

Consumer and Workplace Protection Unit
200 N. Main Street
5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

(213) 473-6908 Tel
(213) 978-8112 Fax



MICHAEL N. FEUER
City Attorney
July 15, 2016

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Pregnancy Counseling Center
10211 Sepulveda Boulevard
Mission Hills, California 91345

Notice of Violation of Health & Safety Code § 123470 et seq.

Dear Pregnancy Counseling Center:

This letter is to provide you with formal notice that a recent investigation has shown that Pregnancy Counseling Center is in violation of the California Reproductive Freedom, Accountability, Comprehensive Care, and Transparency Act (“Reproductive FACT Act,” California Health & Safety Code § 123470 et seq.). Pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 123473(a)(1), this letter provides you notice of noncompliance with Health & Safety Code § 123472(a).

You must correct the violations (described below) within thirty (30) days from receipt of this notice. (Health & Safety Code § 123473(a)(1).) If you fail to correct the violations, you will be subject to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) for a first offense and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each subsequent offense. (Health & Safety Code § 123473(a).)

The Reproductive FACT Act requires that qualified licensed facilities whose primary purpose is to provide family planning or pregnancy-related services, such as Pregnancy Counseling Center, disseminate to clients the following notice in English and other languages as determined by the California Department of Health Care Services:

“California has public programs that provide immediate free or low-cost access to comprehensive family planning services (including all FDA-approved methods of contraception), prenatal care, and abortion for eligible women. To determine whether you qualify, contact the county social services office at [insert the telephone number].” (Health & Safety Code § 123472(a)(1).)

According to the law, the notice must be either:

- Posted in a conspicuous place where individuals wait and that may be easily read by those seeking services from the facility, and must be at least 8.5 inches by 11 inches and written in no less than 22-point type (Health & Safety Code § 123472(a)(2)(A));
- Distributed through a printed document to all clients in at least 14-point type (Health & Safety Code § 123472(a)(2)(B)); or
- Distributed digitally to all clients that can be read at the time of check-in or arrival, in the same point type as other digital disclosures. (Health & Safety Code § 123472(a)(2)(C))

Our investigation revealed that your facility failed to post onsite notice anywhere at your facility and that your facility failed to distribute the required notice either through a printed document or digitally.

The City Attorney's Office is authorized under Health & Safety Code § 123473(a) to bring actions alleging violations of the Reproductive FACT Act. Failing to correct the violations identified in this notice within thirty (30) days will subject your facility to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) for a first offense and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each subsequent offense.

This notice is not intended to limit the actions that may be brought by the City Attorney's Office. The City Attorney's Office reserves its right to pursue any and all violations designed to protect the public from unfair, unlawful and deceptive business practices which may arise.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to call Travis Austin, Supervising Attorney of the Consumer and Workplace Protection Unit, at (213) 473-6908.

Sincerely,



TRAVIS AUSTIN
Deputy City Attorney