

Dear DWC Community,

The overturning of Roe v. Wade is a tremendous setback to the progress we've made as a country to ensure women have equal rights and access to the care they need.

Restricting access and autonomy negatively affects the lives of the women Downtown Women's Center (DWC) serves and can undoubtedly lead to homelessness. Unhoused and pregnant people especially will be disproportionately impacted by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision.

DWC's mission is to serve women experiencing homelessness, connect them with quality resources and care, and offer a place of belonging and support for our most vulnerable communities. For over four decades, DWC has remained committed to supporting women in Los Angeles and that work requires breaking down barriers to services and protecting women's right to choose how, when, and where to access those services.

Despite today's ruling, DWC will continue to advocate for the rights, needs, and autonomy of women in Los Angeles and provide a trauma-informed entryway to safe, quality housing, employment, and health and wellness services for women experiencing homelessness.

We're proud of the community we've built by and for women that creates a safe space where women feel heard and empowered. DWC will forever stand by the women we serve and lead with compassion and care.

Let's do this together.

Sincerely,

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Amy Turk, LCSW CEO, Downtown Women's Center