

# California's Proposition 1

## Abortion and beyond

This November, Californians will vote on Proposition 1, which would amend our state constitution to explicitly name abortion and contraception as rights. The amendment lists abortion and contraception as just two of other undefined rights related to “reproductive freedom,” leaving dangerously vague what those other new constitutional rights might be.

### **The proposed constitutional amendment simply reads:**

*The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual's reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives.*

*This section is intended to further the constitutional right to privacy guaranteed by Section 1, and the constitutional right to not be denied equal protection guaranteed by Section 7. Nothing herein narrows or limits the right to privacy or equal protection.*

Proposition 1 guarantees not just the right to abortion and contraception, but “an individual’s reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions.” This expansive language creates constitutional rights such as:

- **Anyone's right to obtain children by purchasing eggs, sperm, and surrogacy services without “interference” from state regulation.**
- **A minor girl's right to be a surrogate or sell her eggs without parental involvement .**
- **A minor's right to sex change drugs and surgery without parental consent.**
- **Incest, polygamy, and sex between adults and minors**

Currently in California, women and minor girls have a legal right to obtain an abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Medi-Cal and private insurers are required to cover abortions on demand through all nine months of pregnancy.

This amendment would not obviously change anything about current abortion practices in California, but it would give constitutional protections to the abortion industry. If, in the future, California voters want to restrict or regulate abortion, they would have to amend the constitution again to allow for the “interference.”

**But Proposition 1 goes much further than embedding a right to abortion in the constitution. Its language is broad enough to establish previously unthinkable acts as constitutional rights.**

## Spread the word. Vote NO on Proposition 1.