose making Lubbock a so-called "Sanctuary City for the Unborn."

Since the time of Constantine and by medieval Church law, fugitives or debtors enjoyed immunity from arrest in certain churches, and it is from this practice that we get the modern legal sense of "Sanctuary": "immunity from punishment."

Calling the creation of new criminal and civil liability, "Sanctuary" is a disgraceful perversion of this ancient and sacred government-limiting concept.

Reject this doublespeak, and the freedom-limiting, government-overreaching, disastrous public health policy it attempts to smuggle in.

Thank you.

Sean Choate
3502 40th St.
Lubbock, TX 79413

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Sincerely,
Seric Ross
5301 51st St Lubbock, TX 79414-1830
[REDACTED]

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In my opinion, taking away abortions is the dumbest thing I can think of. It is absolutely no ones business what a woman decides to do with HER OWN BODY. City council should not have the right to control yet another aspect of women's lives. Tell me this, by banning abortions is the City Council of Lubbock going to personally care for every child born & put up for adoption because they were unwanted? Is the city council going to personally grieve with every family that lost the mother of the child who was at risk of death during birth and forced to give birth anyway? Is the city council going to personally adopt every single child in foster care at the moment? Maybe instead of trying to ban abortions from those who possibly need it because they have no other choice, you should be looking at ways to help the children that are already born and alive here in Lubbock that feel unwanted every day in the foster care system. Stop trying to push your ideals and views on everyone just because you believe it is wrong. You've never walked a day in these women's shoes so what gives you the right to tell them what they can and can't do with their bodies? Again, it is no ones business. It's not my business what you do in your lives or what you choose to believe, so why is it any of yours what women choose to do with their lives? Separate religious beliefs from political & social issues because not everyone believes the same things as you. It is certainly not your place to judge women that choose to have an abortion. It is the 21st century, women should be able to decide for themselves what to do with their bodies in a safe manner. By banning abortions you're only taking away that safe option and if they are really determined to have an abortion they'll find a way, a dangerous way at that. Let's move forward in history, not backwards.

Sincerely,
Bryssa Nevarez
7402 Richmond Ave Lubbock, TX 79424-2306 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. If you really care about women you'd see how this is going to affect us all. Women will now proceed to unsafe abortions. I'm very upset with the way y'all made this decision. Women deserve the right to have abortions! Don't be dumb. I sure wouldn't keep a baby if I was raped. Some people can't keep a baby. Foster care isn't any better! Please keep abortions in Lubbock!

Sincerely,
Emma McClure
701 79th St Lubbock, TX 79404-6246
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Daniella Canales
2927 E Bates St Lubbock, TX 79403-4121
[REDACTED]

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Facism has no place in the United States. Figure your shit out. Stop trying to force people to adopt your obsolete and ignorant mindset. The world is changing and if you don't change with it, it'll leave you behind. Let Lubbock be a beacon for the future instead of the relic of the past it has always been.

Sincerely,
Louis Baldwin
2617 23rd St Lubbock, TX 79410-1623
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Wether people are going to do it or not with this ban, **THEY ARE GOING TO DO IT**. It is so much safer if they go to a certified place to have anything done instead of doing it illegally with sketchy people in dangerous places!! We have to protect our young women and all women that might be in danger if this ban goes through. We have to protect them, care for them, and support them. Not oppress them and limit what they can or can't do. It is so much bigger than that. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Deimi Bustillos
1714 44th St Lubbock, TX 79412-1724
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
McKauley Gregory
3103 113th St Lubbock, TX 79423-1996
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Whitney Richards
5211 89th St Lubbock, TX 79424-3519
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Iliana Franco
14017 County Road 1430 Wolfforth, TX 79382-4383 [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Broderick Harrell
3223 94th St Lubbock, TX 79423-3723
[REDACTED]

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. I believe abortions should not be banned! Us as women need to feel in control. We are humans and we deserve the right to do whatever we want with OUR bodies. If it does not affect or harm anyone at all why should it be banned?

Sincerely,
Andrea Garcia
2105 Avenue T Unit A Lubbock, TX 79411-1240 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Jaryn Jackson
6312 25th St Lubbock, TX 79407-1516
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Joseph Reid
3408 54th St Lubbock, TX 79413-4042
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Alexis Laskowski
155 Rossi Dr Bristol, CT 06010-9019
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Tatum Harrison
5526 90th St Lubbock, TX 79424-4540
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 6:17 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Kevin Lopez
5502 County Road 1260 Lubbock, TX 79407-6410 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 6:15 PM
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Sincerely,
Brityn Kirby
7807 Homestead Ave Lubbock, TX 79424-1735 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 8:39 PM
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Sincerely,
Alexis Juarez
2622 County Road 7730 Lubbock, TX 79423-6462 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 2:00 AM
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Sincerely,
ivy guerra
208 Buffalo Trl Tulia, TX 79088-3102
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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Abortion is murder. Please do not allow this to be perfectly legal at anyone's inconvenience.

Sincerely,
Michael Dean
108 Broadway Lubbock, TX 79401-3535
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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Sincerely,
Katey Halcomb
1212 N Quaker Ave Lubbock, TX 79415-2742 [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Erin White
348 W 1st St Norman, OK 73072-7127
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Women have a right to control their own bodies. Raise access to birth control and sex education if you want lower abortion rates. Banning abortion does not stop abortion, it just bans access to safe ones.

Sincerely,
Kylie Joest
918 Weymouth Ttu Lubbock, TX 79406-0008 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:41 AM
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Your actions will take away an option for those who have been raped, or even those who may die if they go through childbirth. This city has a high rate of rapes and many of my friends have experienced it, think about your actions and how it will effect others. If anything the number of back ally abortions will go up, thus taking up more beds in our hospitals that are already full of covid patients! You have bigger problems than to take away women's rights!

Sincerely,
Aubree Jones
2706 Genoa Ave Apt C3 Lubbock, TX 79407-3254 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:27 AM
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Sincerely,
Kate Buchanan
3502 63rd Dr Lubbock, TX 79413-6044
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Mikiah Gates
6801 19th St Lubbock, TX 79407-1230
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Crispin Ortiz
3005 Fordham St Lubbock, TX 79415-1633
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From:

[REDACTED]

Sent:

Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:51 PM

To:

Citizen Comments

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Sincerely,

Mikeal Graham

746 Ventoso Cir Wolfforth, TX 79382-3401 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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Sincerely,
Kloey Freeman
1001 E 28th St Lubbock, TX 79404-1800
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Women should have the freedom to do whatever they feel is necessary to their bodies. A ban on abortions is limiting that right, please have consideration towards women on your decision.

Sincerely,
Clarissa Morales
5102 Hanover St Lubbock, TX 79416-1237
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:19 PM
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. As a female myself this offends me

Sincerely,
Adalie Martinez
9801 Urbana Ave Lubbock, TX 79424-5148
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:10 PM
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Sincerely,
Teresa Carrizalez
5223 6th St Lubbock, TX 79416-4327
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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As a member of this community, I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. I work in the human service sector in Lubbock, and I know that city leaders need to direct their full attention towards bigger issues going on in our town as we speak. There are about 175 children in foster care in Lubbock right now, as well as, a significant sex trafficking problem that is in dire need of everyone's attention. Why don't we start by trying to save lives from sex traffickers, pedophiles, and COVID-19 first?

Sincerely,
Debra Gonzales
1809 76th St Lubbock, TX 79423-1636
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From:

[REDACTED]

Sent:

Saturday, November 14, 2020 10:31 PM

To:

Citizen Comments

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Sincerely,

Cole Campbell

2210 Glenna Goodacre Blvd Lubbock, TX 79401-2361

[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Kristin Franco
2008 31st St Lubbock, TX 79411-1812
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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We will not stand by have our healthcare rights taken away.

Sincerely,
Hairuo Yi
2613 41st St Lubbock, TX 79413-3203
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 9:56 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Public Comment for 11/17 Council Meeting Re: Ordinance for Sanctuary City for the Unborn

My name is Jennifer Mora. I live at ~1900 block of 52nd St in Lubbock. I have been a resident here for 36 years.

I support the city's finding that this proposal is outside the scope of the council. I am against the proposed ordinance which is both illegal and unenforceable if enacted. Outside extremists and lobbyists know this ordinance is not lawful and have stated their purpose is "to protect the culture and the atmosphere that these cities already have". The ordinance's actual purpose is to suppress women's legal right to abortion through deception. They hope to sow confusion of the law, and to define abortion in such a manner as to demonize and defame women, their families, pharmacists, doctors, and nurses who provide these lawful services and support. This culture of stigmatization is meant to stifle abortion services. This creates an undue burden, and potentially life threatening consequences and medical delays.

The extremist groups further suggest that there is no cost for cities to impose these ordinances or that they will assume the incurred legal fees. This is unlikely and also unwise, since their attorney does not represent the city, but the interest of these groups. The legal and financial burden would remain with the city and taxpayers, including the costs of potential settlements to those harmed.

These extremists are here to grift the citizens of Lubbock. They seek the spotlight to fundraise, and lobby candidates for political capital. We should not be sidetracked by empty and illegal political theater. We have wasted enough time and resources which is already in short supply as our COVID rates rise. Instead of trying to shortcut legislation, they should be directed back to the state and the courts. Otherwise these designations, as meaningless as they are, will inundate the council with further illegal petitions.

I further want to state what should not be in dispute. We must ensure that women have control over their bodies and medical decisions including abortion. All legal medical conditions, services, and treatments are private matters between patient and physician. I would rather not have this council, a privately funded lobbyist, the State of Texas, or the United States government tell you or me what I can and should do regarding my health, my family, or my body. You would not and should not entrust a bureaucrat or even a well-intentioned citizen with your own private, and personal medical decisions. I trust women.

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Banning abortion only bans SAFE abortion. It does not stop women from attempting to poison their bodies and physically harm themselves which would only cause further damage to herself and the fetus. MENTALLY and PHYSICALLY damaging!!!

Sincerely,
Viviana Melendez
3410 E 16th St Lubbock, TX 79403-6122
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:25 AM
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Banning abortion is ridiculous so I urge you to consider carefully. Study after study has shown it improves the life trajectory for mother's with unwanted pregnancies and prevents the birth of children who will likely have more difficult lives and developmental issues compared to children born when the mother is ready. For the sake of the citizens of LUbbock, for the sake of a brighter future for children families are ready to support, for the sake of a woman's liberty to choose I implore you to strike down this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ryland Qualls
5737 67th St Lubbock, TX 79424-1405
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Thomas OSullivan
535 Lakeville Ln East Meadow, NY 11554-3610 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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These tools are useful for providing women the help they need.

Sincerely,
Caleb Scott
5715 75th St Lubbock, TX 79424-2411
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Kenya Manjarrez
2803 18th St Rm 437 Lubbock, TX 79406-0031 [REDACTED]

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact you would have on women when you ban abortions here in lubbock, tx. Please consider other options for the women of this city than baning our limited resources. Thank you, Emily.

Sincerely,
Emily Bybee
9229 Belton Ave Lubbock, TX 79423-4129
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:04 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Comment to present on Nov 17 2020 City Council Ordinance on sanctuary for the unborn

Dear Council,

As a proud resident of Lubbock, I believe Lubbock's elected officials should not be charged with making medical decisions, which would be the consequence of this ordinance that makes abortion a crime. Indeed, extensive data clearly show that such an ordinance would place high risks on the health and safety of Lubbock women, including your sisters, nieces, daughters, and granddaughters. Furthermore, this ordinance would be unenforceable and unconstitutional. I urge you to support City Council's previous decision to not to act on this ordinance.

Sincerely,
Proud mother of four.

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in regards to my opinion, abortions should be legal . anybody has the right to do what they want to their body . I had someone close to me actually had to give birth to a dead baby bc earlier on before it was an actual fetus they wouldn't let her have an abortion even though the doctors said this baby probably wouldn't survive bc of her medical issues . another friend of mine was raped twice an got pregnant both times an also had to keep that baby . some people that get abortions genuinely don't have the money for a child , time for that child nor want a baby . you might think "oh just put them up for adoption " but even the adoption process an the foster homes an systems are corrupt. family's only want to foster a kid for money an end up hurting that kid if not physically then mentally. why does everything always come down to the money with everyone . abortions are a right . you're not killing someone you're taking away a future life that hasn't started yet . it's just a cluster of cells in the beginning. not human flesh n bones . think about everything I just said but if it was you .

Sincerely,
Parker Griggs
4510 Ironton Ave Lubbock, TX 79407-3791 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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If this ban is passed it will be an infringement on citizens civil liberties. I am appalled that this continues to be a political issue, mostly pushed and backed by men. It is short sighted and will be detrimental to our community.

Sincerely,
Julie Weaver
3427 54th St Lubbock, TX 79413-4049
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Banning abortion will only cause an uprise in unsafe abortions. This should not be Lubbock's focus. If you truly care about saving lives like you so claim, then the focus should be on controlling COVID not women's bodies.

Sincerely,
Meagan Marshall
4816 55th St Lubbock, TX 79414-4109
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

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Almost all objections to abortion are rooted in religion, which has no place in government. The United States supposedly has a strict separation of church and state.

However, since evidence indicates that religion is indeed a part of our local government, please allow me to provide some religious information.

Jewish law mandates abortion in certain cases. To ban abortions is to restrict Jews from following their religion, violating the first amendment.

The Christian Bible gives instructions for a priest to perform an abortion in the book of Numbers. In Leviticus, the punishment/fine for causing a woman to miscarry is the same as killing livestock, not murder.

Please follow the laws of our country, which has ruled that abortion is not illegal. Don't allow personal feelings to sway you from your duty as a government official.

Sincerely,
Chris Marshall
4816 55th St Lubbock, TX 79414-4109
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Sally Liu
3211 Main St Lubbock, TX 79406-0029
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 8:45 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Women's lives are at stake and separation of church and state is more important than ever.

Sincerely,
Kaitlyn Salazar
5419 23rd St Lubbock, TX 79407-2124
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 7:49 AM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Isabel Billings
3901 103rd St Lubbock, TX 79423-5199
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Corrie Hermans-Webster
2806 Sleepy Hollow Ln Temple, TX 76502-7161 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:58 AM
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I fully support the decision to offer women the choice to decide what happens to their body. I've seen and heard of many women in Lubbock turning to back-alley measures which ended up injuring them and/or ruining their fertility. Offer a safe option. Please.

Sincerely,
Savannah Neis
10 Cottonwood Ln Canyon, TX 79015-2124
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 2:17 AM
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Sincerely,
Adrianna Sanchez
4610 45th St Lubbock, TX 79414-3308
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Theron Zachary
10107 Homestead Ave Lubbock, TX 79424-3869 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Shree Patel
918 Kilgore Ct Allen, TX 75013-1114
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Abortion is a choice. Even, I, a man can see that. A woman should have the right to decide if she wants to physically stress her body to have a child or not. For many reasons, abortion should not be illegal in the city of Lubbock, Tx. A fetus does not feel the pain, or even know that it is being aborted. Do you remember when you came out your mothers vagina? Because I don't. My friends don't. Nor my father, or mother, or cousins, or grandparents. But I assure you, the woman who is being forced to have a child she does not want will remember the physical pain, the morning sickness, the emotional damage, the stress of not knowing if she will be able to care for it, afford it's food, school, life. And yet, the city who is supposed to care for its people wants to force them to have a child they cannot care for, or simply don't want. It is not your body. It is not your pain. It is not your choice.

Imagine if you are a young woman who gets raped and is now pregnant with a child and your being forced to give labor. Imagine if you're a 16 year old girl, still going to highschool and then you get pregnant. You are now obligated to raise a child, without a high school education. Without a stable home. Without a stable job. You can't even go to college because your city is forcing you to have a child before you are 18. Hell, you probably wouldn't even be able to afford it because your child is now soaking up all your minimum wage checks with diapers, food, medicine.

You don't get to determine that. That's not your job. Your job is to make sure your citizens can feel safe in their own city. If you ban abortion, people will take it into their own hands. And by that, I mean more failed self-abortions, more deaths, and their blood will not only be on their hands, but yours as well. Do you really want that? Do you want women to be forced to raise a child they will only look at and see everything they didn't want? If you do, your disgusting.

It should always be an option because you don't know what that woman went through, or why she doesn't want to give birth a huge responsibility. Put aside your religion, and your own beliefs and think about the actual damage it does. The power it takes away from females. Your taking away they're right. It's degrading and disgusting. If you don't like abortions, then go get pregnant and have a child. simple. But if don't want a child, YOU SHOULD NOT BE FORCED TO HAVE ONE.

Don't use sex as an excuse. Women should be able to have sex without the city they live in telling them, "well don't have sex if you don't want a baby"

Sincerely,
Matthew Bohannon
3520 57th St Lubbock, TX 79413-4721



Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have, woman should have their own right to have or to not have an abortion it should be left up to the woman and should be no ones choice but hers. Pro- choice is the best choice. Listen to woman!!!!

Sincerely,
Felicity Lara
2213 89th St Lubbock, TX 79423-4325
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Miranda Esparza-Garza
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Miranda Esparza-Garza
2102 W Loop 289 Apt 156 Lubbock, TX 79407-1774 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kylie Salazar
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Kylie Salazar
2313 13th St Lubbock, TX 79401-3610
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Tristan Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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You don't have the right to tell a woman what she can and can't do with her body.

Sincerely,
Tristan Jones
2506 109th St Lubbock, TX 79423-7247
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Carol Flueckiger [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Anti Abortion Ordinance/Nov. 17

Nov. 17 Hearing on Ant-Abortion Ordinance

1. We support City Council's previous decision to not act on the ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns.
2. Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal medical decisions for their constituents.
3. As a city we are in the midst of a crisis related to the pandemic and that is where our time and resources need to be spent, not on this ordinance.
4. The abortion ban and ordinance are examples of political theater, and we do not want to see Lubbock being used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuvers.

Carol Flueckiger
2705 21st Street
Lubbock, TX 79410

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Georgia Hageman
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Most believers in this ban do so because of religious reasons, and those religious reasons should not decide something for everyone.

Sincerely,
Georgia Hageman
5725 92nd St Lubbock, TX 79424-4537
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Brooklynn Finley
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Planned parenthood provides a recourse for so many other things besides abortion. including pregnancy tests, breast cancer screenings, STD testing and treatment, including but not limited to plenty others. Please do not let your religious beliefs interfere with a woman's right to choose what she does with her body.

Sincerely,
Brooklynn Finley
16010 County Road 2140 Lubbock, TX 79423-7944 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Nawal Taylor
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Sincerely,
Nawal Taylor
422 Blue Spgs San Antonio, TX 78260-1528 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Joryhebel Ginorio [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:32 PM
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Sincerely,
Joryhebel Ginorio
1803 Boston Ave Lubbock, TX 79406-0030
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ashton Vera [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Ashton Vera
6114 101ST Iola Lubbock, TX 79424
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of mia u [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:34 PM
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Sincerely,
mia u
2803 Braids Dr Laredo, TX 78045-8928
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mackenzie Justice [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Mackenzie Justice
3115 18th St # 715B Lubbock, TX 79406-0024 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Emily Goebel
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Emily Goebel
3522 103rd St Lubbock, TX 79423-5106
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Elizabeth Witmore [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Do not overstep the bounds of which you were elected.

Dear City Council Members,

It has come to my attention that the City Council is considering an ordinance identifying Lubbock as a "sanctuary for the unborn." This ordinance is beyond the scope of what the council was elected to do and is unenforceable. This ordinance would mean local elected officials are making and influencing important medical decisions for their constituents. In essence, you would be using your position to push through a political agenda that greatly impacts women in our communities, communities which you serve.

