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Sent via email bylaws@zontadistrict4.org

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Dear Carma

Re: Support for changes to the Zonta International policy on Reproductive Health

The Zonta Club of Kitchener Waterloo is concerned about the existing Zonta International policy on Reproductive Health. In 2018, the Kitchener Waterloo Club raised concerns about this policy and the Affiliation with Other Organizations Policy. While the Affiliation with Other Organizations Policy has been changed, the Reproductive Health Policy remains the same. The Zonta Club of Kitchener Waterloo knows and understands that the Zonta International Board has the ability to develop policies. Since this policy was established by the Board, the existing Board can take steps now to amend or eliminate this policy and the Board does not need to wait until the next convention. The Zonta Club of Kitchener Waterloo however would like to build support within District 4 to support changes to the policy. Therefore we would ask District 4 to add this item to the conference agenda.

The following motion was passed at the club meeting on April 17, 2019.

That the Zonta Club of Kitchener Waterloo request that the Zonta International Board review the Reproductive Health Policy and undertake the following:

- *remove the following statement "That Zonta does not take a 'pro or 'con position on abortion; and*
- *Realign the call to action currently contained in the Reproductive Health Policy with goals of the biennium, the UN goals and general support for reproductive health (proposal attached); and*

That this resolution be circulated to the Zonta International Board, the International Advocacy Committee for action; and

That this resolution be circulated to District 4 Board with the intent that this motion be forwarded to the D4 conference in September for discussion and support.

The Zonta Club of Kitchener Waterloo has developed a report that explains our rationale for a change to the policy. This report is included in our submission. Our club is passionate about Reproductive Health and we hope District 4 will consider our proposal appropriate to add to the conference agenda.

The report is attached.

Thank-you for your consideration.

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