

Trust Women/Silver Ribbon Campaign Petition: Lies About Abortion Hurt Women 1-9-14

First Name	Last Name	Personal Message
Betsy	Eudey	Accurate information and resources related to health is a necessity, and federal, state and local governments must do all they can to ensure that misinformation is not overtly or covertly supported. Individuals and organizations should not have the opportunity to post misleading or medically false information on public property, especially when doing so appears to have the blessing/support of the government.
Tracy	Sherman	I have never visited San Francisco, it has long been on my list of places I would like to go. I assumed the culture was open and honest (you are famous for your Gay community after all). But this has changed my mind. Any city foolish enough to let a few idiots put up banners that are patently FALSE is no longer a place I want to visit. I speak from the experience of 2 abortions for very different reasons. One saved my life and the other saved my child from suffering and dying right after birth. Not only did these not hurt - they were blessings. Next time you decide to make stupid statements, perhaps you will think about the tourist money you are losing.
Patricia	Jackson	A false, hate message should not be displayed by the city.
Barbara	Nielsen	Abortion does not hurt women. Abortion is legal. San Francisco City and County is displaying false statements about women's legal healthcare and reproductive rights options in contradiction to City policies and practices. We call on the Mayor and elected leaders to TAKE DOWN THE BANNERS as soon as possible.
Liz	Newbury	Abortion is safe and legal. Let's keep it that way. Disseminating deliberate misinformation to promote particular religious ideologies is dangerous to women and their families. The great city of San Francisco can do better by its citizens and guests than to use city property to promote misinformation for religious purposes.
Louise	Calabro	Abortion is safe reproductive health care for women -- lies about this hurt women, rather than helping them.
Lauren	Schweizer	Abortion must be legal to be safe, illegal abortions hurt women. Take down the banners!
Michele	Chandler	Access = CHOICE!

John	Fiore	Appalled that we are paying for lies on OUR lamp posts. Will we do absolutely anything/everything for money?
Mary Ann	Castle	As a former resident of San Francisco and an advocate for human rights, I am outraged at the medically inaccurate public health message that are being displayed on SD City banners. I request that they be removed immediately and that medically accurate information be provided to girls an women.
shayna	lewis	As a former, and hopefully again in the near future, resident of San Francisco, it is incredibly disheartening to learn that the City is promoting such blatant misinformation. I urge you to take down these banners as soon as possible.
Carol	Bailey	As a frequent visitor to San Francisco, I can not believe the signs posted along Market St. I expect "the city" to be an eclectic mix of everything good - not a messenger for untruths.
Trina	Semorile	As a native San Franciscan, I am outraged this this has been permitted and allowed to continue. I will shortly be in San Francisco for a visit and trust these signs will be gone. Get them down. Hate speech is NOT free speech. Hate speech kills.
Ann	Boddum	As a Nurse practitioner who has worked in San Francisco Kaiser OB department. These banner goes beyond the line ..they are false . And it is a very false statement to allow to put up as if the city of San Francisco is saying this. You must have them removed.
Joan	Edelstein	As a nursing faculty in SF, and past resident, I trust the administration will properly attend to this violation of City regulations. These banners harm women!
Kathy	King	As a physician I am outraged that the city would allow these signs to be posted on city property. Freedom of speech - yes - but city support of misinformation - NO!
Gene diane	Bishop gottlieb	As a physician I find this a poor public health message As a woman and a health professional I am dismayed by this poor choice. This same mayor has also been responsible for the increase in homeless mentally ill in sanfrancisco, which is another preventable public health situation.
Norma J F	Harrison	ASK ME ABOUT HOW WONDERFUL I FELT, ABORTING MY unwanted PREGNANCIES!!
Thea	Selby	Attaching to the Snowflakes? Really?

Bertha Mo Dear Mayor: **As a long time public health professional and advocate**, I request that you remove the incorrect information about abortion on the City's publicly managed lamp posts on Market St. in San Francisco. As a public health professional, **I am shocked that these untruths are being spread on City managed banners**. As a former City public health worker, I was proud that I worked to support the health and well-being of families in the City; particular the health and well-being of girls and women. San Francisco DPH has always practiced what it preaches and support reproductive rights of women. Please take these banners with incorrect messages down today.