All women's medical choices are important. An attempt to create a "sanctuary for the unborn" in Lubbock is an attempt to block Planned Parenthood's success. Using this ordinance (through fines, etc) disregards the medical benefit for women and the improved access to important screenings and treatment. Planned Parenthood's across Texas provide much needed care for women and girls. Such as, 1) Breast and cervical cancer screenings, 2) STI/STD testing and support, and 3) Providing FDA-approved birth control in the form of the pill, condoms, IUDs, and more. All of these are important medical services needed in Lubbock. Politics should not interfere with the health of our community.

You're elected as a city council member to serve the people of Lubbock, that means all of us! Approving this ordinance goes beyond the scope of your job and is an attempt to use politics to circumvent important health issues. Especially during a time when we should be promoting health and wellness.

Lubbock is in the midst of the highest threat yet from COVID. Positive Covid cases are escalating and we continue to have shockingly high hospitalization rates. Your time and Lubbock's resources should be spent combating the Covid related challenges that face our communities health, not preventing access to care and directly interfering with women's health.

Please vote NO on this ordinance and stay focused on the health of our whole community.

Sincerely,

Liz Witmore

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Jennifer Clements

From: Elizabeth Witmore [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 1:15 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Vote NO identifying Lubbock as a "Sanctuary for the Unborn"

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Liz Witmore
2508 23rd Street
Lubbock Tx 79410

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Jennifer Clements

From: Elissa Zellinger [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Nov. 17 meeting: opposition to the proposed anti-abortion ordinance

Dear Members of the City Council,

My name is Elissa Zellinger, and I live at 6109 Lynnhaven Dr., Lubbock, TX 79413.

I am writing to to voice my strong opposition to the proposed anti-abortion ordinance.

I support City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns. Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents. As a city, we are in the midst of a pandemic and our time and resources need to be directed toward this crisis, not on this ordinance. The abortion ban and ordinance are examples of political theater, and we do not want to see Lubbock being used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuvers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Elissa Zellinger

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Natalia Castro [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Natalia Castro
3515 106th St Lubbock, TX 79423-6705
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Celeste Dugger
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Celeste Dugger
1250 N VIRGINIA St Reno, NV 89503
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Aisha Qureshi [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 2:35 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,

Aisha Qureshi

4115 35th St Apt A Lubbock, TX 79413-2180 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ian Anderson
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 2:42 PM
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Sincerely,
Ian Anderson
10103 Waco Ave Lubbock, TX 79423-4483
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Leslie Orquiz Berroteran
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 2:45 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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Sincerely,
Leslie Orquiz Berroteran
1409 140th St Lubbock, TX 79423-5994
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Christian Hernandez
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 3:22 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. I stand against government authority telling a woman what she can and can not do with her own body.

Sincerely,

Christian Hernandez

2202 Mac Davis Ln Lubbock, TX 79401-2217 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Joyce Matei [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Being a woman in this city, I believe removing access to abortions will be monumentally bad, and the health of women in this community will severely suffer. Abortions are so controversial, but no one should have to have that option taken away from them.

Sincerely,
Joyce Matei
2018 89th St Lubbock, TX 79423-3440
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Dominique salazar
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Dominique salazar
4640 Jarvis St Lubbock, TX 79416-2415
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jacob Perez [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:27 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. It is absolutely none of your damn business what a woman chooses to do with her body. If I hear one more person says “what about the baby” i’m going to scream, I literally dont care about the fetus I care about the actual living breathing person making the decision. In a country and city where you love to preach freedom of religion yall seem to love pushing christianity onto everyone and its gross. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jacob Perez
3307 36th St Lubbock, TX 79413-2324
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Haydee Solis [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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women should have the information and care they need to live strong, healthy lives and fulfill their dreams. Today, Planned Parenthood affiliates operate more than 600 health centers across the United States, and Planned Parenthood is the nation’s leading provider and advocate of high-quality, affordable health care for women, men, and young people. Planned Parenthood is also the nation’s largest provider of sex education. How did we get where we are today? Learn more about our 100-year history.

Sincerely,
Haydee Solis
3102 109th St Unit B Lubbock, TX 79423-5889 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Judy Mayfield [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:40 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Statement for City Council meeting November 17 - to be read aloud

The following is my statement, to be read aloud, to the Lubbock City Council about the consideration of the “sanctuary city for the unborn” designation:

My name is Judy Mayfield, and I live at 3201 21st Street, Lubbock, 79410. I’ve been a Lubbock resident since 1972, or almost 50 years.

I encourage the City Council members to vote “No” to those asking that Lubbock be declared a “sanctuary city for the unborn,” with that designation’s draconian consequences . The most immediate, practical reason that this ordinance should be voted down is that it is illegal and unconstitutional. In Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decided in 1973 that the U.S. Constitution protects a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction. That law stands to this day.

Women who seek abortions do so because they are unprepared or unable to parent a child. It is not a decision that is taken lightly, but one that occurs both for the good of the woman and of the child. If every person who has a child were prepared and able to parent, and if necessary societal structures were in place to support them, there wouldn’t be over 400,000 children lingering in foster care in this country each year.

Adoption, as an alternative to abortion, is always given by those who are anti-choice. I’ve been a social worker for almost 50 years, and have worked with many woman who’ve placed newborns for adoption, as well as many who have had abortions. Without exception, the women who carried their babies to term and placed them for adoption were grief-stricken and haunted – for years – by that experience, wondering if the child was being properly cared for and would ultimately blame them for their decision. Women who obtained abortions felt mainly relief, because they knew that their decision was the right one.

And to those of you here who refer to yourselves as “pro-life,” I find that laughable. You should call yourself “pro-birth” instead, as you care so little about what happens to children after they’re born. Where is your advocacy for a higher minimum wage, free or low-cost child care, and health care for all? Why are you not advocating that Lubbock become a “sanctuary city for the born” and why are you not working to make the lives of the city’s disadvantaged families and children better so that women can more adequately parent a child?

I urge the City Council members to vote No on this ordinance.

Judy Mayfield

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Abi Billingsley
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Abi Billingsley
2513 111th St Unit A Lubbock, TX 79423-6766 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Shannon Cannings
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Medical access is our human right. Having accessible reproductive health services will positively affect the women of our city. It will allow us to control our bodies, our health, our careers, and our lives. Those who oppose this access offer no alternative, no financial help, no childcare, only condemnation through a narrow religious perspective that is not universally held.

Twenty years ago, I chose to make Lubbock my home. I am raising my family and paying taxes here. I see the disparity between those who have access to healthcare and those who do not. Having access to reproductive choice is important to me as a mother of daughters, as a teacher of young women, and as a voting citizen of Lubbock.

Sincerely,
Shannon Cannings
3214 20th St Lubbock, TX 79410-1410
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Eileen Nathan [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Cc: Jeff Griffith
Subject: sanctuary city ordinance vote

Dear City Council members;

This message is to urge you not to revisit the City Council's previous decision NOT to vote on the ordinance that would make Lubbock a "sanctuary city for the unborn." This proposal is far beyond the purview of local governance to make personal, medical decisions for their constituents.

The city of Lubbock currently is in the midst of an extraordinary crisis affecting the health and safety of all its citizens. All the attention and resources available to the city should be focused on mitigating the spread of Covid-19 which has sadly placed Lubbock county in the national spotlight for having the fifth highest per capita rate of infection in the country. This is shameful and needs complete involvement of our city government to coordinate with the medical community and help in whatever ways possible.

Our City Council should be focused on uniting and protecting its citizens during this pandemic rather than expending energy on the divisive issue of abortion rights.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eileen P. Nathan
3102.21st Street

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Hope Boniol
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Hope Boniol
3120 4th St Bldg 3130 Lubbock, TX 79415-3263 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of kyla dominguez
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 5:21 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I believe abortion is a choice! If the city was to ban abortion at least give out free birth control! It is highly inappropriate for men and a city to choose if a women should have a baby or not!

Sincerely,
kyla dominguez
5802 80th St Lubbock, TX 79424-1712
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Drake Nichols [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 5:25 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Drake Nichols
7117 19th St Lubbock, TX 79407-1207
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Caitlin Velasquez [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 5:36 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Caitlin Velasquez
2903 107th St Lubbock, TX 79423-0842
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Brenna Franklin
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 5:56 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Brenna Franklin
2011 102nd St Unit B Lubbock, TX 79423-5683 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Elaine Esparza
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 6:06 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Elaine Esparza
6111 15th St Lubbock, TX 79416-6113
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Teresa Slettebo [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 6:08 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Teresa Slettebo
3710 Erskine St Lubbock, TX 79415-5119
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jean Griffin
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 6:43 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. The ordinance is criminally unenforceable because of the Supreme Court's 1973 ruling in Roe v. Wade. The clear purpose of this ordinance is to cause confusion of individuals who live in Lubbock about whether or not they're able to access healthcare that is their right.

Sincerely,
Jean Griffin
3814 62nd Dr Lubbock, TX 79413-5212
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kirsten Mendez
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Each person is entitled to their own body, especially women. Where will women turn to when an unplanned pregnancy is upon them? Exactly. Instead of pushing away our women, help them when in need. Motherhood isn't for everybody. Adoption isn't an option either, please tell that to all of our failed children in the system. Banning abortion is NOT going to solve any issues. Do not control a women's decision nor body.

Sincerely,
Kirsten Mendez
1701 78th St Lubbock, TX 79423-2417
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Allison Whitney [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Re: Ordinance on Sanctuary City for the Unborn

To the Lubbock City Council,

I am writing to state my support for the City Council's earlier decision not to act on the proposed Ordinance that would effectively ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. The time and resources that the City would have to devote to this process is not only wasteful, as it would not stand up to a Constitutional challenge, but it needlessly politicizes the private medical decisions of Lubbock citizens.

Sincerely,
Allison Whitney
38th Street, Lubbock, 79413

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Molly Angel [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 8:03 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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Sincerely,
Molly Angel
1108 Highgate Rd Forney, TX 75126-3824
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Halli Harris
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:12 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Halli Harris
10303 Elgin Ave Lubbock, TX 79423-6089
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Erin Flessner
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:48 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Erin Flessner

1 Gabriels Bluff Dr Georgetown, TX 78626-2597 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of charlene neudek [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 10:37 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
charlene neudek
5205 38th St Lubbock, TX 79414-1107
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Laura Young
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 10:13 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Laura Young
2316 17th St Lubbock, TX 79401-4437
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Donna [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 10:50 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Ordinance regarding Sanctuary City for the Unborn
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Dear Council Members,

I hope you will think long and hard about decisions made on banning abortion in Lubbock. I know this has always been a very sensitive and controversial topic. Personally I don't believe it is a political issue, it is a personal issue. The government should not have control of what is done or not done to an individual's body. Try to place yourself in someone else's shoes. Since there are men on the council, have you thought about the government telling you whether or not you can have a vasectomy? Is your body any different from a woman's body?

I encourage you to read what a catholic nun has to say about abortion. Her quote below....

Jennifer Clements

From: Bonnie [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Sanctuary City proposal

I am 50+ year citizen of Lubbock. I have been a member of various Christian churches all my life, but I never wanted to impose my religious beliefs on an entire community. It is not part of separation of church and state, nor part of American freedom of religion. Please stop this radical effort.

Bonnie Aycok
[7506 Norfolk Avenue](#)
[Lubbock, Texas](#)

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Jennifer Clements

From: Marta Kvande [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:32 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Comments for Nov. 17 hearing on proposed anti-abortion ordinance

Hello, I would like to submit the following comments for the Nov. 17 public hearing on the proposed anti-abortion ordinance.

First, the city council has already considered this proposal and has realized that it would be unconstitutional. The council's previous rejection of the proposal is based on good legal grounds, and there's no new information or changes to the law that would warrant a reconsideration.

Second, Lubbock is experiencing a dangerous outbreak of COVID-19 right now, with record numbers of cases, and the city needs to focus its attention on helping citizens survive this pandemic. Those concerned about saving lives should be equally concerned about saving lives from this pandemic. The city's resources need to be focused on the current crisis; this anti-abortion ordinance would take time and resources away from this immediate need.

Finally, the legal review performed on behalf of the city has already shown that any such ordinance would not stand up to a legal challenge, even if the ordinance passed. Not only would the ordinance therefore be ineffective, it would also be a fundamental waste of city resources. Quite simply, the proposed ordinance is just political theater -- and Lubbock should not have to waste its resources just to satisfy some outside politician's desire to make a statement.

I urge the City Council to stay with its previous decision not to act on this ordinance. Thank you.

Marta Kvande
79410

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Jennifer Clements

From: Raychel Vasseur [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: City Council Meeting Comments

Dear Mrs. Patterson Harris and members of the City Council:

I would like to write to express my support of the City Council's previous decision to NOT act on an ordinance to ban abortion in Lubbock, TX, as it is outside the purview of the council's concerns. Such decisions are personal, medical decisions that should be made between a patient and medical professional, and should NOT be made by local elected government officials. Furthermore, Lubbock, TX, along with the rest of the world, is trying to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Temporary medical tents have been set up in parking lots of our hospitals to make additional bed space, healthcare workers are being asked to work in areas they normally do not, and they are exhausted. Our resources and time need to be spent overcoming the COVID-19 crisis, not on this abortion ban and ordinance that seem to be political theater, more than anything. We do not want to see Lubbock being used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuvers.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Raychel Vasseur
1606 82nd St.

Jennifer Clements

From: Alec Cattell [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Cattell comment to be read aloud at the Nov. 17th City Council public hearing

Greetings,

My name is Dr. Cattell, and I live at 3315 32nd Street in Lubbock. Thank you for the opportunity to make a statement at this public hearing.

I have become aware that a few radical individuals wish to make Lubbock a so-called "sanctuary city for the unborn." This proposal is unconstitutional, unenforceable, and an example of political theater. I do not want to see Lubbock being used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuvers, and thus **I strongly urge city council members to vote against adopting this ordinance.**

I support City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance, as it is outside the purview of council concerns. Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents.

Our city is in the midst of a crisis related to the pandemic and that is where our time and resources should be spent, not on this ordinance.

Best regards,
Dr. Alec Cattell

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Angel Gonzales
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Angel Gonzales
4405 60th St Lubbock, TX 79414-4513
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Chris Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Public Comment for Nov 17 public hearing on Lubbock as Sanctuary City

Please read the following comment into the record of the public hearing on 17 November 2020 about the question of of Lubbock becoming a sanctuary city for the unborn:

As a citizen of Lubbock I strongly oppose the designation as sanctuary city for the unborn. The city sits at a vital moment in its history, its development, in its opportunity. I hope we can bring everyone together to seek views towards the future, towards opportunity, towards inclusion. Becoming a prop for political theater are not the headlines Lubbock needs. The City Council's earlier decision not to act on this ordinance because it is outside of purview of council concerns is commendable if that's the limit of its ability. Interfering with personal medical decisions of constituents is not in the interest of the city, or perhaps even legally viable. Increasing access and knowledge about healthcare seems more generous, supportive, and human than becoming a political tagline. Please focus city efforts on more immediate and actionable concerns that will benefit our community, like seriously addressing the public health threat of the current pandemic.

Thanks,

Chris Taylor
Lubbock, Texas

Jennifer Clements

From: Barbara Hahn [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: comment regarding the sanctuary city for the unborn

To the Lubbock City Council, regarding the sanctuary city for the unborn: Please don't pass a law that is unconstitutional and can't be enforced, just because it makes an emotional point that resonates with many of our citizens. Please don't take the bait of this proposal. It makes our city look foolish, like we don't understand our own system of government. Governing ourselves relies on having laws that don't contradict each other, that don't individually undermine the basics of the legal system that we all live under. Moreover, the city's resources are right now better devoted to dealing with the pandemic and our long-standing development plans, than to sorting out a complicated legal, moral, and reputational battle over a passion-driven decision.

Barbara Hahn
2624-25
Lubbock

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sarah Velasquez
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:37 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

If you would like to prevent abortions occurring in our city, please provide medically accurate sexual education in the high schools that teach criteria other than abstinence only. There are many articles and research showing that abstinence only sex Ed correlated with higher rates of teen pregnancy and STDs.

Sincerely,
Sarah Velasquez
2506 38th St Lubbock, TX 79413-2802
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Charles Skibell [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Sanctuary City opinion
Attachments: Santuary City letter.pdf

To Whom It May Concern:

Please see my attached letter on the subject of declaring Lubbock a "Sanctuary City".

I submit it to be read at Tuesday's meeting concerning this issue.

Charles Skibell
4610-13th Street
Lubbock, TX 79416

October 17, 2020

Mayor Dan Pope and Council Men and Women
City of Lubbock

Dear friends and representatives,

I am writing to address the issue of making Lubbock a "Sanctuary City", preventing the reopening of Planned Parenthood and prohibiting the right to a safe abortion.

As you know, the right to an abortion has been a federal law for nearly 50 years. You also know that no city ordinance overrides federal law. Those that oppose the right to an abortion do so mainly for religious reasons. All of us have our right to freedom of religion, but none us have the right to impose our views of religion on anyone else. This is exactly what is happening.

To prohibit Planned Parenthood from opening, denies all the other services it provides to so many women who depend on it for their well-being.

You know all of this and this should be enough to shape your opinion on the subject. But I have another point that is worth your consideration. That is the negative image and stigma that making Lubbock a Sanctuary City broadcasts to all that do not live here and to those that may be considering moving here. We are growing and want to continue to grow by attracting the best and the brightest. Doctors, professors, business executives, professionals of all sorts, white- and blue-collar workers, retirees, all have standards that their living environment must meet.

We must project that we are a vital city, moving forward with a dynamic future that promotes quality of living and cultural richness. There is an old song that sings "Happiness is seeing Lubbock in a rear-view mirror". I think Mac Davis would agree that it doesn't make a comeback.

I have read that many of you share my view on this. Please do not give in to pressure. Charles Perry does not run this city, you do.

Respectfully,



Charles Skibell

Jennifer Clements

From: Catherine Martin Christopher [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 11:18 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Cc: Jeff Griffith
Subject: Public Comment for Tuesday's meeting

Members of the City Council,

My name is Cassie Christopher, and I am a resident of Lubbock. I am also a lawyer. The proposed "sanctuary city" ordinance is outside the scope of a city council's authority in Texas and in the United States. The ordinance is also clearly unconstitutional. I fully support the City Council's previous decision not to act on the ordinance at all. Local elected government officials should not be responsible for making medical decisions on behalf of their constituents--what a mess that would be!

I am sorry the City Council has been strong-armed into having today's hearing. It is dangerous to be gathering together in such a large group for such a long period of time. It is also a waste of time, considering that the City Council has no authority to pass this ordinance. The City Council should be focusing its efforts on addressing the worsening pandemic, instead of indulging in this political theater.

Yours,
Cassie Christopher

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Audrianna Rojas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Banning abortions in Lubbock will not stop them from happening. Every person I've known who has wanted this procedure has simply left Lubbock to have it. The implications that passing an abortion ban will have will only include making the procedure inaccessible to poor women and forcing dangerous and traumatic labor in situations where delivery is life-threatening for the person in labor. Lubbock's poverty, teen pregnancy, and child abuse rates are already issues that should be addressed, but instead the city is spending time and money attempting to force births, which will only guarantee that these issues stay prevalent.

Sincerely,
Audrianna Rojas
2205 28th St Lubbock, TX 79411-1407
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Victoria Isett
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 12:34 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

This would be yet another instance of the city of Lubbock dragging its citizens through the mud while they feign good will. This ban is illegal, ill conceived, and would cost the city of Lubbock tax-payer money to attempt to maintain. It is reckless and unfeeling to all of your constituents and it would show how tied to ideology you are rather than doing what's best for the city. Do the right thing and do not attempt a ban on abortion, especially when the city already provide so few resources in terms of sexual education and access and information to birth control.

