

Resolution Calling for Reproductive Justice and Abortion on Demand

from the Central Puget Sound Sisters in the Brotherhood

On June 24th, 2022, Roe v Wade was overturned by the US Supreme Court in a decision that adversely affects our carpenter membership in numerous ways. Now more than ever, we need to support all our members and show solidarity across all trades:

WHEREAS reproductive justice is, and should be, an issue for everyone because everyone is negatively impacted when anyone's basic bodily autonomy & medical privacy is compromised;

WHEREAS carpenters are brothers, sisters, and siblings who are of different sexes, genders, and sexual orientations;

WHEREAS it is the fact that workers can become pregnant, they should be the principals deciding if and when they will start a family, & that pregnancy impacts wages, benefits, and working conditions-, reproductive rights are therefore workers' rights;

WHEREAS restricting people's reproductive choice directly impedes people's ability to get work and keep jobs;

WHEREAS laws restricting access to abortion disproportionately impact poor & working-class people and people of color;

WHEREAS laws restricting access to abortion also force the economic choice to take on the cost of raising a child, which is at least \$280,000 from birth to age 18;

WHEREAS access to legal & safe abortions most directly impacts anyone with a uterus—such as women, trans men, and non-binary people;

WHEREAS the lack of reproductive justice for women is in stark contrast with the protected bodily autonomy of their male peers;

WHEREAS multiple states will no longer recognize non-viable pregnancies, incest, rape, or sex trafficking as valid qualifications to terminate a pregnancy;

WHEREAS people who cannot access abortion care will be forced to carry pregnancies that potentially are economically, psychologically, physically harmful and too many times fatal to those giving birth;

1. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED this resolution be introduced to Carpenter Locals 30, 41, 816, 196, 129 and 70 and their membership;

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Sisters of Central Puget Sound affirms that reproductive rights are fundamental workers' rights and advocates for legislation codifying the full right to abortion and other reproductive healthcare nationwide;

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Sisters of Central Puget Sound strongly support grassroots organizing and movement building, by groups such as the National Mobilization for Reproductive Justice, to defend against this historic attack on the rights of all workers, including women, pregnant people, and the LGBTQ community;

4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on Labor to organize in defense of its members and that the AFL-CIO should call an emergency convention to strategize the defense of reproductive justice;

5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for those who choose to have children, publicly funded child care and support services should be available for all working class parents;

6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution be adopted by the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters;

7. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution will be communicated to other labor allies and MLK Labor Council, with the demand that elected leaders immediately codify Roe v Wade into law and take all measures to uphold and protect reproductive rights for all;

8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Sisters of Central Puget Sound will work with community organizations and agencies to collaborate and support reproductive health care for all;

In closing, we support access to reproductive healthcare for all, no matter the circumstances. We will continue to fight for reproductive justice with any partner group of our choosing. Reproductive healthcare is a fundamental right for all workers.

In Solidarity,

Central Puget Sound Sisters in the Brotherhood