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San Diego Latinas mobilize to fight for reproductive rights.

MANA de San Diego Issues Statement

San Diego, August 18, 2022: MANA de San Diego surveyed its members on the recent Supreme Court decision which overturned Roe vs. Wade. Resoundingly, 90% percent of survey participants stated their opposition to the ruling and 91% stated MANA de San Diego should advocate for women’s reproductive rights.

According to Norma Chávez-Peterson, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union San Diego and Imperial Counties, California still has abortion access issues: 40% of California counties have no clinics that provide abortion; many Medi-Cal recipients must travel more than 100 miles to find abortion providers.

MANA de San Diego will join forces with ACLU and others to promote the passing of proposed state laws that will advance reproductive justice: Proposition 1 “Reproductive Freedom” Constitutional Amendment, spells out the rights to access abortion and contraceptives in the state constitution; AB 2223 – ensures that no one in California is investigated, prosecuted or incarcerated for ending a pregnancy or experiencing a pregnancy loss; AB 2199, advances birth equity by funding doulas to work with communities who suffer high rates of negative birth outcomes.

As the largest chapter of a national Latina organization, founded over 35 years ago on the premise of ensuring Latinas have a voice to advocate for a greater presence in vital conversations facing our communities, MANA de San Diego opposes the Supreme Court’s ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization which resulted in the overturn of Roe v. Wade. This ruling dramatically limits the ability of women and individuals who can conceive, to access abortion care and will disproportionately impact black, indigenous and people of color (BIPOC), transgender, nonbinary and other historically marginalized groups. While abortion remains legal in California, many of our herMANAs across the country are directly impacted by this decision. As an organization led by Latinas, MANA de San Diego will continue to work with our members and partner organizations to ensure all women and individuals impacted have the information and resources needed to make decisions about their bodies—a decision that should be between a woman and her healthcare provider. Voting has always mattered. We urge you to support proposed state laws which will guarantee women have safe access to reproductive health care. More than ever, we urge the MANA de San Diego community to register to vote, to show up to the polls and make their voices heard this November and hereinafter.

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ABOUT MANA DE SAN DIEGO: Founded in 1986, MANA de San Diego is the largest chapter of a national Latina organization with more than 2,500 members and supporters. MANA’s mission is to empower Latinas through education, leadership development, community service, and advocacy. Throughout the years, MANA has successfully engaged and impacted more than 15,000 Latinas. For more information, visit www.manasd.org.