Sincerely,
Victoria Isett
3817 62nd Dr Lubbock, TX 79413-5211
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mallory Flores
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 12:53 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Mallory Flores
703 E County Road 7270 Lubbock, TX 79404-7925 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Ali Duffy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Public Hearing Comment Nov. 17th

Good evening,

I write to express my fervent opposition to the anti-abortion efforts of a small group of Lubbock citizens to declare ours a “sanctuary city for the unborn.” In short, their effort is a ridiculous act of political theatre designed to infringe upon women’s rights and our bodily autonomy as well as an attempt to limit our access to safe and affordable healthcare in Lubbock and indoctrinate Lubbock citizens under a sense of particular religious supremacy.

I strongly support City Council’s previous decision to not act on this ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns. Local elected government officials should not make personal medical decisions for their constituents. As a city, we are in the midst of a crisis related to the pandemic and that is where our time and resources need to be spent, not on this pointless ordinance.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter and for continuing to support Planned Parenthood and the women citizens as we declare our opposition to any and all anti-abortion measures.

Sincerely,
Alison Duffy
(Kelsey Park neighborhood)

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Jennifer Clements

From: Emily Skidmore [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Public comment: sanctuary city

Hello,

I'm writing to present comments I would like read during tomorrow's city council Meeting.

My name is Emily Skidmore, and I live on 40th street in Lubbock. I have lived in Lubbock for almost ten years, and my two daughters were born here. I am appalled at the recent effort to declare our city a "sanctuary city for the unborn," and I strongly urge the city council to drop all efforts to put this ban in place. We are in the midst of a public health crisis, and it baffles me that our city leaders are spending their time seeking to limit women's access to health care. This is political theatre at its most dangerous, and this is absolutely not the time to engage. Please drop this issue and move onto the urgent matter of controlling the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Thank you.

Emily Skidmore

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Devin Garcia [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 1:34 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. People should be able to make decisions about their own bodies without others telling them what they can and can't do. Men should not have any more than an opinion about what a woman should do with her body. My body, my choice. Her body, her choice. People have many reasons for wanting or not wanting an abortion and none of those reason need to be approved by anyone but the person going through it. Tubal ligation can not be done without her husbands permission, although it's the woman that carries the child for 9 months, goes through all the changes, and has to deliver the child. Woman should be able to speak for their own bodies unless another person is going to carry their fetus.

Sincerely,
Devin Garcia
1210 N Interstate 27 Lubbock, TX 79403-2500 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Joshua Salmans
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Dear Esteemed City Council Members,

I am a librarian and an advocate for Women's Rights and Choices. No matter what side of the issue you are on personally, I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have on women making choices for their own bodies. I understand the desire to be a protective entity of your citizenry; however, this issue is a matter jurisdiction that no government should be in the business of legislating.

No one can substitute for a mother's connection to, intuition for, nor jurisdiction over their offspring. You may personally disagree with that decision; however, it is not yours nor the city's decision to make. Difficult situations and contexts make it impossible for another human being to sit in judgement over them. I don't take this lightly, and I implore you not to do so either.

Please remember that you represent all of us--even minorities of philosophical thought and religious or non-religious persuasions. Please do not waste tax payer money on something that is ultimately unconstitutional.

With much appreciation,
Josh Salmans

Sincerely,
Joshua Salmans
1915 33rd St Lubbock, TX 79411-1821
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Sharon Kohout [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Opposition to Ordinance

Dear City Council Members,

I have been a Lubbock resident off and on for over 50 years. I am personally appalled at the idea of Lubbock passing an ordinance to make Lubbock a Sanctuary for the Unborn. I find it offensive in so many ways.

We currently have a pandemic raging - and it seems ludicrous to spend precious time, energy, and other resources on a concept that is fraught with such political overtones.

I do not see how in any way this is within the purview of City Council concerns. We have a federal law in place that permits abortion. Why would local government officials ever think they can regulate such a personal medical decision as an abortion?

I feel compelled to respond because this is a very personal matter for me. I am not pro-abortion. However I am absolutely for the RIGHT of any woman to choose to have an abortion. How could anyone - much less a local government official - feel that they could know with absolute certainty the many factors that play into a woman's decision?

I humbly support the City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance. Please spend your time on issues that support appropriate healthcare, the right of every citizen in Lubbock.

Sharon Kohout
3505 77th DR
Lubbock, TX 79423

- 1. We support City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns.*
- 2. Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents.*
- 3. As a city, we are in the midst of a crisis related to the pandemic and that is where our time and resources need to be spent, not on this ordinance.*
- 4. The abortion ban and ordinance are examples of political theater, and we do not want to see Lubbock being used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuvers.*

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Cassandra Wilson
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Put aside personal beliefs and allow this clinic to provide its full services for the women of Lubbock County and surrounding areas. Allow women to make decisions that directly impact their lives.

Sincerely,
Cassandra Wilson
3106 2nd St Lubbock, TX 79415-2512
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Megan Fisher
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Also the national government ruled it legal so you don't have the legal precedent and could be sued by the national government. Take that into consideration

Sincerely,
Megan Fisher
503 N Chicago Ave Apt A Lubbock, TX 79416-2931 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Carly Stephens
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Carly Stephens
4204 39th St Lubbock, TX 79413-2526
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Trevor Bills
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:01 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Abortion is wrong and has no place in Texas.

Sincerely,
Trevor Bills

2601 W Avenue N San Angelo, TX 76909-2601 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jenna Rossignol
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Jenna Rossignol
400 N 4th St Ballinger, TX 76821-5012
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of megan jessup
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
megan jessup
124 County Road 805A Cleburne, TX 76031-8138 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alexis Swafford [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Alexis Swafford
518 Temple St Woodville, TX 75979-4445
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Bailee Egan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Women all over the world are put in bad positions because of unwanted and unsafe pregnancies. This issue is for our country's government officials to decide. Making this a city wide ban could cause turmoil, something this world and country already have enough of. Think about the women who will suffer from this and focus on protecting your citizens and solving problems that have been swept under the rug for many years.

Sincerely,
Bailee Egan
105 Novice Rd Winters, TX 79567-3200
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Kimberleigh Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:35 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Citizen comments for meeting on Abortion ban

Dear committee members,

I live near 19th St and Milwaukee Ave. I'm writing today to express my thoughts on the proposed abortion ban in Lubbock. This ordinance is a direct attack on women's rights and on access to healthcare.

Many women need access to abortion care for a multitude of reasons, which are frankly no one's concern but the women who must make the difficult choice for herself and her healthcare provider. Removing access to abortion does not mean that women will NOT have abortions, it just means that access to SAFE abortions will not be possible.

When each of you ran for the elected positions you hold for the City of Lubbock, I'm sure that none of you ran with the thought in mind that you would someday be held responsible for deciding the health outcomes of your female constituents. That is exactly what this unconstitutional ordinance is about. While I appreciate the experience that each of you brings to your roles, respectfully, none of you are qualified to make medical decisions for women that you know nothing about.

Instead, you all were elected and took an oath of office to make informed decisions on topics such as public safety, road maintenance, zoning laws, licensing and regulations, and budgetary concerns. Something that is most certainly not a responsibility of the mayor or the Lubbock city council are sweeping political gestures such as an abortion ordinance which will not be enforceable and will be held up in court proceedings for a long time to come.

The proposed anti-abortion ordinance is in direct opposition to the 1973 landmark ruling in Roe v. Wade which declared that abortion is legal in all US states. Furthermore, in 2014 US District Judge Yeakel struck down two provisions to Texas House Bill 2 ruling that removing abortion access would have placed an undue burden on women, particularly those living in west Texas and the Rio Grande Valley. This case eventually reached the Supreme Court in 2016 in Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt which ruled the law was unconstitutional and interferes with a woman's right to an abortion.

The cost of the legal pursuits surrounding an unconstitutional ordinance such as the one proposed will be both incredibly time consuming and expensive for the city of Lubbock.

I request that you allow access to abortions in our city. Abortions are healthcare, and healthcare is a right. Lastly, I urge you to vote no on the anti-abortion ordinance.

Thank you,

Kimberleigh Gonzalez

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Jennifer Clements

From: Melanie Barnes [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:37 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: sanctuary city ordinance

To the members of Lubbock's city council,

I would like to register my opposition to a Sanctuary city ordinance for the City of Lubbock. There is no need for the City of Lubbock to be making personal health care decisions for its citizens. I applaud the re-opening of Planned Parenthood clinic in the city of Lubbock. We are the hub for medical care for much of west Texas and eastern New Mexico thus the idea of Lubbock restricting that health care is extremely troubling. Access to healthcare is a right and in a state that has yet to expand Medicaid and take advantage of federal funding to keep rural hospitals open we must support clinics such as Planned Parenthood where our fellow citizens can equitably receive everything from health screenings to birth control, in addition to STD testing and treatment. Clinics such as Planned Parenthood fill a needed role for our citizens who do not have primary care physicians and health insurance.

Thank you for considering my comment, Melanie Barnes

--
Melanie Barnes
zipcode 79410
[REDACTED]

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Emma Cullen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Emma Cullen
11118 US Highway 83 Ballinger, TX 76821-7226 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Hailey Bryant <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:55 PM
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. QUIT FUCKING TAKING OUR HUMAN RIGHTS AWAY AND ARREST THE KILLERS OF BRIONNA TAYLOR

Sincerely,
Hailey Bryant
1717 30th St Lubbock, TX 79411-1801
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Madeleine Frossard
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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When I was 21, I was raped by a man. I remember being terrified at the idea that I might become pregnant as a result of this event and was completely overwhelmed that I would have to drive hours away (potentially to another state) to receive an abortion so that I would not have to bear a pregnancy as a result of the actions my rapist. I was extremely lucky and did not become pregnant, but had the worst outcome happened, it would have made a world of difference to have the ability to have a location in my hometown where I would be listened to and could have my body autonomy honored.

A blanket ban on abortion would limit healthcare access and choices for individuals in our city. I beg of you to reconsider and rescind the abortion ban in Lubbock. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Madeleine Frossard
5202 Kenosha Ave Apt 2 Lubbock, TX 79413-3943 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Bonnie Mckillip [REDACTED]
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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:52 PM
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Sincerely,
Bonnie Mckillip
3326 Rock Brook Dr Apt 1006 San Angelo, TX 76904-6987 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jocelyn Cervantez [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:01 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Jocelyn Cervantez
7414 Elgin Ave Lubbock, TX 79423-1421
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Jamie Cook [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Nov 17 comment Item 7.1

Jamie Cook
103rd (98th and Frankford)
Lubbock 79424

As an essential employee who has just recovered from COVID, I am choosing not to present my comments in person, but via email instead. I have seen previous gatherings of those in support of the “sanctuary city” and the lack of social distancing and mask wearing within that group of supporters is appalling.

I believe in the fundamental right to make personal medical decisions without the government intervening. Empowering our citizens to decide when they start a family fuels economic growth and leads to more wanted children growing up in stable, happy, two parent homes.

I support City Council’s previous decision to NOT act on this ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns. Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents.

As a city, we are in the midst of a crisis related to the pandemic and that is where our time and resources need to be spent, not on this ordinance.

The abortion ban and ordinance are examples of political theater, and we do not want to see Lubbock being used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuvers.

Thank you

Sent from my mobile. Please excuse my brevity, spelling and punctuation.

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of samar maqusi
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 5:09 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Abortion is a very personal issue for women and their partners, and should be resolved personally and not through national policies that ignore the hardships and considerations of the people affected. At this time, money is crucially needed for the greater good of facing the pandemic together, and not to target "personal choices" that people have the right to make. No one is perfect, and thus we should keep a tolerant society intact and not the opposite.

Sincerely,
samar maqusi
9804 Vicksburg Ave Lubbock, TX 79424-6362 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Edna Thelusma
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Women in this city should have the right to choose in their own town. Please do not pass this.

Sincerely,
Edna Thelusma
1909 30th St Lubbock, TX 79411-1803
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Erin-Marie Legacey [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Citizen Comment on Agenda Item 7.2
Attachments: Citizen Comment for 1117.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Please find attached to this email a copy of my comment related to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I have attached it as a one-page PDF document, but I am also pasting the text below, in case you cannot open the attached document.

With appreciation,
Erin Legacey

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Hello. My name is Erin Legacey, and I live on 24th Street in Lubbock, Texas.

I am writing this statement in response to Agenda Item 7.2 which asks the city to consider an ordinance outlawing abortion, which is a safe and legal medical procedure protected by the U.S. Constitution.

If we weren't in the midst of a pandemic, and if Lubbock wasn't currently experiencing an unprecedented rise in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths due to Covid-19, it would be my pleasure to address you in person. However, because I have vulnerable people in my home, and because I care about protecting **actual** and not just potential lives, I will limit myself to writing.

It's very frustrating that this this is even being discussed here today. City council already addressed this proposed ordinance and — wisely — determined that it falls outside of their purview. You are all elected officials — and congratulations, by the way on your reelection Mr. Mayor — and we entrust you with the administration of the city. We do not, however, expect you to weigh in on the private decisions of your female constituents.

As I think you all know, outlawing abortion and declaring Lubbock a so-called “sanctuary city for the unborn” is patently unconstitutional. We all know that Roe v. Wade guarantees women access to abortion services. I understand that many do not agree with abortion for personal or religious reasons, but this issue is settled law.

If you are somehow persuaded by loud and insistent voices to approve this petition, it will primarily serve as a symbolic act. And it will not go unchallenged.

I suspect that the originators of this proposal know this, and they don't care. They likely know that seven Texas towns that recently tried to pass similar bans were all sued by the ACLU and ultimately those cities had to backtrack on their bans. Is this really how the city of Lubbock wants to spend its time, energy, and resources right now? Dealing with the fallout from a sanctimonious PR stunt?

Surely taxpayer money would be better spent on the rapidly expanding Covid-19 crisis, on helping out local businesses, on supporting our overextended hospitals, and, ultimately on working to rebuild our community after this catastrophic year. We simply don't have the time or resources to humor this poor production of political theatre any longer.

Because let's be clear about one thing: the goal of this proposed ordinance isn't to create any real change. It's to create disorder, confusion, and to further stigmatize a medical procedure that — whether you agree with it or not — **women have a constitutional right to access.**

Lubbock can be better than this. Let's not make national news again for the wrong reasons.

In the strongest possible terms, I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to demonstrate that Lubbock is a thoughtful and responsible city that knows where its priorities and obligations lie.

Please, take care of the citizens you already have: almost 5000 of them are currently infected with Covid-19; hundreds are laying in our hospitals; and at least 273 have already died.

We need your attention, energy, and resources **here**. With **us** — not dealing with this farce of an ordinance.

Thank you for your time.

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lindsey Duran
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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Duran
1807 E Auburn St Lubbock, TX 79403-4021 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Haley Bray
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:35 PM
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. As someone who has lived in Lubbock their entire life, we are in desperate need of women's health clinics. Abortions are an important part of this healthcare, and a Constitutionally protected right. This ban would diametrically oppose both federal and constitutional law.

Sincerely,
Haley Bray
4424 121st Ln Lubbock, TX 79424-1386
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Madison Duran
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:34 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Madison Duran
1807 E Auburn St Lubbock, TX 79403-4021 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Robin Phillips
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

Specifically, I support City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance, as it is outside the purview of council concerns.

My family relocated to Lubbock to teach and work at Texas Tech University, and have chosen to remain here to raise our two daughters. We want to live in a city where we can rely on our elected officials to advocate for the greater good of our community. While I understand that the abortion issue is one that matters deeply to individuals on either side of the line, the reality is that our community could be hurt rather than helped by this band...and the city council has the opportunity to legally extricate itself from this issue.

Finally, I again implore you to focus time and resources on mitigating the pandemic that is leveling our city, and put this ordinance- which is not in keeping with city council concerns- aside.

Thank you for your time, and your service to our city.

Sincerely,
Robin Phillips
3308 27th St Lubbock, TX 79410-3012
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Katie Jarrett <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Women's Rights should not be taken

Dear City Council,

I am a pro-choice citizen of Lubbock, and I am urging you to protect all women's rights to abortion, regardless of the reasons given and other observations such as race, income, or age.

These are rights every woman should have and they need to be respected and treated as the healthcare as it is. I am totally and utterly against the proposed abortion ban. The antiabortion groups continue to push their way to taking right away and are pro-life but not willing to support the life that comes from that pregnancy, nor work towards helping those life's. Others need to stop focusing on lives that don't concern them and trying to regulate a woman's body is completely inappropriate and ridiculous.

I think we should be focusing more as a community to work against the spread of COVID-19 and instead of a woman's body.

Please consider standing up for women's rights rather than ignoring them and more on the spread of the ever growing virus that is over running our community's and hospital of our city and city's surrounding both are pressing matters that's we need to work towards change.

The city is in need of Covid help, things will only get worse if we don't act as a community the Coronavirus is not gone. It's still effecting the community and we are losing people everyday.

Thank you, Katherine Jarrett

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Joyous Njoku
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:06 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Please keep church and state separate! A needed health procedure should not be stigmatized and influenced by religious beliefs of any kind.

Texas has the death penalty! We are not God, but we still call for that procedure!

Sincerely,
Joyous Njoku
3102 4th St Unit W141 Lubbock, TX 79415-3234 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Chloe Rundell
<[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:01 PM
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. People deserve a choice.

Sincerely,
Chloe Rundell
127 WEST Dr. San Angelo, TX 76903
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Sofia Miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: City Council Meeting, November 17, Testimony
Attachments: protect abortion.pdf

Thank you for your time.

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Sofia Belle

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Dear City Council,

I am a pro-choice citizen of Lubbock, and I urge you to do all in your power to protect every woman's right to choose abortion, regardless of her age, income, or race.

I support the City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns. Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents.

As a city, we are in the midst of a crisis related to the pandemic and that is where our time and resources need to be spent, not on this ordinance. There are hundreds of new COVID-19 cases every single day in Lubbock and surrounding areas. The hospitals, workers, citizens, and families are overwhelmed and exhausted. The effort of the City Council should be directed towards protecting the health and safety of Lubbock citizens from COVID-19.

I am totally opposed to the proposed abortion ban. Clearly, antiabortion forces are relentless in their attempts to regulate women's private lives. It seems anti-choice citizens are proposing new bans encouraging endless debate about the personal, private lives of women. This ridiculous idea is taking attention away from the lethal threat of the CoronaVirus.

I encourage you to stand up for women's rights and focus your energies on curbing the spread of the Corona Virus. I implore you to do all in your power to protect a woman's right to choose what is best for her body, health, and safety.

Sincerely,

Sofia Belle Miller

119 Utica Ave.

Lubbock, TX 79416

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Delaney Elzein [REDACTED]
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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:46 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Delaney Elzein
1506 Bryan St San Angelo, TX 76903-6128 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Zoe Alvarez
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. There are more pressing issues that concern the well-being of community members, such as COVID-19, that resources should be put towards.

Sincerely,
Zoe Alvarez
2114 Nebraska St Pecos, TX 79772-6713
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: joe hodes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: sanctuary city for the unborn

Dear Lubbock city council,

I am writing to inform you that I do not want Lubbock to be a sanctuary city for the unborn. The Constitution of the United States specifically separates church and state so that we will not have to live by these type of medieval laws. It is the thing that separates us from other nations. Further the Constitution of the Texas, states clearly in Article 1, section 6 that "All men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences. No man shall be compelled to attend, erect or support any place of worship, or to maintain any ministry against his consent. No human authority ought, in any case whatever, to control or interfere with the rights of conscience in matters of religion, and no preference shall ever be given by law to any religious society or mode of worship. But it shall be the duty of the Legislature to pass such laws as may be necessary to protect equally every religious denomination in the peaceable enjoyment of its own mode of public worship." That means we don't have to live under religious law. Also, nowhere does Jesus ever talk about abortion, so you cannot even make the claim that this is a religious idea. What Jesus did do was heal the sick and feed the hungry. Why not spend time focussing on the things he did say as oppose to wasting time and energy speaking about a sanctuary city for the unborn. Under no circumstances should the city of Lubbock become a sanctuary city for the unborn. It is Unamerican, goes against the Texas constitution and doesn't have anything to do with Christianity.

