

Dear District Attorney Rosales,

Your constituents, healthcare providers, community leaders, and local organizations have united to write this letter asking you to not prosecute individuals who make their own healthcare decisions by seeking and assisting the provisions of abortion. Moreover, a few members of El Paso City Council as well as the County Commissioners Court are already supporting individuals seeking abortions. It is vital that the El Paso community's healthcare needs are prioritized; you have sworn in your mission statement that you will "ensure a fair, transparent, and compassionate process while serving justice in our local judicial system," and prosecuting people over their private medical decisions is neither fair nor compassionate—it is cruel. We hope you will uphold your oath by protecting our community from such traumatizing and unnecessary prosecutions. We would like to note that we are aware you have the power and discretion to decide how to move forward with certain cases; this is evidenced by your past decisions not to fully pursue a number of cases in El Paso.

In our city, we have heard from Across the nation and in our state, a growing number of district attorneys understand that the threat of criminal prosecution for abortion seekers and those who help them access abortion will not make our communities safer. On the contrary, it will lead to more suffering, illness, and even death. People who are pregnant will seek the healthcare they need by any means necessary because healthcare is a human right. We know that many El Pasoans may face heightened threats of violence from partners should they keep the pregnancy to term, and furthermore, will face one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the developed world. We ask that you recognize the demographics of our community. The people most affected by these criminal prosecutions are the people who do not have resources: underpaid workers, those living with physical and mental disabilities, people who are in abusive relationships, or those who are undocumented and cannot travel to safe haven states for care. Again, we urge you to honor the oath that you took to keep our community safe by choosing not to prosecute people for seeking the healthcare they need.

Therefore, we are demanding the following:

1. Make prosecution of abortion and abortion related cases the lowest priority in your jurisdiction.
2. Join Fair and Just Prosecution's [joint statement](#) in which nearly 90 elected prosecutors from around the nation pledged not to prosecute or file charges against people who access abortion services or those who help them access abortion resources.

As this is a matter that impacts everyone, we will publish this letter and we appreciate your immediate response. We will follow up on your response within the next five days.

Respectfully,

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