Larry Adelman Dear Mr. Mayor: **I am a big believer in freedom of speech but not statements which are lies and can harm others**. For the City to allow banners on its property which are outright falsehoods about women is as alarming as it would be to see banners on City property promoting racist or anti-Semitic remarks. Further, the statement that "abortion hurts women" itself harms women. That's not a public health message I believe you or our other City leaders wish to propagate. Please promote accurate and positive messages about reproductive health. Thank you. Larry Adelman

Claudine Torfs Did you know that public health data show that **maternal death from abortion are highest where abortion is forbidden**? Why? Because through all ages and in all countries, women do abort, either safely or unsafely. Abortion is and has been done all over the world forever. It was even allowed by the Catholic church for the first semester of pregnancy until the "ensoulment" --that is the time the church thought the "soul" of the embryo entered the fetus-- until the 13th or so century. It is still the same rule for the present day Muslims until the "quickening" or "ensoulment". Check it out. Use only scientific sources: they don't lie or have a religious prejudice.

Virginia Anderson Don't participate in **sliding backward** regarding truth about reproductive health care services. In this era when many families with children are forced to live on the streets because they're not able to provide decent lives for themselves and their children, it's a troubling bent to support limits to reproductive rights. Are we raising a caste of slaves?

Dena	Bergstrom	Don't tell women what to do with there bodies! Abortion is safe! I know!!
Yoana	Corro	Don't treat women like children that can't take the truth and don't treat them like if they're idiots and don't know about their own body.
Dave	Sweet	Follow our lobby @USVetJOBS to help stop these government scams!
z steve	kastl heilig	Freedom of speech is not the issue when one is lying . Hello - "Free speach" does have limits when lies and inflammatory language is involved. Plus these signs violate local policy. Thank you for your attention.
Ruby gene	Kane grabiner	Horrifying! I almost don't believe it, it's so outrageous. I am a former San Francisco resident, and i am appalled at this anti-abortion disinformation campaign proliferating from lampposts in The City. These banners, with their public lies and medical misinformation about the safety of abortion , should immediately be taken down. I urge the Mayor of San Francisco to do right away.
Dr. Martha	Lincoln	I am a medical anthropologist and public health researcher residing in Oakland, California. San Francisco's history as a progressive city supportive of gender freedom is dishonored by the false and politically motivated message that "abortion hurts women." What really hurts women is the limitation of their power to be informed and exercise their autonomy in choosing safe medical options.
Krishanti	Dharmaraj	I am deeply disturbed by this information. San Francisco became the first city in the United States to pass legislation on the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) . This legislation protects women's right to family planning and reproductive freedom. The banners in San Francisco is counter to this legislation and women's fundamental human rights. Please ensure women's human rights in San Francisco by removing the banners. Thank you.
Diana	Madoshi	I am so shocked that a city that has been supportive of women's right to choice would do such a thing.
Licita	Fernandez	I believe that women should have the right to choose whether or not to have an abortion, and misinformation about the harm abortions do to women distorts the truth. Lies add another barrier to choice.

Lorraine	Honig	I do not believe the city should permit signs or banners which contain false information. Abortion should be a choice for women and there is no evidence to show that it hurts them
Kathy	Kramer	I hope the City moves quickly to remove the offensive "Abortion Hurts Women" signs on Market Street. The message is incorrect, and inappropriate. (According to the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, abortion is one of the safest medical procedures. The risk of death is 13 times higher for carrying a pregnancy to term, compared with abortion, in the U.S.) It is also legal. A message like this does not belong on the City's light posts.
Elaine	Butler	I remember when abortion was illegal and it did hurt women when they were done under unsanitary conditions.
Carolyn	Scarr	I sign in honor and memory of my mother who was a Planned Parenthood volunteer.
Helen	Cagampang	Illegal abortion hurts women. Even though rarely needed, access to legal and affordable abortion is an essential component of comprehensive women's health care. The posters are deceptive and part of a propaganda campaign that undermines women's health. They should be removed.
Caryl	Gorska	ILLEGAL abortions hurt women. Keep abortion legal and safe!
Mary	Swope	I'm shocked . How did hey go up in the first place?
Debbie	Mytels	It's shocking that the City of SF would put such provocative and untrue banners on public light posts!
Chris	Coombe	I've always been so proud of the Bay Area - my former home for over 25 years. How can the city allow this? Would you allow banners advertising "Gay Sex Hurts Men" or a "Walk for One-Man-One-Woman Marriage"??? Of course not. Shame on you!!
Charles	Simons	Just take 'em down
Inge	Horton	Keep abortion legal!
Kathleen	Kennedy	Keep abortion safe, legal and accessible. Women's lives depend on it.
paul	page	Keep advertisements out of public places.
Patricia	Holcomb	Keep womans health care safe....
Linda	Ray	Lack of reproductive choice is what hurts women and girls who are old enough to become pregnant. Religious belief should not be announced as if it is medical information.