Do not have Lubbock become a sanctuary city for the unborn.

Sincerely,
Joe Hodes, Lubbock resident.

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Hallie Sexton
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Hallie Sexton
6137 Private Rd 103 Miles, TX 76861
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Emily Biscoe
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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Sincerely,
Emily Biscoe
3201 River Lodge Trl S Fort Worth, TX 76116-0863 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Sharon Kohout [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Please Substitute for previous email: Opposition to Ordinance

Dear City Council Members,

I have been a Lubbock resident off and on for over 50 years. I am personally appalled at the idea of Lubbock passing an ordinance to make Lubbock a Sanctuary for the Unborn. I find it offensive in so many ways.

We currently have a pandemic raging - and it seems ludicrous to spend precious time, energy, and other resources on a concept that is fraught with such political overtones.

I do not see how in any way this is within the purview of City Council concerns. We have a federal law in place that permits abortion. Why would local government officials ever think they can regulate such a personal medical decision as an abortion?

I feel compelled to respond because this is a very personal matter for me. I am not pro-abortion. However I am absolutely for the RIGHT of any woman to choose to have an abortion. How could anyone - much less a local government official - feel that they could know with absolute certainty the many factors that play into a woman's decision?

I humbly support the City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance. Please spend your time on issues that support appropriate healthcare, the right of every citizen in Lubbock.

Sharon Kohout
[3505 77th DR](#)
[Lubbock, TX 79423](#)

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Jennifer Clements

From: Elizabeth Witmore [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 1:15 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Vote NO identifying Lubbock as a "Sanctuary for the Unborn"

Dear City Council Members,

It has come to my attention that the City Council is considering an ordinance identifying Lubbock as a "sanctuary for the unborn." This ordinance is beyond the scope of what the council was elected to do and is unenforceable. This ordinance would mean local elected officials are making and influencing important medical decisions for their constituents. In essence, you would be using your position to push through a political agenda that greatly impacts women in our communities, communities which you serve.

All women's medical choices are important. An attempt to create a "sanctuary for the unborn" in Lubbock is an attempt to block Planned Parenthood's success. Using this ordinance (through fines, etc) disregards the medical benefit for women and the improved access to important screenings and treatment. Planned Parenthood's across Texas provide much needed care for women and girls. Such as, 1) Breast and cervical cancer screenings, 2) STI/STD testing and support, and 3) Providing FDA-approved birth control in the form of the pill, condoms, IUDs, and more. All of these are important medical services needed in Lubbock. Politics should not interfere with the health of our community.

You're elected as a city council member to serve the people of Lubbock, that means all of us! Approving this ordinance goes beyond the scope of your job and is an attempt to use politics to circumvent important health issues. Especially during a time when we should be promoting health and wellness.

Lubbock is in the midst of the highest threat yet from COVID. Positive Covid cases are escalating and we continue to have shockingly high hospitalization rates. Your time and Lubbock's resources should be spent combating the Covid related challenges that face our communities health, not preventing access to care and directly interfering with women's health.

Please vote NO on this ordinance and stay focused on the health of our whole community.

Sincerely,

Liz Witmore
2508 23rd Street
Lubbock Tx 79410

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alec Cattell
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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:11 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

My name is Dr. Cattell, and I live at 3315 32nd Street in Lubbock. Thank you for the opportunity to make a statement at this public hearing.

I have become aware that a few radical individuals wish to make Lubbock a so-called "sanctuary city for the unborn." This proposal is unconstitutional, unenforceable, and an example of political theater. I do not want to see Lubbock being used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuvers, and thus I strongly urge city council members to vote against adopting this ordinance.

I support City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance, as it is outside the purview of council concerns. Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents.

Our city is in the midst of a crisis related to the pandemic and that is where our time and resources should be spent, not on this ordinance.

Best regards,
Dr. Alec Cattell

Sincerely,
Alec Cattell
3315 32nd St Lubbock, TX 79410-3123
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Hailey Langer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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Sincerely,
Hailey Langer
1606 Elkhart Ave Apt 3 Lubbock, TX 79416-5301 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alek Garcia
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Citizen Comments
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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. This will make it very unsafe for women all around. Children will be born into unstable communities, some women will travel for the abortion or even try to do it themselves. This is a very bad decision to take away these services that have been around for a while now

Sincerely,
Alek Garcia
525 E Geneva St Slaton, TX 79364-5428
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Brittany Cox
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 6:05 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have- by restricting access to safe, confidential women's health services, including routine care and access to birth control options, as well as abortion services, this will more likely increase abortion rates in Lubbock and surrounding communities. It will also likely lead to an increase in mortality as women denied a safe and sterile procedure seek risky, unsanctioned alternatives to meet their needs. In an ideal world, abortion would be safe, legal, and rare, but in order to achieve that goal there must be comprehensive women's health services and sex education beyond abstinence only. Many abortions are not carried out because of malice or ill-intent; simply, these women are facing impossible decisions and should be allowed their bodily autonomy and to make the decision that is right for them. Whether a woman chooses this due to inability to support another child, her unborn child has a medical condition incompatible with life, or because she does not feel ready to be a mom is not mine to judge- I can only choose what would be right for me, were I in that position, and I would hope that I would have the autonomy to do so myself.

Sincerely,
Brittany Cox
5727 3rd St Lubbock, TX 79416-1513
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Christopher Witmore [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 5:46 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Vote No!

Dear Lubbock City Council Members,

My name is Dr. Christopher Witmore and I live on 23rd Street in Tech Terrace.

Like many many residents of Lubbock, I have learned that the City Council is considering an ordinance identifying Lubbock as a "sanctuary for the unborn."

One hardly needs to mention that such an ordinance is unconstitutional. One hardly needs to emphasize that it clearly falls outside the scope of Council's responsibilities. And yet, the fact that this ordinance is on the agenda suggests otherwise.

First I would like to emphasize how I support the City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns. Second, it does not fall to local elected government officials to make personal, medical decisions on behalf of their constituents. Third, as a city, we are in the midst of a deep crisis related to the pandemic and this would seem to be where our time and resources need to be spent. Fourth, by entertaining the abortion ban and ordinance Lubbock is being used as a pawn in political theater, which is embarrassing.

Finally, for a city that is home to a Tier-One Research University, it runs the significant risk of making it all the more difficult to attract the world-class researchers and students that such a University is built upon. Who wants to live in a city where the beliefs of a few are imposed on those who neither share their views nor their religion. This ordinance poses significant economic risk to Lubbock by turning away those who have come from elsewhere to make it home.

Please vote NO on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

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Christopher Witmore
Professor
Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures
Texas Tech University

https://www.depts.ttu.edu/classic_modern/classics/people/Witmore.php

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kristy Herrera
<k[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 6:07 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. I urge you to remember that you serve all Lubbock citizens and not only those with whom you share similar world and religious views. I understand the amount of pressure you are under to make a decision, but I believe women can make their own decisions when it comes to their bodies and reproductive rights. I ask you to consider that should you choose to put this on the ballot, you are setting a precedent, in which religious groups can further attack our right to liberty. I ask that these groups and individuals respect our rights, as we respect their right to religious freedom. There are so many reasons why a woman may need to make this difficult choice, and I feel like others tend to forget these reasons. Please protect the rights of all of your citizens by declining to put this issue on the ballot. The government does not reserve the right to regulate our bodies.

Sincerely,
Kristy Herrera
4629 Fordham St Lubbock, TX 79416-2403
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Cheryl Ortiz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 6:50 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Comments: Planned Parenthood and Abortion Ban in Lubbock, TX

1. I support the City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns.
2. Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents.
3. As a city, we are in the midst of a crisis related to the pandemic and that is where our time and resources need to be spent, not on this ordinance.
4. The abortion ban and ordinance are examples of political theater, and I do not want to see Lubbock being used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuvers.

Sincerely,
Cheryl A. Ortiz
4421 103rd Street
Lubbock, Texas 79424
703.399.5621

Jennifer Clements

From: Susan Boling <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:06 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Sanctuary city

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council,

Thank you for the chance to voice my opinion about the proposed idea for Lubbock to be designated as a sanctuary for the unborn. I strongly believe that it is a woman's right and responsibility to make her own decisions regarding her health. The role of government is not to impose restrictions of moral code. Our community offers plenty of opportunities for people that want to change the moral behavior of their neighbors to wield their influence. We need to use our energy to concentrate on true pro-life actions providing birth control and medical care for women so that we can realize lower rates of STD's and unplanned pregnancies. Please hold to your decision not to act on this ordinance.

Sincerely,
Susan Miller Boling
(806) 789-8756

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mary Edwards
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:35 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

At a time when our mayor and city council are desperately trying to keep us safe, a group is trying to derail the focus and force them into passing a sanctuary city ordinance that would immediately put the city into legal problems that would cost millions in legal fees. Please - do your homework on this issue. We cannot afford to pass an ordinance in defiance of state and federal laws.

Sincerely,
Mary Edwards
1310 Avenue Q Lubbock, TX 79401-3818
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Robin Rennels [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:48 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: City Council comments for 11/17/20

I strongly urge the Lubbock City Council to oppose the proposed ordinance to ban abortion within Lubbock. We are in the midsts of an unprecedented crisis related to the Covid pandemic and that is where money, resources and time should all be spent. Until Covid is under control in our area, that is where the focus should lie. Those are the necessary medical decisions that the council should be focusing on, not limiting women's reproductive rights in an act of political posturing.

Thank you,
Robin Gardner
7410 N CR 1540
Unit 5
Shallowater, TX 79363

Sent from my iPhone

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Jennifer Clements

From: Miguel Levario [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:50 PM
To: Citizen Comments

Miguel A. Levario
6217 Kenosha Dr, Lubbock, TX 79413

I request city council to oppose the proposed ordinance to make Lubbock a so-called "sanctuary city for the unborn" and thus banning legal medical care to Lubbock residents. Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents. The proposed ordinance are examples of political theatre, and we do not want to see Lubbock being used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuvers. It is imperative that city officials do not limit healthcare options for its citizens.

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Miguel A. Levario, PhD

C/S

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Katherine Henderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:58 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. May women are caught in a situation where they cannot choose for themselves. The loss of autonomy over your own body is humiliating and dehumanizing. Please rethink this decision.

Sincerely,
Katherine Henderson
9807 Savannah Ave Lubbock, TX 79424-7307 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Elizabeth Williams
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:20 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Williams
1834 Castle Pines Dr San Angelo, TX 76904-1537 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Laura Terrell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:21 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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Sincerely,
Laura Terrell
1426 Meadowbrook Dr Abilene, TX 79603-4118 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Scott Cantrell [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:23 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Scott Cantrell

2710 Carol Dr Big Spring, TX 79720-6704 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Hannah Snow [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:32 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

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I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Hannah Snow
1200 Chilmark Ave Wake Forest, NC 27587-5335 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Jeannine Shannon [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:56 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: public comment on Sanctuary of the Unborn ordinance

Dear Lubbock City Council members,

I am so disappointed that members of our community are forcing the council to vote on an ordinance that seeks to impose judgments and restrictions grounded in the religious beliefs of one small segment of our society on the women of Lubbock when the women of Lubbock do not want or need the advice or consent of any other person to make the difficult decision for themselves about terminating a pregnancy. Every woman with whom I am acquainted knows someone who has been the victim of rape or incest or who has had an abortion, and if you have grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters, daughters, or female friends, I suspect, so do you. If you have offered a nonjudgmental, sympathetic ear, maybe you have also heard their traumatic and very private stories. Access to safe, private abortion is essential in a community that supports and nurtures educated, self-sufficient girls and women who are free from the patriarchal and puritanical beliefs of religious powerholders who would hold them back from becoming their best selves.

Texas Tech University is the crown jewel of our city. I wonder about TTU's future success in hiring top academic and staff recruits, particularly women, to Lubbock if we become something totally unique and undesirable -- a cosmopolitan city with a large, secular university and educated population encumbered by a prudish and unconstitutional ordinance that limits women's freedoms and choices on matters that are totally private. Or imagine a Fortune 500 company looking to expand and being intrigued by some of the fine qualities of Lubbock: low cost of living, pleasant weather, favorable tax environment, a large university where employees can pursue further education and job skills. And imagine that such a company will be paying good salaries and that employees and their families will have plenty of disposable income to spend at Lubbock's restaurants, retail shops, and cultural and entertainment venues and to purchase homes. Then imagine such a company learning about our terrible "Sanctuary of the Unborn" ordinance that will limit women's choices because a highly vocal group who despises women's reproductive rights think it should be so. Now imagine the Fortune 500 company CEO and board members (who are educated and cosmopolitan and who also know women who have had abortions) rethinking an expansion into Lubbock because of an ordinance that lives in the 17th century.

Please vote NO.

Jeannine Shannon, resident of Lubbock, TX

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Jennifer Clements

From: Cat Clopton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:57 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: City council meeting Nov. 17

To whom it may concern,

I write this comment concerning the proposed ordinance to make Lubbock a "Sanctuary for the Unborn." I would first like to say that we already have a difficult enough time with helping the people in Lubbock that need help as is. We are in the midst of a deadly pandemic that is tearing apart families as people, young and old, have passed away because of how poorly we are handling this crisis. Our time and resources should be spent *there*, not on this ridiculous ordinance.

Previously, the City Council decided to not act on this ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns. We supported that decision because it illustrated the political insight of the city council, actively acknowledging their role in our city government. Local elected officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents. What goes on between a woman and her doctor is no one's concern except theirs.

The main concern I have is that is ordinance will do absolutely nothing to prevent abortions from happening. It will only limit SAFE abortions, leaving women who want to get an abortion with the option of carrying a child to term or having a back alley, dangerous, and often deadly abortion to protect her interests. This ordinance actively is hypocritical in its intent to protect lives.

The abortion ban and ordinance are examples of political theater and we do not want to see Lubbock being used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuvers. This ordinance will create a wave of expensive and unnecessary lawsuits to flood the courts and prevent people with other legal needs from having a timely day in court. Also, Lubbock is already in the national spotlight due to the massive COVID-19 problem here; do we really need to be the target of even more national ridicule for our embarrassing political stunts? No. We have enough on our plate already and should be prioritizing real problems Lubbock is facing instead of problems that don't actually exist.

Thank you.

Cat Clopton
18th St.

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Jennifer Clements

From: Avery Bramnik <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:05 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Citizen Statement for Tuesday, Nov 17th City Council Public Hearing

Hello,

Please see my comments below to be read out loud at tomorrow's City Council hearing since I am unable to be there in person. Thank you for providing a safe avenue for constituents to have their voices heard.

"Abortion is healthcare and whether this ordinance is passed or not, people will, until the end of time, continue to have abortions. Instead what this will do is first, directly contribute to the spread of COVID-19. Denying access to abortion care is forcing people to travel in order to have access to the full range of reproductive healthcare which includes safe, legal abortions. Lubbock is in the midst of a public health crisis. The COVID-19 pandemic is where our time and resources need to be spent, not on this unconstitutional ordinance that is attempting to make personal and medical decisions for our citizens based on a government official's opinion. Secondly, this ordinance would put countless lives at risk. Abortion procedures, when performed by a trained medical professional, are safe and rarely lead to complications, unlike back-alley abortions, which without access to safe abortion care, will go on regardless of any ordinance or law in place. Lastly, this ordinance would stand to strip people of their rights and deny them basic reproductive healthcare which every human is entitled to. Abortion is not a "social issue" but a basic human right and ordinances and petitions have no place in the matter. This community needs science, evidenced-based medicine, and compassion right now, not costly, theatric ordinances aimed to ban basic human rights."

Thank you,

Avery Bramnik (she/her/hers)

TTUHSC School of Medicine

M.D. Candidate | Class of 2021

[REDACTED]
Cell: (469)-951-8875

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Jennifer Clements

From: Jason Rinaldo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:06 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: November 17th City Council Meeting - Citizen Comments on Proposed Ordinance
Attachments: Lubbock City Council.docx

Dear Lubbock City Council Representative,
Please find attached a brief statement from the Unitarian Universalist congregation that we request to be read during public comments in tomorrow's city council meeting, regarding the proposed city ordinance banning abortion.

Thanks sincerely,

Jason Rinaldo

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Dear Members of Lubbock City Council,

We are writing as members of the religious and spiritual community of Lubbock to request that you carefully consider a breadth of perspectives before taking actions that affect us all. Lubbock is widely seen and recognized by its citizens as a community with a large, devoutly religious population. However, for the spiritual life of Lubbock to continue to flourish, our leadership must remain cognizant of the span of our theological perspectives.

With that in mind that we seek to remind you that you represent all of us, not merely the most vocal, nor any particular subgroup that you may belong to. The Sanctuary City ordinance passed in other Texas towns has served primarily as a divisive political action, flagging those communities as unwelcome to people of different faith perspectives.

UT and Texas Tribune asked 1,200 Texas citizens, from all over, about their thoughts about abortion services and their political leanings. <https://www.texastribune.org/2019/06/19/near-majority-texans-favor-outlawing-abortion-after-six-weeks-ut-tt/> When Texans gave their feedback, "The vast majority of Texans would allow abortion under some circumstances." Even Republicans expressed that abortion may be necessary in instances of rape, incest, and the health of the mother.

Although Lubbock prides itself on being a friendly town, embracing a wedge issue such as this will have a chilling effect on perceptions of our openness and friendliness, communicating loud and clear that, "We welcome you, so long as you believe precisely what some of us do!" Such a narrow approach to "welcoming" is neither welcoming, nor fit for the city we take pride in. It would highlight us as a closed and isolated city, that values the dominance of one particular strain of theology. Please consider the long term effects of the national spotlight on Lubbock for adopting such an ordinance.

We are encouraged by the deliberation and restraint shown so far, and by the fact that Lubbock has for decades avoided officially promulgating such divisive perspectives.

Sincerely,

On behalf of The Unitarian Universalist Board of Directors and
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lubbock,

Jason Rinaldo, PhD

Jennifer Clements

From: Cameron Brown <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:20 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Comment to be Read at Public Hearing 11/17- Sanctuary City for the Unborn

Hello City Council,

Below is my name, address, and three minute statement to be read at the public hearing about the proposed city ordinance: Sanctuary City for the Unborn on November 17, 2020.

Name:
Cameron Brown

Address:
415 Prentiss Ave, Lubbock, TX 79416

Three Minute Statement:

As a mental health professional, father, husband, Lubbockite, and most importantly, proud Christian, I want to make it abundantly clear: I AM VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO THE SANCTUARY CITY FOR THE UNBORN ORDINANCE.

First, this ordinance is illegal. It is an extreme overreach of the government. A reach that directly contradicts constitutionally established, human rights. Rights and freedoms established for decades. If passed, legally defending this ordinance will cost our city millions of dollars. Who will pay for these mounting legal bills? It won't be Senator Perry's office. It won't be Representatives Frullo or Burrow's office. It will be us. You and me. The taxpayers. Rather than supporting schools, firefighters, or first responders, city funds will be poured into defending this ordinance. And let me be clear, we would be in the wrong because it is illegal. Even prominent pro-life advocates such as Dr. Joe Pojman of Texas Alliance for Life do not support this ordinance because it is illegal.

Second, not only would this ordinance financially strain our community through legal fees it will also decimate our reputation as Hub City; a city of growth, innovation, and resources. Families will leave, businesses will flee, our flourishing art, music, and food scene will disappear, and enrollment in our local and thriving universities will crater because we will no longer be known as Hub City, but rather the city that infringes upon constitutionally established human rights.

