



SOUTHWEST VOTER REGISTRATION EDUCATION PROJECT AND
WILLIAM C. VELÁSQUEZ INSTITUTE

For Immediate Release
June 24, 2022

Contact: Lydia Camarillo, lcamarillo@svrep.org
Patricia Gonzales, pgonzales@wcvl.org

**Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP) and
William C. Velásquez Institute (WCVI)
Joint Statement on US Supreme Court Overturning Roe v. Wade**

(San Antonio, Texas) Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP) and William C. Velásquez Institute (WCVI) are outraged at today’s Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v. Wade which rolls back women’s rights and forces women to become second-class citizens! This ruling will have deadly consequences on Latinos and communities of color.

All women must have the freedom to determine their own decisions about their bodies without punishment. Every choice should be protected with safe and legal access to care.

This setback will not deter us. Recent polling shows opposition to the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade. WCVI Vice President Patricia Gonzales stated, “With today’s ruling, this deeply personal decision for women will now be determined at the state level reminding us that Mid-term elections and state-wide elections matter.”

Lydia Camarillo SVREP and WCVI President stated, “Elections have consequences. It is time to organize, mobilize and prepare for a fight to restore women’s right to choose, voting rights and ensure that Plyler v. Doe (the US Supreme Court ruling that gave undocumented children the right to receive public education) is not overturned. We continue our work to protect our community. Organize, Mobilize, and Vote because our lives do depend on it!”

SVREP will organize and mobilize our community with voter registration and GOTV activities in AZ, CA, CO, GA, NC, NM, NV, PA and TX this summer leading up to Election Day, November 8, 2022. The Latino vote will help the nation restore voting rights, women’s rights and protect immigrant families.

SVREP and WCVI continue to fight for dignity, respect, and freedom! We stand in solidarity with women’s rights advocates and all those hurting today over this devastating ruling.

###