James	Paulson	Mayor, Tell the truth....Stop spreading HATE...The reality is women and women only are to be the ones who control their own bodies!
Hallie	Chen	OH MAN TAKE THESE DOWN ASAP
Leonore	Tiefer	Oh, for heaven's sake - it's 2014!!
M.L.	Jones	Please do not help in perpetuating these lies. The city regulations that require accurate information should not be violated. Thank you.
Caryl	Hughan	Please have signs removed. Abortion is a woman's choice and "Abortion hurts women" is not a value position that SF should take. Many thanks.
Alyse	Ceirante	Please remove the banners. They represent quite a significant step backwards for women's rights. By allowing these banners to remain in place, it is as if the city is condoning the lie that is contained therein.
Jan	Feldman	Please stop giving access to your lamp posts to groups who want to post misleading or false statements.
Sofia	Balderas	Please stop the misinformation! What a shameful display in a historically progressive city!
Marlene	Aron	Please take these banners down. They are lies and will scare young people who don't know the difference . Abortion does not "hurt women". Abortion can be safely done. It is up to each woman, individually, to make the choice as to whether she wants to have a child. Take these banners down. They are lies and do not belong here. Marlene Aron
Eva	Pettersson	Please, no lies on public places!
Michael	Holland	Promote the right message. Abortion is safe.
Larisa	Stevens	Really San Francisco?!
Ann	Hart	Really? the forward thinking west coast is not supporting women's right to choose? I thought only the midwest was backwards...please keep the west coast sane!
RENAE	TRAN	remember GOVERNMENT, THIS IS MY CHOICE; NOT YOUR FREAKING CHOICE OK! " FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE....OF THE PEOPLE!!!"
Paula	Carder	San Fran, I thought you were BETTER than this . Seriously. This is just shameful. Not having access to SAFE abortions, shaming women, flat out LYING... THIS is what hurts women . BOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Gail	Xandy	San Francisco is a beacon of light compared to Texas. Don't let your light go out!
Ellen	Shaffer	San Francisco should stand up for women's rights.
Kate	Holum	San Francisco women will defend our rights to terminate pregnancy and control our own bodies. Forcing women to bear children is what causes suffering-to overburdened moms and neglected, unwanted kids.

Kathy	Reed	Shame on the city for displaying a false message on publicly managed lamp posts! Take the message down now!
Deborah sheila	Chase goldmacher	Shameful!! shocking to think that SF has allowed these lies to hang in its streets! remove them please on behalf of the truth and womens' and girls' lives.
Marti	Smith	Standing in solidarity with you from Sacramento.
Susan	Stafford	Stop spreading falsehoods about abortion and reproductive rights.
Nancy	Shand	Stop spreading lies!
Lisa	Diehl	Stop with the bullshit lies, and take the banners down. Why is abortion ANY of your business?
Lynne	Averill	TAKE DOWN THE BANNERS.
Renee	Collins	Tell the Truth.
Edith	Bargoma	That is a fear tactic and it is not okay.
Andrea	Jesse	The "Abortion Hurts Women" campaign goes against San Francisco's long tradition of liberty and progressive values.
Barbara	Hokw	The lies these banners tell are against public health policy and should be removed.
Peter	Van Coutren	The Right to choose is the right to freedom
Leeza	vinogradov	The right wingers are just Non-Stop!!
Clare	Feinson	These banners must come down! They perpetuate statements that have been proven wrong by research! Their placement on governmental property is questionable, at best. Women deserve support, not more harassment.
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Sophia	Yen MD MPH	These lies are a public health hazard to any woman contemplating this procedure. 1 in 3 women will have this procedure in their life. Abortion is one of the safest procedures out there. Abortion is safer than continuing a pregnancy to term.
Margaret	Spaulding	These signs are absolutely outrageous . It may be true that abortions hurt women; many things hurt women, including unwanted pregnancies, abuse, poverty, poor health and ignorance to name but a few. Women must have freedom to make choices about their health. TAKE DOWN THE SIGNS.
Kathryn	Roberts	This is hate speech advocating that women be denied their right to reproductive health. It doesn't belong anywhere.
Catherine	Pinkas	This is not an appropriate use on San Francisco public property