Third, overwhelming amounts of data and research has indicated that communities who have access to abortion have stronger economies, better physical and mental health, and stronger family relationships. All things that I want and I am confident everyone in this room wants.

Lastly, within this ordinance there is no protection for victims of rape. That is, if an individual is raped, gets pregnant because of said rape, and then has an abortion, they could be held legally responsible and be sued. This is terrifying and morally wrong.

In conclusion, with COVID-19 taking over our community, families, and hospitals, we have bigger, more important issues to resolve. The Sanctuary City for the Unborn Ordinance would only cause our strained city

significantly more problems. Problems that we don't need now. Problems that we don't need ever. I implore you to vote no on this illegal, costly, and dangerous ordinance. Thank you.

Cameron C. Brown

[Redacted]
LinkedIn: [Redacted]

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Jennifer Clements

From: Cyndi Phillips [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:56 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Proposed anti-abortion ordinance

To whom it may concern:

As a medical professional and a former OBGYN nurse of 12 years, I support City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns. Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents.

As a city, we are in the midst of a crisis related to the pandemic and that is where our time and resources need to be spent, not on this ordinance.

The abortion ban and ordinance are examples of political theater, and I do not want to see Lubbock being used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuvers. As such, I urge city council to vote against adopting this ordinance.

Cyndi Phillips, MSN, FNP-C
2808 21st Street
Lubbock, TX 79416

Jennifer Clements

From: Anna Brown <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:23 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Citizen comment on Sanctuary City ordinance

Hello,

Due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in our area, I will not be attending the city council meeting in person tomorrow afternoon. Below is my 3 minute statement to be read at the public hearing for the proposed ordinance "Sanctuary City of the Unborn".

Please reply to this email so that I know it was received and then confirm that it will be read regardless of how many people are there in person to comment. I called the office on Friday and was told that there was no cap of how many people could comment at one meeting, and I would really appreciate confirmation that my statement will be read during public comments. Thank you!

Name: Anna Brown

Address: 415 Prentiss Ave, Lubbock, TX 79416

3 minute Statement:

My fellow citizens, today I want to voice my strong opposition to the proposed ordinance. My name is Anna and I am a stay-at-home, Christian mom of 3 kids and I am pro-life.

First and foremost, I want to start by saying I have read the entire proposed ordinance and it does not include any exception for cases of rape or incest. Again, this ordinance has zero exceptions for pregnancies that are the result of rape or incest.

Secondly, and most obviously, this proposed ordinance is unconstitutional. Texas state law does not supersede the United States Constitution and therefore Lubbock will inevitably be wasting millions of our tax dollars fighting court battles over this illegal ordinance.

Thirdly, this ordinance would in effect criminalize miscarriages. If a woman gets pregnant and then confides to her parent that she does not want to carry the baby, but then ends up having a miscarriage anyway, what will prevent the family member from suing the would-be mother for losing her baby? Rather than supporting the person who just miscarried, accusations might be thrown around and family conflict could erupt. Miscarriages are hard enough and women already unfairly blame themselves for them; please don't make it worse.

Fourth, there are thousands of women in our city who are in extremely abusive relationships. When we take away access to abortion, these women are often further trapped in violent relationships and babies are born into abusive homes. The long term research studies that have been done clearly and abundantly show that women who are denied abortions fare poorly in the long run. Sixty percent of women who request abortions are already mothers and when denied said abortion, not only does the mother suffer, but the children already in the home do as well. I want our city of Lubbock to support and lift up its members in a time of need, not strip rights and opportunities away from the incredible women and children in our community. Let's focus on taking care of the kids that we already have

here in Lubbock and making sure that they have safe family environments. This proposed ordinance does not solve our problems. It creates more problems.

Lastly, no matter where you stand on the issue of abortion, I think we can all agree that this ordinance would be a prime example of extreme government overreach and a major breach in the separation of church and state. We cannot let local leaders determine what healthcare we should or should not have access to based on religious beliefs. I believe in the people of Lubbock to be able to make their own choices for their healthcare. You need to vote NO on this ordinance.

Thank you.

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Melynda Crouch
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:52 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. A pregnant person's right to choose is directly tied to their physical, emotional and mental health. Laying down a blanket ban that goes against Roe vs Wade, which was adjudicated and has been the law of the land for almost 50 years, is recklessly irresponsible. A pregnant person's mental, physical and mental health is more important than pushing this antiquated idea that abortion is wrong.

Sincerely,
Melynda Crouch
5202 Auburn St Lubbock, TX 79416-1454
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Engelhardt, Erin [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 11:05 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Agenda Item No 7.2

Dear Lubbock City Council members,

I hope this finds you well. My name is Erin Engelhardt, and I am a senior University Studies major with concentrations in Political Science, Women's and Gender Studies, and Integrative Studies at Texas Tech with plans to start law school in the fall. I am writing you in regard to item 7.2 on today's meeting agenda. This message will serve to outline a few of the reasons why I strongly urge the City Council to oppose the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in Lubbock.

Unequivocally, banning medically safe abortions puts women at risk. Simply, the reality is that no abortion ban will ever end abortions. It will only hinder our access to safe ones. When women do not have access to medically safe abortions, we are forced to seek unsafe alternatives in order to terminate an unwanted pregnancy. The consequences of an unsafe abortion are often fatal, ranging from a perforated uterus to sepsis. As per the World Health Organization, unsafe abortions are the third leading cause of maternal deaths worldwide and lead to an additional five million largely preventable disabilities. Further, as per UMass Med, 26.2% of women who sought an abortion had previously given birth to one child, and 33.1% of women who sought an abortion had previously given birth to two children. This means that should unsafe abortions once again become salient; women who are already mothers will likely die.

Likewise, this has never been about abortion. This has never been about preserving or protecting life. Ultimately, what this ever-polarizing discussion really comes down to is control. Abortion bans patently serve to control women; our bodies; our agency; our autonomy; and our sexuality. Irrespective of a woman's impetus behind seeking an abortion: it is a fundamental human right. Thus, if we lose our right to medically safe abortions, we stand to lose all of our rights as women - many of which represent telic aims of this nation that we all deserve inviolably. Should abortion be banned in the City of Lubbock, the message will be clear: here, women do not deserve the privacy, or possess the right to make decisions regarding their own bodies.

In sum, I ardently support the City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance, for it is grossly outside the purview of council concerns. Additionally, elected officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents. To do so would be egregiously outside of the paradigm to which elected officials should act. This city is embroiled in a deeply pervasive public health crisis; therefore, our focus should be on mitigating COVID-19 – not on utilizing women's bodies as the center of a political theater.

Once again, you will never stop abortions. You will only end medically safe abortions. Women will die. Can you live with our blood on your hands?

Sincerely,

Erin Engelhardt

North FM 2528, Lubbock, TX

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Jennifer Clements

From: Xu, Tiffany [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 11:52 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Opposition to Anti-Abortion Ordinance

Hello City Council,

I am a medical student at Texas Tech University Health Science Center, and today, I recommend to support the City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns. Secondly, I believe that local government officials should not be allowed with making personal medical decisions for their citizens. The act of an abortion is extremely personal and individualized to each women experiencing this and cannot be generalized. As a matter of fact, there are other areas of health we should put our resources and efforts into right now, namely the pandemic that has heavily hit our community.

Thank you,
Tiffany Xu

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Shannon Gutz
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 11:53 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

This is a disgrace. This proposed ban is also unconstitutional. I love many things about living in Lubbock, but the deaf “pro life” Christians have to be one of the most disgusting parts.

Abortion is part of healthcare and healthcare should be a right to every citizen. The ignorance of healthcare facts in this county is also a disgrace. Part of reducing abortions starts with a factual sex education, knowledge of pregnancy prevention (like condoms!) and parents talking to their children about safe sex! And real facts, not abstinence—have you seen the number of children in foster care? It’s 1,700. Where’s the pro life support for those 1,700 lives?

Sincerely,
Shannon Gutz
6550 88th St Lubbock, TX 79424-6703
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Sam Mc <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 1:14 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Comments for Public Hearing

To whom it may concern,

My name is Shannon McIntire and I live at 2123 57th Street, Lubbock, TX 79412.

I would like to let you know that I am against the ordinance that would make Lubbock a Sanctuary City for the Unborn. This ordinance goes against the constitution and the issue is outside the scope of the Council's responsibilities.

Our local government should not be making personal, medical decisions for its citizens. Also, this ordinance will leave our city open to lawsuits which we will surely lose, as abortion is a legal medical procedure, and Lubbock doesn't have money to pay out these judgments.

This political overreach appears to be brought to the city because Christians don't support women having control over their own bodies. Christians want to force women to bear offspring that they do not want. I submit that if they don't like abortions, they should not get them. However, neither our city nor our country is a theocracy, and in fact, separation of Church and state is an important component of our great nation.

Please do not pass this frivolous ordinance.

Thank you,

Shannon McIntire

Jennifer Clements

From: Chris Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 1:20 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Comments for Public hearing for sanctuary cities for unborn

Hello my name is Christopher Brown, I live here in Lubbock and I would just like to say that it is absolutely against everything in the constitution to make this a "sanctuary city for the unborn". It is not in the city council's scope nor purview and that should be the end of it.

Thank you.

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Jennifer Clements

From: jenny bustillos [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 5:49 AM
To: Citizen Comments; Shelia Patterson Harris
Subject: ordinance hearing 11-17-2020

Thank you for your time and attention, I will keep this brief.

1. I am disappointed that you are allowing Lubbock to be used as political theater. The idea of an unconstitutional ordinance for headlines disgusts me. You know this is illegal and merely a ploy for attention, which I believe is why you did not act on it before and need to let it drop now.

2. I am sorry I am not here in person, but I could not risk the health of my family. With that in mind, I can not believe that you would waste time on this when we have actual life and death issues. 277 dead Lubbockites deserve your attention instead of these useless theatrics.

Again Thank you for your time.
Jenny Bustillos
37th and Ave V.

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Jennifer Clements

From: Zachary Brittsan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:03 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: For Nov. 17 City Council Meeting

Dear City Councilors and Assembled Members of the Public,

I wish to express my support for the Council's previous decision not to act on the proposed ordinance to ban abortions in Lubbock and strongly encourage the Council to oppose the measure. The proposal, which calls on local elected officials to limit the personal freedoms and medical decisions of their constituents, is beyond the purview of Council concerns. Furthermore, to endorse said proposal would be to invite legal challenges and unnecessary financial hardship for Lubbock taxpayers.

Sometimes it is worthwhile for cities to take on such financial burdens. Whatever one's stance on abortion and women's rights, however, the proposed ordinance does not constitute a worthy cause. Amidst an unprecedented wave of coronavirus cases in Lubbock County and in the immediate wake of a divisive national election, this proposal would further strain our diverse community at a moment when unity is very sorely needed. As our hospitals are overrun with patients and as our city officials face new calls to confront the evolving and expensive pandemic, we should not consider, let alone approve, a proposal that incentivizes family members to turn against one another in the name of protecting the unborn. Instead, why don't we address the problem at hand so that the children born in our hospitals might someday enter a COVID-free world?

I urge supporters of the ordinance to consider those around you in the room who are here because their employment demands it or because they believe that cutting healthcare in a time of need is a bad idea. I further implore you to think about our caregivers, our first responders, expecting families, and the sick or dying residents of our community. As a city in crisis, we need to focus our attention on the pandemic and not on this invasive and unenforceable ordinance.

Sincerely,

Zachary Brittsan
2614 32nd Street
Lubbock, TX 79410

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Jennifer Clements

From: Catherine Lanham <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:09 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Today's hearing on sanctuary city

My name is Dr. Catherine Lanham and I live at 2009 16th St. I strongly encourage the City Council to reject the notion of naming Lubbock a sanctuary city for the unborn. The Council has already determined that this proposal is outside the scope of the Council's responsibilities. The Council should never be about the business of limiting medical care for its citizens. The effort to push this restriction on the citizens of Lubbock is political posturing, nothing more, and is detrimental to the physical and mental health of women. Please put a stop to this effort.

Sent from my iPad

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Allison Alexander
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:29 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Allison Alexander
2409 21st St Lubbock, TX 79411-1007
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ryan Stankiewicz
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Ryan Stankiewicz
123 Rd Wolfforth, TX 79382
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Chelsea Lawrence [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Citizen Comment - Item 7.1 (Anti-Choice Agenda)

Good afternoon, council members. Congratulations on all your recent election wins.

My name is Chelsea Lawrence, and I live at 4629 Grinnell St. in the North by Northwest neighborhood.

I am encouraging city council to dismiss any anti-choice legislations, both now and in the future. It is a legal headache for you, it is a professional headache for medical staff, and it is devastating to the lives of people affected.

So if someone here today has a MORAL headache over this, please take a Tylenol, get off the internet, and realize that you aren't the dictator of the world.

And please ask yourselves this. Do you want to bring back dumpster babies? Because women in need will go back to back-alley abortions again. Is that what God wants? For your kid to find a bloody, dead baby in the dumpster next time they take out the trash? I don't.

For those of us who read, the statistics are clear. If you really want to reduce abortions, comprehensive sex education is the only answer. Support that or admit you're just pandering.

Because shame on those who keep trying to push this. God doesn't like people who think they can do His job better. They should read Romans chapter 14 and mind their own business.

Thank you for your time today. God bless the good people of Lubbock.

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Jennifer Clements

From: Bruno Penteado [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Do not make Lubbock a "sanctuary city for the unborn"

I support City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns. Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents.

Bruno Penteado
Lubbock 79424

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Jennifer Clements

From: Casey Pugh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Abortion ban

Hello and thank you for taking the time to read my email.

As a Lubbock resident, I find it appalling that we are even considering an abortion ban. This type of mandate is unenforceable and conflicts with state and federal policies. The city legislation has failed to properly address the COVID crisis. They have refused to go against the state and implement a mask mandate, so why would they go against the state on this?!? This type of ban would be a foolish and costly mistake for our city. We should be funneling all available funds and resources to fighting Coronavirus. Our residents are dying off at one of the fastest rates in the country, and instead of trying to find a way to slow the spread, we are spending our energy arguing about an individual's right to make their own healthcare decisions, decisions that effect only the people involved.

As a woman and a mother I am begging you to oppose this ban. People get abortions for different reasons, none of which are anyone else's business! It is a very personal and difficult decision to make, and is not something that is decided lightly. Enforcing an abortion ban would not stop abortions, but would only force people into unsafe and costly situations. I know how devastatingly necessary this option can be. Please don't make this any more difficult for a mother than it already is. We are completely capable of making our own intimate healthcare decisions.

Please oppose this abortion ban, and do something about the dire situation our city is in due to our lack of leadership during this COVID crisis.

Thank you for your time,

Casey Pugh
6 Willow Lane
Ransom Canyon, TX

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Jennifer Clements

From:

[REDACTED] Belle Ritchey [REDACTED]

Sent:

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:49 AM

To:

Citizen Comments

Subject:

Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

Abortion is healthcare. Each and every woman deserves access to a safe and legal abortion. Even with the ban on abortion in our city, people will continue to get them, it's a matter of it happening safely. If it's human life we're genuinely concerned for, then we need to understand that the women carrying the embryos are human as well. Putting them and then an infant through hard trials that could have been avoided is not fair nor protective of human life. And yes, adoption IS an option, but it has become evident that people are not taking this option, considering how flooded foster care and the boys and girls ranches are. Not to mention that children that live without their biological parents often have more hardships as well as mental health issues later in life. I myself am adopted, and have gone through many years of mental health issues that I know I wouldn't have if I simply would have been granted a normal life. And as far as religion goes, it is unfair and unjust to push a group of people's religious beliefs onto others. Not everyone in Lubbock Texas is a Christian. We have plenty of religious variety here, and even some religions condone abortion. To take this right away from people is inhumane and most definitely not something that is going to be done in favor of human life.

Sincerely,

Belle Ritchey

7401 104th St Lubbock, TX 79424-6079
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Charlotte Dunham [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:49 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Agenda items 4, 7.1 and 7.,2

I want to express my strong opposition to the passage of the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I oppose this ordinance because we are in the middle of a pandemic and our energies and resources should be directed toward supporting public health and our overstretched health care system. Also, a local government should not be given the authority to override personal decisions about a woman's health. Those decisions should be made between the woman, her family and her spiritual advisor, not the government.

Charlotte Dunham
1102 Primrose Ave.
Lubbock, TX 79416

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Jennifer Clements

From: Brooke Diaz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Sanctuary for the unborn

The ordinance is insane. Please let women choose what to do with our bodies. “Sanctuary for the unborn” sounds like we care more about a clump of cells that aren’t capable of feeling than a living, breathing human being. We never know the situation someone is going through (ex. Rape, molestation, abusive spouse or financial incapability.) Late term abortions almost never happen and when they do it is to protect the safety of the mother (once again a living, breathing person). God gave everyone freedom of choice. So let women choose what to do with their bodies.

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Jennifer Clements

From: Hart, Elizabeth T [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:07 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Tonight's city council meeting

To whom it may concern,

There is a push to make Lubbock a so-called "sanctuary city for the unborn." Proponents of this idea may either not know or not care that this violates Texas law, not to mention the rights of women to bodily autonomy. As a medical student here at Tech, I have seen 14 and 15 year old girls who are pregnant and have no options in this city other than to have a baby. Lubbock is in desperate need to real sex education, not abstinence-only education that has been proven time and time again not to work. Allowing Planned Parenthood to once again operate in Lubbock will not only allow women access to safe abortion services (only 3% of their operations) but will give women the tools and education to make safe sexual decisions. Making abortion illegal does not stop people from getting abortions, it only stops people from getting safe, legal, and regulated abortions by trained professionals. If Lubbock bans abortions, we will see a rise in the number of maternal and fetal complications from unsafe, back alley abortions. The rights of women matter.

Best,

Elizabeth Hart

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] Peyton Jackson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. Women should be allowed to make choices for their own body. State legislators should not be able to take away a persons right to healthcare. Banning abortions would not decrease the amount of abortions being had, it would only take away the option to receive safe and professional care. This bill will put many young women's lives and mental health in danger.

Sincerely,
Peyton Jackson
1701 N Quaker Ave Lubbock, TX 79416-2346 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:12 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Citizen Comments about 2.1.2. Sanctuary for the unborn ordinance

Citizen: Lauren Kennedy – 34th and W Loop 289 (6th District)

Comment:

Dear Members of the Lubbock City Council,

I don't know you anymore than you know me. In name only. So maybe we shouldn't be meddling with each other's medical choices? I realize one religious group has petitioned for you to disregard a supreme court's ruling, the privacy of a woman's private medical decisions, scientific/medical fact, along with other people's personal beliefs. You might not have noticed before but there are other groups here in this city; Atheists, Satanists, Buddhists, Wiccans, and many more that deserve to have bodily autonomy. Most religious groups keep to themselves and treat religion as it should be – personal. Please set aside your own convictions or bias when you determine what benefits your citizens as people and not merely voting statics.

I know I and others don't want to have to file a legal action with the FFRF and ACLU of Texas to fight this. It would be nice if the city government could decide for themselves that their citizens are capable of making their own medical decisions based on what's the best for them as individual human beings.

It's hard for me to condense a passionate speech down to 3 minutes. This is such an important topic requiring both medical and personal consideration. I have to gloss over the sheer amount of physical, mental, financial burdens that pregnancy and birth have on a woman? Does anyone ever mention homicide is one of the leading deaths of pregnant women? I'm sure you're well versed in all these things including Obstetrics if you're considering deciding who can and can't get what health care in your city.