Mary Beth	Brown	This is not the sort of propaganda I expect to see hanging from lampposts in The City! My city, the place of my birth, the place I am proud to say I'm from. Tax payer dollars should NOT be spent on displays of scientifically inaccurate propaganda. PLEASE remove these banners!
Claire	Brindis	This is the wrong message to give women...when it so distorts reality.
Elizabeth	Krueger	This on top of the obnoxious billboards is abhorrent.
Susan	Jakubiak	Unbelievable that those banners could be displayed on public property!
Melanie	Grossman	Unwanted pregnancies hurt women and illegal abortions have hurt women tremendously.
Helynna	Brooke	We wouldn't allow the Klu Klux Klan to post signs so why these terrorists?
sadja	Greenwood	What hurts women and drives them to dangerous back-alley abortions is lack of reproductive choice.
Alex	Pirie	What?! On city property? What is happening to San Francisco? For shame. Take them down now.
Sandra	Schmaier	Who paid for these banners? This is as bad as the banners that went on SF buses criminalizing Palestinians about a year ago...remember?. Who paid for these? Pro Life groups do not provide economic support for unwed mothers or daycare for career woman who accidentally get pregnant or woman are raped.....what is going on here? Once the water breaks they are no where to be found.....how does that help woman?
Diane	Fenster	women have the right to choose for themselves.
Robin	Brasso	Women's reproductive rights and the attempts by the right to control women's bodies are based on fear and lies . We will NOT allow these lies to be posted on banners on the streets of San Francisco. We will work to overturn the restrictive laws in the Republican held states. They will NOT be allowed to stand.
Susan	Englander	Would San Francisco fly banners that say Ed Lee is homophobic or San Francisco Police discriminate against women? Free speech may be our highest right but public policy also has a role.
Tina	Ann	you are my city- please represent all of us
Lin	Kaatz Chary	You don't have to live in San Francisco to be shocked and upset by these banners. I have lived in San Francisco and continue to have friends and family there - you can be sure they will be hearing from me about this!
Kathleen	Wong	
Letizia	Figg	
Jenn	Ogden	
jonee	levy	

Rachel	DeGolia
Bonita	Gothmann
Mark	Ryan
Natalie	McCoy
Jen	E
Pierre	LaRamee
Kam	McCallum
Jean	Pauline
Joanna	Zweig
Pauline	Kahney
Nan	McGuire
David	Williams
Lynn	O'Connor
pam	gill
Sandra	Fisher
Warren	Roberts
Janet	Good
Mark	Nelson
Margaret	Goodale
Barbara	Blong
Chris	Carlsson
Angela	Smith
Rachel	Kesel
Flavio	Casoy
Marcie	Wahba
Elizabeth	Watts
Dorianna	Garguilo
Fiona	Ma
Fiona	Ma
Anna	Lujano
Jennifer	Milley
Allison	R
Brittany	Hall
John	Nelson
Tevya	Tufford Fetter
Libby	Benedict
Ashley	Day
janet	perlman
Margaret	Kavounas
Henry	Chuang
Kathe	Traynor
Kelvin	yen
Amy	Albert
Colleen	McCullough