When seeking medical care no one should have to fear facing legal consequences just to avoid permanent physical and psychological damage and extreme pain. You don't know what will happen to a woman who's been forced to stay pregnant or even what could happen to a child born to a scared or resentful parent. Who can argue that children are better off growing up in a home where they are wanted and can be provided for? Lubbock already has 175 children without forever homes, who may have abandonment issues and no support at 18 after the foster system.

Do you know people are actively being discouraged by Lubbock citizens not to stay, study, or come live here? Is that really what Lubbock wants? To be so uncaring and so unwelcoming? This ordinance will be telling the current and future Tech students that if they need medical treatment, they will be punished for choosing to study here. I think we should be working together to make this a more diverse, welcoming, caring, and understanding city instead.

If you genuinely care about human life, then I beg you to be focusing on the pandemic killing actual people and overwhelming our hospitals. This political theater should not be your top priority.

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Jennifer Clements

From: Michael Faris [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Cc: Michael Faris
Subject: Emailed comments for city council meeting

Dear City Council,

I strongly urge City Council to **oppose the proposed ordinance** to ban abortion within Lubbock. I want to thank you for decision to not act on this ordinance when it was first brought before you. As the legal firm you hired correctly noted, this ordinance is outside of the purview of city councils and would be a violation of state laws.

Further, this ordinance would be a violation of constitutionally guaranteed rights for individuals to make decisions about their bodies in consultation with their medical providers. It's quite clear this ordinance is a violation of both state laws and constitutional guaranteed rights.

This ordinance pretty much amounts to political theater: Most citizens here do want fewer abortions, or even no abortions. But if the advocates for this ordinance truly cared about decreasing abortions, we would see activism and advocacy from them for increased health services for women in the city, county, and state, and for better and comprehensive sex and health education in our school systems. This ordinance will not reduce abortions, and the only thing that will change is that the city will have to allocate resources for court battles when it is inevitably struck down the courts. This ordinance is a distraction from very real problems and issues in this city and county, including the current coronavirus pandemic, poverty and homelessness in the city, increasing STD rates in West Texas, and more.

To support this ordinance is to make Lubbock a pawn in regional and state politics rather to address real and actual problems in this city. Again, please oppose this proposed ordinance.

Michael J. Faris
7414 Elgin Ave APT 181
Lubbock, TX 79423

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Jennifer Clements

From: Gracie Gomez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:44 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Fw: Sanctuary City Matter

From: Gracie Gomez
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 3:02 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Sanctuary City Matter

Dear Council and Mayor: I am reaching out to you to address the matter that is before you on the proposed "sanctuary city" status for Lubbock.

I do not need to point out to you the incredible hypocrisy of such a proposal from those claiming to want to "save lives" all while thousands of lives in Lubbock and the surrounding areas are being threatened and lost while in the midst of a pandemic crisis.

You as the leaders of this city must utilize common sense in this matter and use all resources, time, energy, personnel to fight for living, breathing lives instead of forcing the religious and political views of others on all. If lives truly mattered, the group responsible for bringing this before the council and its "leader" would be working on the health crisis that is taking local lives every single day.

I implore that you, as city leaders, use your common sense, your concern for Lubbockites, your sense of decency, and your responsibility in your collective and individual capacity to table this matter and concentrate on how Lubbock can mitigate the spread of Covid and prevent the further loss of lives.

Gracie Gomez
as concerned citizen and as
Lubbock County Democratic Party Chair

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Jennifer Clements

From: Aubri Ragsdale [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Abortion Ban- Concerned Citizen

I am born and raised in Lubbock, TX and I am pro-choice about abortion and birth control and I urge you to do all in your power to protect every woman's right to choose abortion, and birth control, and safe sex regardless of her age, income, or the state in which she lives.

I trust women to make these educated decisions and I trust women to decide when to involve others in her own choices.

I am totally opposed to the petition to make Lubbock a sanctuary city for the unborn. Clearly, antiabortion forces are relentless in their attempts to regulate women's private lives. For years we have known the anti-choice movement was determined end abortion in the City of Lubbock. I urge you to do all in your power to resist any legislation regarding the ban on abortion. This ordinance is not in the best interest of the health of all women. With over 30,000 children in foster care in Texas alone, this potential ban on abortion will only contribute to the rising number of children without parents. Texas has one of the highest amounts of reported child abuse in the nation, which will only increase when mothers are unable to and barred from receiving medical abortions. Statistics show when women have less or no access to safe abortion, they are often forced to look for unsafe alternatives- such as buying mystery pills off the internet to induce abortion, traveling to other countries, etc. The historic Supreme Court case of Roe vs Wade decided in 1973 protects a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction. A city ordinance banning abortion will only show the regression that the City of Lubbock has made, taking the City back almost 50 years-back when Lubbock was still segregated.

It seems anti-choice legislators are proposing new bills each week to endlessly debate abortion. I encourage you to stand up and say, "no - we will not debate women's health. Roe vs Wade is the law of the land. Women need to be trusted to make abortion and birth control decisions. It is not the government's role to interfere."

Sincerely Concerned Citizen,

Aubri Ragsdale

(806)781-7472

Lubbock, TX

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Jennifer Clements

From: Natalie Hegert [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:49 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Citizen comment for Tuesday's public hearing

Hello, My name is Natalie Hegert and I live at 2607 45th St in the Wheelock neighborhood. I strongly urge City Council to **oppose the proposed ordinance** to ban abortion within Lubbock.

As a mother of two preschool-age children, I understand that the decision to go through pregnancy and childbirth, and to have and raise children is a very personal one. It is one of the most important, impactful and consequential decisions one can make in one's life. As such, it is not a decision that should be presided over by local elected government officials. Family planning should stay in the purview of the family, not the City Council. Therefore, I am in full support of the City Council's previous decision not to act on this proposed ordinance, as it very clearly falls outside of the municipal government's concerns, not to mention that it has been found to be in conflict with Texas State Law.

The City has much more crucial public health matters to consider, seeing that we are in the midst of a pandemic that is at a crisis level, with overstretched medical facilities and testing capabilities. An ordinance that exposes doctors to legal risk and liability for providing an already highly regulated medical procedure is not the way to say "thank you" to our health care workers. Our medical professionals, including those who perform abortions, do not act with wanton disregard for human life in their professional practices and to accuse them of such, in the name of the "unborn", is unwarranted and, frankly, hateful. Let's show our support for doctors, nurses and all health care workers by allowing them to do their jobs.

Finally, I find it particularly egregious that this proposed ordinance appropriates the language of efforts to protect the lives, livelihoods, and constitutional rights of undocumented immigrants. The "sanctuary city of the unborn" ordinance, in contrast, endangers the lives, livelihoods, and constitutional rights of anyone who may become pregnant, their doctor, and other medical staff. This abortion ban is nothing but divisive political theater--empty rhetoric that does not value the lives of mothers and children. It does not provide for or address essential needs for the lives of the "unborn" and their families once they are born: such as childcare, financial help, housing, food, job opportunities, addiction treatment, mental health care, foster care and adoption. This ordinance undermines the ability of individuals and families to make personal family planning decisions for themselves, and for women to have agency over their own lives and their bodies. And it would cast Lubbock into an unwanted national spotlight on the divisive and ugly abortion debate stage. Please, let doctors do their jobs and let us make our own personal life and medical decisions.

Sincerely,
Natalie Hegert

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Jennifer Clements

From: Daisy Milman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Careful with wording on abortion ordinance to protect miscarriage mothers

I have loved ones who abhor the idea of abortion but have suffered from natural miscarriages and tubal pregnancies, and the procedure done to save their lives were coded by medical coding standards the exact same way as any abortion. Please be very careful that you don't accidentally pass an ordinance that would endanger these already grieving women and their families by overlooking these standard medical coding overlaps.

Jennifer Clements

From: Anna Novotny [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Sanctuary City comment

To whom it may concern,

I support City Council's previous decision to NOT act on this ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns. Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents. As a city, we are in the midst of a crisis related to the global pandemic and that is where our time and resources need to be spent, not on this ordinance. The abortion ban and ordinance are examples of political theatre, and I do not want to see Lubbock being used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuvers. As such, I urge city council to vote against adopting this ordinance.

Anna Novotny
District 3
[REDACTED]

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Jennifer Clements

From: Jennifer Nish [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: City council meeting comments

Hello,

Comment regarding agenda items 7.1 and 7.2:

I am writing about the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in Lubbock. People have the right to choose what happens to their bodies, and therefore I oppose the ordinance because it attempts to control constituents' medical decisions. I support the City Council's previous decision not to act on this ordinance and urge them to oppose the proposed ordinance today. Thank you.

Jennifer Nish
3808 40th St.
Lubbock, TX 79413

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Jennifer Clements

From: Susan Loving [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:06 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Proposed ordinance November 17

I strongly urge the City Council to **oppose the proposed ordinance** to ban abortion within Lubbock.

I am grateful for your willingness to lead during this overwhelming time of the pandemic. We are in the midst of a crisis, and I believe your efforts are needed to manage this serious issue's time and resources.

Within your purview as elected officials, you should not be charged with making personal medical decisions for your constituents. With all the political theater in our nation today, I would like to see my city officials exercise wisdom and not be used as pawns in these regional and state maneuvers.

Thank you for truly listening to me.

Be well. Stay safe.

Susan

Susan Loving
2608 25th Street
Lubbock, TX 79410
registered voter

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Jennifer Clements

From: Lindsey Maestri [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:06 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Planned Parenthood Public Comments

Lubbock City Council,

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The 2017 Status of Women in Lubbock Country report showed us that women in Lubbock earn less, live in higher rates of poverty, and have fewer opportunities in general than their male counterparts in this city. Limiting access to legal health procedures only puts women in our city at an even greater disadvantage.

The safe, affordable healthcare Planned Parenthood will provide women in Lubbock is important to me as a taxpayer and homeowner in this city. My aunt died at 28 of breast cancer. At 32, my cousin was diagnosed with breast cancer and had a double mastectomy to save her life. For nearly 10 years, from my early 20's to my early 30's, I did not have and could not afford health insurance but know the importance of receiving annual well women's exams given my family history. Planned Parenthood was there for all those exams. They gave me a chance at early detection that could have saved my life, and undoubtedly has saved the lives of others. Please allow women in Lubbock to be afforded with safe, life saving services which includes access to safe abortions.

Thank you,
Lindsey Maestri
Near 43rd St and University, Lubbock, TX

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Jennifer Clements

From: Samantha Torrez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:07 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Concerned Lubbock Citizens Against Proposed Abortion Ordinance

Dear Esteemed Lubbock Mayor and City Council Members,

We write to you today asking you to please vote "No" to the ordinance proposing that Lubbock, Texas become a "sanctuary city for the unborn". There are many reasons we ask this of you, but below are a few of the reasons we believe that this ordinance would not only harm citizens of Lubbock, but also cause the abortion rate to skyrocket across other cities in Texas and across the United States:

- If a person wants to have an abortion, they will seek out a place that will allow them to have an abortion, whether or not that is within the Lubbock city limits. Changing the location of the service being provided does nothing to "save the life" of the fetus in question.
- Pro-life citizens in Lubbock (or, as they are often nicknamed, pro-birth citizens), are only now concerned with an abortion ordinance going into effect because of the Planned Parenthood location that opened in our city in the last month. Where was their alleged concern for the unborn in the last few years?
- If abortion is such a large concern within our city, then our pro-life citizens should also advocate for better sex education programs in the high schools and colleges across our regions, for which we have several. Instead of abstinence-based programs, which set students up for failure and do not provide them with the comprehensive education they will need as young adults, let us advocate for comprehensive sex education that teaches young women, men, non-binary, and transgender youth safe and consensual ways to engage in sexual intercourse.
- Are these pro-life citizens as concerned with the amount of children we have in our region who are neglected by their parents, and are now under the care of the foster care system? Are they taking the time to volunteer and advocate for children who are already here on this earth? I personally have worked several cases with foster children here in Lubbock, and there are so many others out there that could use a positive influence in their life. Where is the advocacy for those children, and the anger to take care of them, instead of a clump of cells that has yet to even exist?
- Condemning and making abortion illegal in a city is also a slippery slope for the rights of people who do want to have pregnancies and carry them to term. In some cities and states across this country, if a person experiences a miscarriage, whether by an accidental fall or an act of God, they can be criminally prosecuted for the death of the fetus. Is this what we want pregnant people to experience? Do we want them, even those who do want the pregnancy, and lose it by some accident, to be prosecuted and thrown into prison for something that is out of their control? This is what this type of ordinance leads to. It's control over a woman's (or a person with a uterus)'s body, using them as a means for reproduction.
- Additionally, if someone is truly pro-life, and wants to protect the lives of those around them, including the alleged "unborn", why will they not wear a mask in public to protect the well-being of those around them from the spread of COVID-19? Why do they not care about how many people we have lost in our city and across the great state of Texas during this pandemic, or the (over) one million positive cases we are experiencing? Are those lives worth less because they are not being housed within the womb of a woman?

We appreciate your time, and hope you will consider these thoughts.

Samantha Torrez and other concerned Lubbock Citizens

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Jennifer Clements

From: Carcie Ballard [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Citizen Comment on Abortion

To the Members of the Council:

I would like to make a simple statement in opposition to the sanctuary ordinance.

I was not blessed with a healthy uterus. I conceived my first child 9 years ago. Halfway through my pregnancy, I developed a condition called preeclampsia - my body basically became toxic to both myself and my unborn child. Thankfully, we were both able to hang on long enough to induce labor 5 weeks early. My child was underweight, lethargic, and spent a month in NICU. He was never able to breastfeed and was on a feeding tube for several weeks.

If the preeclampsia had been worse, or had set in any earlier in my pregnancy, I can guarantee that both our lives would have been very much in danger, and I would have been forced to choose between keeping my child and dooming us both, or terminating the pregnancy so that I could at least survive. I fear becoming pregnant again - even with birth control in place - not because I may have a similar pregnancy, but because if I do and my life is threatened by the rebellion of my own body, I won't be able to make the choice that would save my own life.

To deny other women the right to make that choice, be it medically necessary or not, is purely selfish. These children are ours - not yours. These bodies are ours - not yours. The choice should be ours - not yours.

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Jennifer Clements

From: Carol Ann Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Citizen Comments; Shelia Patterson Harris
Subject: Comment for 11/17/2020 Council Meeting
Attachments: Council Meeting.pdf

Good Morning,

Please find attached my public comment for the City Council Meeting today, November 17, 2020.

I am very grateful for the position the Council has taken on the ordinance to ban abortion in Lubbock. Ms. Patterson-Harris, as my representative, I hope you will continue to consider the long-term legal battles the City will face if this ordinance is passed, as well as the health implications for our community should access to this medical service be further delayed.

Thank you,
Carol Ann Smith

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[REDACTED]

My name is Carol Smith and I live on 46th street. I would like to start by thanking you for allowing us to submit comments via email. I appreciate the Council's consideration of safety during this pandemic. I understand you were likely inundated with comments and I appreciate you taking the time to consider what the community has to say regarding the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in Lubbock.

In the fall of 2013 I had a safe and legal medical abortion in Lubbock. We are not here today to talk about the morality of my personal decision. We are here today to discuss the role of our City Council to uphold laws and protect the members of our community.

I was very fortunate to carry out my decision in a safe and legal way. I stress this, because had I not had this option I would have found other means of carrying out this personal medical decision. Without the access to local medical professionals I would have sought illegal or unsafe treatments that could have been detrimental to my health and safety. I urge you to ensure that women in our community have a safe place to access an abortion, should they need one. Your decision today is not about personal convictions, it is about what the city can legally uphold; it is about making the decision that considers the safety of your constituents. Your vote today is not about appeasing the emotionally charged protests of a group who will not be personally affected by this ordinance.

I had minimal complications as a result of my procedure. Such complications were identified and treated as part of a routine follow up through the clinic that facilitated the procedure. Had I not had appropriate follow up care my complications would have been undiagnosed, untreated, and would have likely had long-term severe health consequences. If you believe you are protecting the women in your community by limiting the services we can receive here and forcing us to obtain services illegally or in other communities, you are mistaken. Please ensure we have safe, local access to the services we need and access to adequate follow up for such services.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to share my comments with you today. I hope that my personal experience will be more powerful than a generic assertion of belief.

Jennifer Clements

From: Kusko, Rebecca [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:13 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Abortion ban

Dear City of Lubbock Council Members

The proposed ordinance, "It shall be unlawful for any person to procure or perform an abortion of any type and at any stage of pregnancy in the City of Lubbock, Texas, is not just a potential legal problem, but unsafe as well.

There is not a provider who performs elective abortions in Lubbock. However, what is medically classified as an "abortion" includes a range of treatments that are medically necessary to preserve life. An apt example is the case of Savita Halappanavar, a woman who died in Ireland following an incomplete miscarriage - there was no hope of fetal survival, yet the hospital feared to treat her due to the extreme nature of the anti abortion laws in Ireland at the time.

Speaking as a medical student, please do not pass this ordinance.

Respectfully,
Rebecca Kusko

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Jennifer Clements

From: Kelsey Charlton [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:15 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Regarding Sanctuary City Ordinance

Good morning all,

I am writing in regards to the "Sanctuary City" ordinance that is up for consideration.

Not only are ordinances like this deemed unconstitutional, but implementing it could have long-term consequences. It would be challenged, as it should, and cost the city an untold amount of capital in court costs. Lubbock also has one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in the country. Women's healthy clinics ,such as those operated by Planned Parenthood, have proved time and time again to help to mitigate this, either with education or providing birth control.

This ordinance could also cause damage for women across the county and city. "Abortion" is a medical term for any pregnancies that are terminated, including ectopic pregnancies, and pregnancies that threaten the life of the mother. If there is a qualifier for an abortion, such as a pregnancy caused by rape, how much red tape would a woman have to cross before she is able to have a procedure done? How many doctors would be forced to deny a life-saving procedure out of fear of prosecution?

Lastly, in the midst of a global pandemic, where Lubbock is a national hotspot, is it wise to spend time and resources on issues such as this, when hundreds of our citizens are diagnosed with COVID-19 daily? Should our efforts not be used to combat our community outbreak?

In short, this ordinance is nothing more than political theater, and would not be a good choice for our city.

I hope you all stay healthy and safe.

Thank you for your time,

Kelsey Irwin
5202 Auburn St, Apt 2125
Lubbock, TX 79416

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] Kian Cade [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:16 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

A person may have a legitimate and complicated reason for a decision involving their own body. It is not the right of anyone else to decide for them and their own body.

Sincerely,
Kian Cade
2302 Slide Rd Lubbock, TX 79407-2254
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Sarah Velasquez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Abortion Ordinance

Good morning:

I am concerned about the abortion ban ordinance in our city.

I work in the foster care system and pray that the kids in the system receive half of the energy and funds that the fight against abortion is receiving. So many of the kids I work with go ignored. They are forgotten and lost. As much as I fight for them, they need more support, money, and resources. They are often products of mothers and fathers who are uneducated and in poverty.

Planned Parenthood provides education and resources to families in order to ensure they have a decent quality of life. I am concerned that if we start limiting Planned Parenthood's abilities to work and provide services, we will lose the benefit from having them in our city. Abortion rates increase when populations are in poverty and uneducated. Abortion rates decrease when medically accurate sex education is provided to children and teens. STD/STI rates also decrease when medically accurate information is provided.

If we are going to limit/ban abortions, I would like to see medically accurate sex education taught in our high school that provides options other than abortion only. I would also like to see funding and childcare go to the mothers who decide not to abort. These two things will attack the two factors that increase abortion rates: poor education and poverty.

Thank you for your time,

Sarah Velasquez

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Jennifer Clements

From: Eric Fried [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:19 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Planned Parenthood and "Sanctuary City."

Dear Lubbock city leaders,

I am writing to express my support of welcoming Planned Parenthood back to Lubbock. Of course, I realize that the opposition is focused on abortion services they provide, but they also offer innumerable services to those in need who cannot find or afford help elsewhere.

You are likely aware of the numerous other services that PP provides. As Lubbock has an embarrassing and sad history of having some of the highest teen pregnancy and STI and STD rates in the country, these services, including testing and access to birth control, would help support the physical and mental health of our citizens and would most likely *lower* the number of abortions. Planned Parenthood provides much needed services to those who are most in need, as well as to the entire community at large. Personally, members of my own family have in the past benefitted from this excellent organization.

Additionally, attempting to supersede federal law is wrong and it is already making our city a laughingstock to much of the world via media and social networking. As I am sure you are aware, this is another one of those "religious freedom" issues where one division of one religion is attempting to control the true religious freedom of anyone different than them. My religious background and many others do not consider abortion wrong when it benefits the mother and supports the traditional concept of choice.

I am no biblical scholar and I am not an outwardly religious person, but through critical thinking supported by my own upbringing, which is a vital component of the Jewish tradition and supported by my formal education, I (and most of the developed world), believe that this is a very personal decision that should not be controlled in any way by government.

Please note the copied quote from a mainstream respected Jewish website (source cited below):

"Centuries ago, the Talmud concluded that the life of the mother always takes precedence over the fetus, teaching, "[If] a woman who was having trouble giving birth...her life comes before its life." (Mishneh Ohalot 7:6). Therefore, abortion *must* be performed in cases when the pregnancy threatens the life of the mother. (Per Mishnah Ohalot 7:6-8, the fetus is considered a human person with equal status as the birth parent only from the moment when the head emerges from the birth canal.)"

“It bears repeating, however, that Reform Judaism holds that pregnant individuals should have complete responsibility and autonomy over whether to terminate a pregnancy – whether or not that individual’s life is at risk.” Source: <https://reformjudaism.org/learning/answers-jewish-questions/what-reform-jewish-perspective-abortion>

Our city and other governments have no right to exclude such companies from setting up shop just because of religious preference. This would clearly be a case of discrimination and a violation of the ideals of diversity, equity, and inclusion that are being embraced, and rightly so, by nearly honorable organization nationwide.

I urge you to honor the beliefs of all citizens in decisions like this that affect the vibrant life of our diverse community.

Respectfully,

Dr. Eric Fried
7910 Joliet Avenue
Lubbock

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Jennifer Clements

From: Lindsey Maestri [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Planned Parenthood Public Comments (updated)

Lubbock City Council,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive, and conflict with state and federal policies. Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic including ensuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

The 2017 Status of Women in Lubbock Country report showed us that women in Lubbock earn less, live in higher rates of poverty, and have fewer opportunities in general than their male counterparts in this city. Limiting access to legal health procedures only puts women in our city at an even greater disadvantage.

The safe, affordable healthcare Planned Parenthood will provide women in Lubbock is important to me as a taxpayer and homeowner in this city. My aunt died at 28 of breast cancer. At 32, my cousin was diagnosed with breast cancer and had a double mastectomy to save her life. For nearly 10 years, from my early 20's to my early 30's, I did not have and could not afford health insurance but knew the importance of receiving annual well women's exams given my family history. Planned Parenthood was there for all those exams. They gave me a chance at early detection that could have saved my life, and undoubtedly has saved the lives of others. Please allow women in Lubbock to be afforded with safe, life saving services. These safe services include access to legal abortions.

Thank you,
Lindsey Maestri
Near 43rd St and University, Lubbock, TX

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Jennifer Clements

From: Masha Perlman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Re: Proposed ordinance to ban abortion within Lubbock

My name is Masha Perlman and I live at 2706 29th Street, Lubbock TX 79410.

I strongly encourage City Council to **oppose** the proposed ordinance to ban abortion within Lubbock.

I would urge the council to stay focused on local issues, such as working to reduce Covid rates, rather than pass politically-motivated and divisive abortion bans. Lubbockites can and should be free to make their own choices about personal and private medical decisions, without the input of local or state government officials. Abortion remains a perfectly legal, constitutionally protected option for all women in Lubbock, and in Texas. This proposed ordinance asks Lubbock Council to defy Texas and US law, and remove the rights of women. It is nothing more than political theater and is deeply offensive.

Again, I urge City Council to **oppose** the proposed ordinance to ban abortion within Lubbock.

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Jennifer Clements

From: Karen Favers [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: proposed anti-abortion ordinance

Access to healthcare is a right, therefore I feel that local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal medical decisions for their constituents.

Thank you,
Karen Favers

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] Monica Luna
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

Planned parenthood is not only for abortions its also for S.T.Ds, birth control, also include free medical care when needed. If you ban abortions young adults would find a way to illegally do it and it would be very unsafe. As a young adult I shouldn't be forced to have a child that is unwanted, or that I financially can't be responsible for. And if you force this on us we will fight it in any way possible.

Sincerely,
Monica Luna
4623 Detroit Ave Lubbock, TX 79413-4301 [REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Tamara Coghlan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Sanctuary City

Affordable medical care is already an issue in Lubbock, please do not make it harder. You have no idea why a woman is making her decision, please allow her to keep her dignity and the choice her own. Lubbock should be a sanctuary city for all health rights and not a place for political talking points over needs of the people.

Tamara Coghlan
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Upland and 82nd St

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Jennifer Clements

From: Melinda Roberts [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Comments on Nov 17th Sanctuary City Proposal

Members of the City Council,

I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion within Lubbock city limits. This ordinance goes well beyond the purvey of the city council, and city council members are not elected to make specific medical choices for individual citizens of this city. This medical choice falls under state and national guidelines and laws, and should not be decided by local officials.

In addition, at a time when the city is refusing to enforce current statewide mandantes, such as mask wearing, leading to increased COVID-19 diagnoses, hospitalizations, and deaths, it is wrong to decide to spend time and effort on unlawful political theater. We have limited resources in our city, and should use them to enforce scientifically-backed ordinances that will protect our community as a whole.

Sincerely,
Melinda FIndlater
134th Street, Lubbock, TX

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Jennifer Clements

From: Lueck, Kelsey [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: I strongly urge City Council to oppose the proposed ordinance to ban abortion within Lubbock - Agenda Item 4 & 7.2

Hi My Name is Kelsey Lueck – I live at 4642 Fordham Street, Lubbock Texas 79416. Please see my comments below.

I urge City Council to oppose the proposed ordinance to ban abortion within Lubbock.

1. I am for the previous decision to not act on this ordinance as it is not a 'one size fits all' option.
2. Personal, Medical, and Health decisions should be up to the individual, not up to non-medical professionals such as city council / elected government to be in charge of.
3. We are a strong city who can rely on one another – we should be focusing our time/energy/resources into the crisis of the pandemic, not this ordinance.
4. I have chosen to make Lubbock my home, with the upmost pride (originally from Kansas), I chose to live here because of the friendliness, understanding, room for growth and evolution, among many other adventures – by City Council sticking with their previous decision to not act on this ordinance – I know it shows the intellectual strength of public health, safety, and people-first. Which is how/ why I fell in love with this city.
5. Yall better than this – We are better than this – The abortion ban and ordinance are examples of political theater and stonewalling People of our City. and honestly we are better than that. Let's be the IT city everyone talks about – not being used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuverers.
6. Compassion, understanding, and empathy drives connection and heals all kinds of wounds, lets lean into the uncomfortable and offer resources, active listening, and help everyone understand that if this ordinance is past it will hurt and harm more than heal.

I am happy to speak this afternoon on the behalf of my comments. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Kelsey Lueck, Lubbock Resident since 2016

Kelsey Lueck, M.Ed.

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Program Manager of Programming and Outreach, Peer Educator Advisor
Risk Intervention and Safety Education (RISE)

Texas State Coordinator for NASPA Health, Safety and Well-being Initiatives

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From: Parry, M [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Nov. 17, 2020 Hearing Testimony

My name is Megan Parry, located in City Council District 3 off Boston and 22nd. I'm a proud Texan, second-year law student, and voter in your district. As a woman who has needed medical care unavailable in Lubbock, I was forced to travel back and forth from Ft. Worth three times. I was in the midst of exams, panicking to calculate how long it had been and what this meant in terms of my options. I was able to make these trips, but this cost \$100 in gas, required taking away time I didn't have from my studies, and the travel created additional risks and stress (as it does in the time of Covid-19). I fully believe that this ordinance is unethical and overreaching, particularly the portion which would penalize those who would give women rides to clinics. Lubbock is divided enough - this is the last thing we need.

Thank you.



Megan M. Parry
Candidate for Doctorate of Jurisprudence, 2022
she/they

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Jennifer Clements

From: Jung, Cathy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Agenda Items 4 and 7.2 - Oppose the proposed "sanctuary city" ordinance

Dear Council and Mayor:

I strongly urge City Council to **oppose the proposed "sanctuary city" ordinance**, agenda items 4 and 7.2, to ban abortion within Lubbock.

I am in support of the City Council's previous decision not to act on this ordinance as it is contrary to Texas state law and outside the purview of council concerns. Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents.

According to a recent Johns Hopkins study, Lubbock is ranked among the top eight U.S. counties for average daily COVID-19 deaths. With the decreasing number of hospital beds and the rapidly increasing number of COVID cases, surely the Covid crisis is where our time and resources must be spent, not on this ordinance.

The abortion ban and sanctuary city ordinance are examples of political theater, and it is disheartening that Lubbock is being used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuvers. I urge you to reject the sanctuary city ordinance.

Sincerely,
Mary Catherine Jung
2820 22nd Street
Lubbock, Texas 79410

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From: Nick Harpster [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Public comments on Anti-abortion petition

My name is Nick Harpster, and I live at 1921 61st Street. I would like to express my opposition to the so-called “sanctuary city for the unborn” ordinance.

Let me begin by saying that I stand in support of the city’s original decision not to act on this ordinance, as it is well beyond the purview of the city to make personal medical decisions for any individual. The right to an abortion is a Constitutional protection that has been upheld several times since *Roe v. Wade*. The city must make this decision based on legal precedent and not on religious beliefs, lobbying from outside groups, or pressure from state and federal legislators.

Any ordinance of this sort that is passed is unenforceable as abortion is legal in Texas and the entire United States. Any grandiose wishes of having *Roe v. Wade* overturned and then attempting to prosecute anyone performing abortions in the past, is ludicrous. Even if the Supreme Court were to do so, nothing done in the past could be criminalized, as it is merely a court ruling and not a law. Any new laws created cannot be implemented retroactively either.

Research shows that when abortions are banned, or even severely restricted, this disproportionately affects women in poor, marginalized, and rural communities, as the ability to travel extreme distances to have the procedure conducted elsewhere is nearly impossible. According to the CDC, there are hundreds of women in the US that die due to complications from pregnancy, and criminalizing abortions would only increase that number. Any attempt to place restrictions on this right will increase deaths due to women and girls severely harming themselves attempting to self-induce abortions. Anyone who claims to be for protecting life or who believes in women’s health, should know that this would most definitely be a step in the wrong direction.

This entire proposal is just religious grandstanding and it is backed by our right-wing, religious conservative state and federal legislators, who are more concerned with “protecting” and pushing their religious agendas than the safety and well-being of their own constituents. To deny any woman her individual rights to an abortion and force her to turn to a likely unsafe option is cruel and unusual. This cannot be allowed to happen in my city. I stand in solidarity with a woman’s Constitutional right to chose, and ask that the city continue to take no action on this proposed ordinance.

Thank you.

Nick Harpster

Sent from my iPhone

Jennifer Clements

From: Genevieve DeCesaro [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:15 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Comments on City Council Agenda Item

Good morning.

I strongly urge City Council to **oppose the proposed ordinance** to ban abortion within Lubbock. The proposal includes this language: "*Consider an ordinance outlawing abortion within the City of Lubbock, declaring Lubbock a sanctuary city for the unborn...*"

Should the Council endorse this proposed ordinance, the Council would, per the exact language used in the proposed ordinance, be committing to providing sanctuary for **all unborn children**. Following are specific reasons this is unfeasible:

- The legal definition of sanctuary is: "A place of refuge, where the process of the law cannot be executed." The ordinance proposes to make Lubbock a city where the unborn have refuge from the execution of a law. As no laws exist that could be executed upon unborn children as the subject of those laws, this ordinance is not enactable as written. It would have to be amended to: **declaring Lubbock a city in which women relinquish their medical care rights to a third party.**
- A more vernacular definition of sanctuary is a place that is safe for humans. If this is what the proposed ordinance implies, then let us be clear: if Lubbock becomes a sanctuary city for the unborn, Lubbock commits to making the city safe for **every single child that is born within our city limits**. Protecting an unborn child **by definition** means protecting that child once it is born, as a child cannot safely remain in an unborn state indefinitely. Should the Council endorse this ordinance, Council would also be committed to: 1) ensuring that every child in Lubbock has enough to eat; 2) ensuring that every child in Lubbock is in a stable home that is free from any form of abuse; 3) ensuring that every child in Lubbock is able to partake of an education free from any form of abuse; 4) ensuring that every child in Lubbock has adequate and comprehensive medical care, and; 5) ensuring that every child in Lubbock has its basic needs met at all times. If the Council has the means to make these assurances, I'd like to hear about them.

I appreciate that the Council wants to allow for the expression of different voices and perspectives among its citizens. As one of those citizens, I fully support Council's previous decision not to act on this ordinance for the reasons above, because it falls outside the scope and purview of Council's concerns, and because elected governmental officials should not be charged with nor expected to make personal medical decisions for their constituents, particularly when those decisions would be applicable only to Council's female constituents.

Thank you,

Genevieve Durham DeCesaro

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From: Bob Graham [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:17 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Abortion Ordinance

I am against this ordinance.
This would endanger too many women's mental and physical health!
Patsy Graham

Sent from my iPhone

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] Holly Haning [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Holly Haning
1920 Slide Rd Lubbock, TX 79407-2208
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] Lance McIntosh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:26 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

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Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. This is a divisive issue and an attempt to legislate religious and moral beliefs that should be kept out of our political system. This has no business on our agenda as a community. It is imposing standards on those that are pro-choice citizens of Lubbock. I appreciate that all citizens can exercise their choices concerning this matter. The city, however, should not choose one side over another.

Sincerely,
Lance McIntosh
1920 Slide Rd Lubbock, TX 79407-2208
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:26 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Proposed Anti-Abortion Ordinance

Mayor Pope
Members of the Council

I am writing to you in support of your previous decision not to act on ordinance designating Lubbock as a sanctuary city for the unborn. The ordinance is a ridiculous distraction from the important public health work that the Mayor and Council should be addressing. It is a further distraction because it is politically motivated to embarrass leaders into appearing less conservative than some constituents might want. The ban and ordinance are examples of political theater--not entertaining and not in the best interests of this community. Don't be a pawn to Senator Perry or the so-called religious right. Speak up instead for increased health care access and inclusion for all citizens of Lubbock.

Local elected governmental officials should not be involved in making personal, medical decisions for their constituents. No one wants an abortion-but without access to sex education, birth control and without fear from domestic violence, some women may face this terrible choice. There is so much that can be done to prevent the need for abortions. Let's work together on these other options.

Citizens in this city are sick and dying from COVID. Your leadership is desperately needed to bring the city out of the pandemic crisis. Please put your efforts into leading the city and make it a sanctuary city for the living.

Sincerely,

Brigid Krizek
46th and Indiana

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Jennifer Clements

From: Kristyn Ames [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: citizen comment- city council meeting 11.17.2020

To the mayor & city council members,

As a born and raised Lubbock woman & business owner, I write to you in hopes you will reject the proposed ordinance.

As elected officials, it IS your duty and sworn obligation to abide by the state constitution. This ordinance is unconstitutional and will come at a huge fiscal cost to the city if passed.

As elected officials, it is NOT your duty to regulate health care in any capacity.

I implore you to move Lubbock forward rather than succumbing to the political ploys and power moves of certain state representatives.

I implore you to serve your constituents in the manner in which your elected positions require you to do so and not to expand your reach in a direction beyond the requirements of the positions you hold.

Lubbock is in the middle of a public health crisis and lives are being lost every day. Lubbock is one of the worst cities in the USA in regards to covid-19. Please spend the cities time and resources managing the loss of lives and businesses. Please spend the cities time and resources protecting it's citizens.

Please spend the citys time and resources
Moving Lubbock Forward.

Kristyn Ames.

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Jennifer Clements

From: Patricia Maloney [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: comment re: sanctuary city for the unborn

To Whom It May Concern:

My comment is regarding agenda items 7.1 and 7.2 for the upcoming city council meeting.

I strongly oppose the proposed ordinance to ban abortion within Lubbock. As a sociologist with over fifteen years of experience studying data on these subjects, I am greatly concerned about the effects of such a ban. We absolutely know from the research that, when abortions are banned, the abortions don't disappear - they just become unsafe and more dangerous for women. I find it strange that people can understand this concept in regard to gun rights, but not in regard to abortion.

The single best way to reduce abortion rates - which is something I'm sure we all want - is better education and access to birth control. If we truly want to be known as a place with low abortion rates, then the city council should turn its attention to public health initiatives that encourage such behavior.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patricia Maloney
2902 20th St, Lubbock, TX

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Jennifer Clements

From: Connie Goodwin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:33 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Public hearing tonight on anti-abortion petition

Dear City Council and Mayor Pope,

I strongly urge the city council to oppose the ordinance to ban abortion in Lubbock. This is a subject that should not be brought up to the city for consideration. Decisions about abortion are personal medical decisions between a woman and her doctor and should not be decided by local elected governmental officials.

This ordinance was brought up before the Nov. 3rd election by certain local and State politicians who wanted to further their votes by appealing to a certain section of their constituents on this highly emotional matter. The election is over and we are still dealing with this divisive topic. If we're talking about life, need I remind anyone that we have a pandemic in Lubbock from which people are sickened and dying? Don't we need to be focusing our time and resources on that and saving those lives?

The Council's previous decision not to act on this ordinance was the correct one. I would hate to see Lubbock acquiesce to a subject that a majority of Americans view as a personal decision and that has been ruled on by the Supreme Court. This is not a decision for local government to make. Thank you.

Constance Goodwin
3109 20th St.
Lubbock, TX 79410

Sent from my iPhone

Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Abortion Ordinance

City Council Members:

I believe this proposed ordinance should not be passed,. It is a bad idea for several reasons. There are the legal issues of going against a Supreme Court ruling. Lubbock could become involved in litigation. This could be a very expensive situation just to please a few people. I believe it is morally wrong for a legislative body to criminalize women who seek abortions. Or family or friends who choose to help. I am not pro-abortion but pro-choice. I am concerned about babies born to a parent who is not able or capable of caring for it. We hear of stories every day of babies being neglected, abused, or abandoned. The way to avoid abortions is through sex education, making contraceptives available, counseling, and some of these pro-life people to step up and adopt. There is also the issue of discrimination. Women who can afford it, can go elsewhere for the procedure. Impoverished women are forced to seek illegal abortions in a dangerous environment; frequently with disastrous results.

I trust you all to give this ordinance serious consideration before voting.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak out.

Joy Perry
3816 64th Drive
Lubbock, Texas 79413

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From: [REDACTED] Kevin Sailsbury
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:37 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have. The health of Lubbock's women should not be subject to a political agenda. The proposed ban is rooted in the religious views (however sincere) of one side of the political divide in our country. Lubbock's city government should not cater to any one group's religious leanings.

Sincerely,
Kevin Sailsbury
2610 24th St Lubbock, TX 79410-1632
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Kopanski, Stephanie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Agenda Item: Article IV, Section 1

To whom it may concern,

Below is my comment on the proposed ban to abortion access within my community.