Rosalind	McDermott
Letitia	Davidson
holly	millar
Susan	Reinhart
Dolores	Taller
Mary	Pitts
nora	roman
Lynn	Brown
Jeanine	Lehman
P Eugene	Allen
Stephanie	Dale
Janell	Jenkins
Jake	Sigg
Judith	Dorian
Barbara	Young
Sue	Nielsen
Bernard	Gilbert
Ellen	Cronin
Hene	Kelly
Valerie	Hartwell
Marc	Norton
Barbara Katz	Rothman
J	Duerr
Ruth	Robertson
Mary	Canales
Ms. Jared	Greer
Carolyn	Koester
MARDI	KILDEBECK
Jim	Billings
Karen	Stamm
Virginie	Fite-Georgel
Laurel	Moeslein
Bob	Lehto
Dee	Sharma
stella	fisher
Jen	Halbert
Jessica	Jordan
Janeen	Jackson
Sandy	Kroigaard
Lyle	Nelson
Sarah	Little
Sakina	Arsiwala
Petr	Fuchs
monica	leavitt

Karen	Meckstroth
MaryAnn	Sorensen Allacci
Pam	Ramirez
Lynne	Streeter
Nancy	BOCANEGRA egra
Donna	Barkman
Robin	Brasso
Susan	Arthur
Nancy	Martin
Peggy	Traeg
Maia	Piccagli
Karl	Keener
Eleanor	Luce
Maxwell	Primack
Erick	Orantes
Ann	Walker
Marion	Homier
Chris	Ng
elizabeth	wharton
Anna	Muraco
Robert	Gould
Cydney	Henderson
Merna	Strassner
Judy	Norsigian
Sandra	Needham
Laura	Haarmeyer
Pam	Rosenthal
Alisha	S
Jenny	Lacy
Bernice	Batchelder
Sally	Taylor
Elizabeth	Raley
Dennis	Oliver
Matthew	Stewart
Deborah	LeVeen
Esther	Hamm
Evelyn	Beverage
Roma	Guy
Jean	Preston
Sabina	Ubell
James	Rauch
Mary B.	Strauss
Joan	Budd
Candace	DesBaillets

Janeen	Castillo
Kimberly	Sue
Stella	Adelma
Bonnie	Hughes
Iris	Biblowitz
Helen	Simon
Leslie	Simon
Edward	Mycue
Alice	Wolfson
Diane	Reed
Renee G.	Koel
Paula	Braveman
Ernest	Goitein
Diane	Wilson
Sandi	Haines
sri	louise
Julie	Perren
Ethel	Ruymaker
Kirsten	Hicks
Maris	Talaugon
john	welton
Beverly	Rockabrand
June	Manners
Cliff	Lau
Lara	Wright, MD
sharon	Goldenberg
Joan	Balfour
Melissa	Petersen
Suzanne	Mccormick
Gail	Nbenzahl
Sheila	Tully
Leslie	Wolfe
Jan	Hillegas
Dolores	Miele
Brenly	Rowland
Judy	Curtis
Russ	Berger
Dian	Berger
Lisa	Conrad
Leonard	Perillo
Andrea	Pfeifer
I.S.	Shirley
Trude	Bennett
Gwendolyn	Albert

Daniella	Simon
Heather	Drummond
Dr. Elizabeth	Fromer
Mary	Prophet
Iorrie	slonsky
Pi	Ra
Kathryn	Malone
Jennifer	DiBrienza
Betty Lou	Mukerji
Marilyn	Fowler
Cindy	Shamban
Allyson	Washburn
Velma	Parness
deetje	bolter
Leslie	Mullin
Joan	Downey
Nan	McGuire
Arlene	Silverman
Steve	Geller
ann	rovere
Michael	Lyon
Judy	Goddess
Lisa	Y
Stefania	Pomponi
Krista	Nordstrom
CLAIRE	COWART
Wendolyn	Aragon
denise	dorey
Worthy	LaFollette
Terrrie	Frye
Elise	Stengle
Loren	Kaplan
Sherry	Brennan
Sue	Grissom
Emily	Drennen
Amy	Weiss
Ariella	Seidenberg
Gwynne	Seidell
Kathie	Piccagli
Fran Moreland	Johns