"Hello to everyone, my name is Stephanie Kopanski, and I live at 917 Xavier Street. I and my husband, Demetri Mosca, are opposed to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion within Lubbock. To allow this ordinance to pass would be in direct contradiction with state and federal laws regarding the regulation of abortion management. Lubbock is already 6 hours and 300 miles away from the nearest facility with access to abortion services that are Legally protected medical procedures. The proposed ordinance would perpetuate the detrimental lack of full reproductive healthcare access for the women of our area. Legality at the state/federal level matters little if access is limited, and banning abortion access to women in this city is a direct violation of women's legal right to control their own reproductive options. This ordinance represents a subversive attempt to whittle away women's access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare. As members of the medical community in Lubbock, my family believes that it is not the jurisdiction of some community members' negative attitudes and beliefs towards women seeking abortion access that should place restrictions and regulations on medical procedures. An ordinance such as the one proposed suggests that City Council has the authority to interfere with private patient care that is protected between women and their medical providers. City Council has no such jurisdiction. Anti-choice proponents cannot assert their control over medically necessary procedures by accosting this decision onto those who do not have the purview to legally do so. We support City Council's previous decision to not enact this ordinance, as it is unenforceable political theater."

Best regards,

Stephanie Kopanski (she/her/hers)
Texas Tech Health Science Center School of Medicine MS2
Texas Tech Alumni Biochemistry and Psychology Major
(210) 464-4211
[REDACTED]

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From: Lubbock Atheists [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Comments on Planned Parenthood ordinance
Attachments: PP letter to city council.docx

Atheist Community of Lubbock
1927 67th st Lubbock, TX

City Council members,

The Atheist Community of Lubbock recognizes the challenge set before this council in deciding whether to adopt the ordinance to make Lubbock a Sanctuary city. It is a difficult task to decide what is right and fair for a city full of people who come from many backgrounds, religions, cultures and ethnicities. We know this council has each citizen's best interest at heart and is dutifully considerate of their responsibilities to the constitution of the United States and to the people they serve.

The Atheist Community of Lubbock is an a-political organization; however, we do believe strongly in supporting and upholding human rights and opposing religious oppression of those rights. The proposed ordinance is in direct contradiction to the established right of a woman to obtain medical care and choose for herself what medical decisions are best. Many of the objections to planned parenthood and the services they provide are religious in nature, and though we recognize an individual's right to use their personal faith and morals to make decisions about their own health, they do not have the right to impose that same moral structure on to others who do not share their beliefs.

Maintaining a government that is representative of all its citizens is one of the most crucial aspects of democracy, we can not allow personal religious beliefs to dictate our laws. It is not the responsibility of this council to impose subjective morality on to the people they represent, but rather to allow each individual to decide for themselves how best to live their lives in accordance with their own traditions, faiths and cultures and to prevent the discrimination or abuse of human rights against any of its citizens. To adopt this ordinance would invite a host of legal objections that the city of Lubbock does not need to involve itself in. We know the laws of our country and of our state, and we do not need Lubbock to become a battleground where women's rights are pitted against religious oppression.

Lubbock prides itself on being a friendly city, but if this ordinance is adopted, we will be sending a clear message that Lubbock is a place where outsiders can expect to be discriminated against. Where selective religiosity is more valued than human rights, and where women are not empowered to have agency over their own bodies or their lives.

We are better than this.

Thank you,

Board of Directors
Atheist community of Lubbock

Tracey Benefield
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Education Director

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Community Engagement Director

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Jennifer Clements

From: Taiya Jones-Castillo [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose the proposed ordinance to ban abortion within Lubbock Citizen Statement

Please include for citizens comments for today's meeting. Thank you!

City Council Members and Mayor Pope,

I support City Council's previous decision to not act on this proposed ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns. The City Council and Lubbock leadership is kept quite busy with legitimate concerns that are within the scope of their responsibility.

As a Mother and as a Licensed Social Worker who has served families of Lubbock for over 15 years, I strongly urge City Council to **oppose** the proposed ordinance to ban abortion within Lubbock. The abortion ban and ordinance are examples of political theater, and it is inappropriate for Lubbock to be used as a pawn in regional and state political maneuvers when we have actual crises our attention should be focused upon.

Simply put, local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents. I urge you consider the position of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' (ACOG). "Induced abortion is an essential component of women's health care. Like all medical matters, decisions regarding abortion should be made by patients in consultation with their health care providers and without undue interference by outside parties. Like all patients,

women obtaining abortion are entitled to privacy, dignity, respect, and support...ACOG opposes unnecessary regulations that limit or delay access to care. The intervention of legislative bodies into medical decision making is inappropriate, ill advised, and dangerous. ACOG opposes the harassment of abortion providers and patients." This is quite clear and speaks directly to the matter at hand today. **Oppose** the proposed ordinance to ban abortion within Lubbock.

Additionally, the proposed ordinance is practically unenforceable and creates a maelstrom of subsequent lawsuits and revisions which will render it not only hollow, like the rhetoric of supporters, but come at further attention and action, costing us time and taxpayer dollars. If we fail to decisively strike this down today, we should get used to having this conversation for some time to come. I'm sure the Council has been advised of the troubles and ongoing litigation facing communities that have enacted. **Oppose** the proposed ordinance to ban abortion within Lubbock.

I invite those supporting this ordinance to consider instead activities which prevent unintended pregnancy and support the wellbeing of women and children in our region. There are a number of excellent organizations that will be happy to receive your donation or volunteered time. As we know well from history, making abortion illegal doesn't prevent abortion, it only makes it unsafe. That isn't what we want for Lubbock. As a city, we are in the midst of an unprecedented crisis related to the pandemic and that is where our time and resources

need to be spent, not on this ordinance. **Oppose** the proposed ordinance to ban abortion within Lubbock.

Taiya Jones-Castillo, LBSW

7748 18th Street

Lubbock, TX 79416

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Jennifer Clements

From: Libby Wagner [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Citizen comment 11/17/20 Sanctuary City for the Unborn

I am not from Lubbock, but after living here for 5 years, owning a house, and having my children here, I consider Lubbock to be my home. Lubbock is different in many ways than other places I have lived. One of the things that I noticed immediately upon arrival was the warm and kind nature of the people of Lubbock. I was surprised to hear that Lubbock is considering becoming a sanctuary city for the unborn. We should extend that same kindness and empathy to all the people of Lubbock, even those who we disagree with. People here also have a strong sense of personal responsibility. We should model this by trusting each citizen to make the choices that are right for them, not using our government to limit their choices.

I am therefore writing today to oppose Lubbock becoming a sanctuary city for the unborn.

Elizabeth Wagner
2912 21st Street
Lubbock Texas 79410

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From: Earlene Bustillos [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: 11/17/20 meeting

Good Morning,

Thank you for taking the time to listen to the citizens of Lubbock.

Please do not vote in favor of making Lubbock a Sanctuary City. I have multiple objections to this ordinance but will only address two today.

This is a waste of money (our tax dollars) as abortions are legal and should not be legislated by the city. We know this will become a legal battle wasting time and money.

We have a much more urgent issue due to Covid 19. The astronomical death rate for our city caused, in my opinion, by lack of masks being worn publicly. This has been proven to help significantly with the spread of this virus. Lubbock needs to have an enforceable mandate immediately.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Earlene Bustillos
76th and Avenue V

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Jennifer Clements

From: Brandon Wagner [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Citizen Comment (11/17/2020, Sanctuary City for the Unborn)

I am writing to oppose the Sanctuary City motion for Lubbock.

There are two different reasons that I think this motion is not in Lubbock's best interests, or that of its citizens. First, this motion is impractical and detracts from real health needs in Lubbock today. As I write this, there are almost 5,000 active cases of COVID-19 and we are setting up hospital tents to keep up with the health needs of our community. Against such a backdrop, the clear health needs are not for criminalizing legal procedures but for focusing on measures to address COVID rates and keep our community safe. Not only is there an active health emergency that demands attention, creating impractical legislation potentially opens Lubbock up to legal cases and their costs. With the current city budget constraints, why are we opening a potential hole in our budget?

Second, I believe Texans can make their own medical decisions. One of the things I have always admired about West Texas is the self reliance of those who live there. Given such a strength, let people make their own care decisions with their own doctors. Let government stay out of that equation.

Brandon Wagner
2912 21st St
Lubbock, TX 79410

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Jennifer Clements

From: Julia R. Weaver [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Abortion Ban on today's agenda

This ban is not about abortion, it is about our civil liberties.

I am appalled that men in Lubbock think making regulations on a woman's body is the decent and right thing to do. If this ban is passed it will be detrimental to this community.

My name is Julia Weaver and I am a taxpaying citizen of the City of Lubbock and I am against this ban on abortion.

Thank you,
Julia Weaver
806-577-1294

Jennifer Clements

From: Brandon Meadows [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Sanctuary City for the Unborn

Good afternoon,

I am emailing to give my input on the sanctuary city for the unborn meeting. Do you think we could provide a sanctuary for the born who are suffering from Covid in this city? Or maybe a sanctuary for the healthcare professionals who are being overwhelmed by the surge of Covid? It is very disappointing that we have a health crisis in this city and instead of seeing any sort of meaningful action to help the citizens of this city, we are holding meetings about this ridiculous ordinance.

Thank you for your time and for addressing my concerns.

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From: Kristi Barrett Giemza [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: "sanctuary city for the unborn" comments

Dear Council:

I was surprised and dismayed to hear that time and energy is being spent on an ordinance that is merely an act of political posturing. This ordinance will have no actual impact on reducing the incidence of abortion as local officials have no legal authority to enforce it. Moreover, when we are in the midst of a pandemic crisis, city leaders should be focused on keeping our citizens healthy and our economy thriving.

If the citizens and city council members truly care about reducing abortions, they would be much more successful in this endeavor if they used their time and resources to improve access to sexual health education and health care—particularly for teens, young adults, women and the underserved.

I hope that you will reject this ordinance so that you can move on to issues in which you can effect actual change and improvement in our community, especially given this unprecedented time.

Thanks for your time and attention,

Kristi Barrett Giemza
2813 21st Street 79410

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Jennifer Clements

From: Howell, Kylar [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: 11/17 City Council Meeting - Sanctuary City for the Unborn

City Council Members,

My name is Kylar Howell. I am a twenty-two-year-old female and have lived in Lubbock for most of my life. I am writing to you to urge you to vote NO on the ordinance to make Lubbock a "Sanctuary City for the Unborn". This ordinance is unconstitutional and directly disregards women's rights. In the U.S. Supreme Court case, Roe v. Wade, it was ruled that the constitution protects the right of the people to make their own medical decisions. Please do not take action that would take away my right, and many other's rights, to make our own medical decisions.

I support the City Council's previous decision to not act on this ordinance as it is outside the purview of council concerns. Please stand up for all of Lubbock and allow women to make their own private medical decisions. Local elected government officials should not be charged with making personal, medical decisions for their constituents.

Again, please vote no on this unconstitutional city ordinance.

Thank you for your time,
Kylar Howell

(Please do not read this aloud - 2118 27th St. Lubbock, TX 79411)

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Texas Tech Rawls College of Business

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From: Dustin Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: I'm against the ordinance.

Hello! City of Lubbock resident here. I'm from here, born and raised.

My wife and I have two daughters, 11 and 9—two years apart. There was an aborted pregnancy in-between. All three were accidents, despite being on birth control all three times. Yeah, I know.

The second pregnancy—the one we aborted—was too soon after the first. We didn't have the heart to do that to our oldest daughter, nor did we have the resources to take on another child at the time. It was a difficult decision, but we made our choice.

Had we gone along with the second pregnancy, we would never have had our second daughter, as she is. It would be some other child sitting at the table. No. I would not exchange my youngest daughter for anyone or anything.

My point is this: let people plan their own families. It is not for the City of Lubbock or its citizens, or anyone really, to make those kinds of choices for anyone but themselves. Women should have the final say in what goes on with respect to their own bodies; you can therefore count me as firmly against this heavy-handed and ill-conceived anti-abortion ordinance.

Thank you for your time. Stay safe!

Dustin Martin
[REDACTED]

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From: Marino, Ashley Rose [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Comment for 11/17 Meeting

Hello all, thank you for your time.

I'm Ashley Rose Marino, and I'm a Lubbock citizen that does not support the motion to make Lubbock a sanctuary city for the unborn.

The city council definitely does need to focus on the public health of its citizens, but should not do so in a way that goes against the supreme court's rulings. Abortion is legal in the United States, which means abortion is legal in Lubbock, TX. It is far outside of the scope of the city's duties to pass this motion.

Planned Parenthood is desperately needed in Lubbock and throughout West Texas. How do I know? I work in health promotions at Texas Tech University. My office gets dozens of calls a day about sexual health, whether those calls be about STI testing or simply where to access condoms. Most of the students calling us don't have insurance and don't have the money to get STI testing without it; shockingly, some of these students are learning about these topics for the first time from a prevention standpoint as 18 year olds.

Planned Parenthood helps our community in more ways than we can begin to imagine. The rate of unintended pregnancy of teens in Lubbock is nearly ten times the national average in some zip codes (1), which means that the educational and affordable services that Planned Parenthood provides is crucial in the South Plains.

If you're for this motion, I urge you to talk to any of the wonderful people who have made Planned Parenthood in Lubbock a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space for people in our community that need affordable healthcare the most.

Going outside of the scope of a city's judicial scope in an effort to shut down a vital community resource is unwise and completely reckless. We need to keep our citizens as safe and healthy as possible; having Lubbock become a sanctuary city for the unborn defies both of those goals.

Thank you for your time.

(1) <https://www.kcbd.com/story/8681892/unplanned-teen-pregnancies-cost-lubbock-county-taxpayers-millions/>

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Comment from:
Ashley Rose Marino
4402 85th st Apt P255
Lubbock, TX 79424

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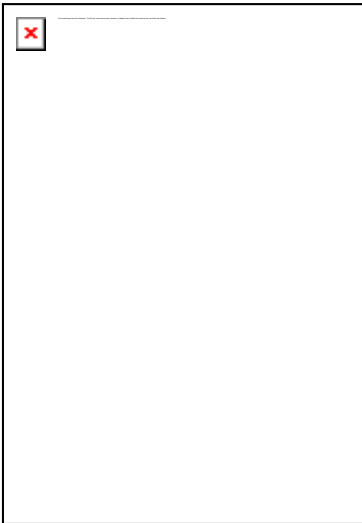
Jennifer Clements

From: Virginia Tate [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Sanctuary City for the Unborn - UNNECESSARY

Dear Councillor:

I respectfully request your support for the City of Lubbock economy, as well as the State of Texas, and our vibrant communities by voting *AGAINST* the "sanctuary cities for the unborn" proposal. I am deeply concerned and urge you to **stop** these bills so the City of Lubbock will remain in good standing with young families, professionals, and businesses that might move to Texas and with intelligent and free minded individuals that already in short supply in many sectors. These proposals would hurt business and impede prosperity for the people of our city and our state.

A high profile law will do nothing to make us safer, but surely undermines goodwill. This is neither friendly nor good for business. National business representatives will think twice about locating their business in our city, just as we have seen in other cities following the passage of similar laws. Convention and tourism may be negatively impacted. Young professionals may be unwilling to location to a city seemingly opposed to personal freedoms.



As of February 2020, the ACLU has filed lawsuits against 7 towns in Texas that have declared themselves, "sanctuary cities for the unborn". Senator Perry says the lawsuits were dropped and that is true; but only after **significant expense** to these towns and the ordinances were forced to change and eliminate all aspects of criminality associated with their ordinances. The City of Lubbock has already hired a law firm to review the proposed ordinance so our legal expenses are already mounting. It is no more than a political stunt to confuse people about their rights. Young women are stigmatized for seeking reproductive health care and these sanctuary movements only isolate them more. It violates First Amendment rights and religious freedoms. Finally, the

ordinances are criminally unenforceable because of the Supreme Court's 1973 ruling in Roe v. Wade, which established the right to abortion nationwide. That means abortion remains legal in Texas.

I urge you to think about the political and economic ramifications a Sanctuary City proposal would have on our city's future. We need to address so many other issues and this isn't one of them.

Signed,

Virginia Tate

2503 37th

Lubbock, TX, 79413

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Jennifer Clements

From: [REDACTED] Gina Duran
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Oppose City Abortion Ban

Dear Lubbock Citizen Comment Email,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed ordinance to ban abortion in the city of Lubbock. I urge you to not use City Council resources on a state political agenda. A city ban would be divisive, expensive and conflict with state and federal policies.

Please continue to focus on urgent city business such as protecting Lubbock citizens from the COVID pandemic, including insuring access to healthcare for all who need it and minimizing the economic harm to the local community.

I was born and raised here in Lubbock. I have also graduated from Texas Tech University. Throughout my time here I have seen girls and women who needed help and were unable to get said help because they had no one to turn to in times of need. Although you may not know anyone who has gone through a similar heartbreaking decision on what to choose for themselves, I can reassure that it is happening. It is happening regardless of your personal beliefs. It is happening to young girls and older women. And just because you aren't being informed about it, it is happening to your daughters, relatives, friends and people all over this community. I want to know why you think that you have the right to tell me what I can do with my body and my choices. My future daughter, my sister, my niece, my friends, my cousins, the people who are in this community....what power do you think you have to tell us what we can do? What is right for US to do? I urge you to carefully consider the impact any decisions or actions regarding this issue will have.

Sincerely,
Gina Duran
4614 Kemper St Lubbock, TX 79416-2302
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Clements

From: Alyssa Garcia [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Citizen comment on Regular Agenda 7.1

The right to safe and lawful abortions for all women is necessary and just to ensure a raised quality of life, health and economic prosperity for women in the hub city and neighboring towns. Neither local nor federal government should dictate the happenings of their citizens' bodies.

Alyssa Garcia
7404 104th st
Lubbock, Tx
79424

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From: Cheryl Weber [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: City Council hearing re: Sanctuary City

To the City Council:

I add my voice to those who support your earlier decision to not act on this subject, as it is outside purview of council concerns. It is unlawful action and has severe impact on women who rely on Planned Parenthood for medical care of all sorts of healthcare, especially for those without access to healthcare otherwise, which is discriminatory, with regard to race and gender.

Please keep our city out of any abortion ban and unconstitutional ordinance. We have other more important battles at this time.

Sincerely,
Cheryl F. Weber, MD

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From: Drew Landry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: For Tonight's Meeting

To Whom It May Concern:

When this issue arose, it became abundantly clear it was a stunt by the social conservative wing of the Republican Party. It was a stunt on two fronts. One was to get somewhat complacent Republican voters in West Texas out to vote in the November general election for President Trump to overcome the Democratic suburban/metroplex vote for President - Elect Joe Biden. That plan worked.

Two was to get our mayor on the record on one of the most divisive issues in American politics and red meat for the Republican base. There is much speculation on whether the current state senator from Lubbock will remain in that seat after the 87th Legislative session. If he chooses to go elsewhere, there would be an open seat election, and it is discussed the current Lubbock mayor and the junior state representative from Lubbock would vie for that seat. This "sanctuary city for the unborn" title is to get the mayor on the record to be used against him in that speculative election.

That is what the hubbub is about. Nothing more than that. If the current West Texas legislative delegation truly cared about this issue, they would work tirelessly to include women in the economic dream in Lubbock. They would sponsor legislation advocating for abstinence plus sex education in the health class curriculum.

Furthermore, if the current West Texas legislative delegation were truly pro-life, they would be pro-mask and vote in favor of Medicaid expansion for all Texans.

Thank you and God bless.

- Drew Landry

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From: Ross McMillan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Citizen Comments
Subject: Council Meeting 11/17 - Unborn Sanctuary City Ordinance

I'm curious how the city plans to pay for the ensuing lawsuits from Planned Parenthood and the ACLU when this ordinance is adopted? Can I assume several hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars were allocated for them in the FY 2021 budget?

Thank you.

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