

List of City Council adopted resolutions banning City-sponsored travel to certain states due to those states' laws and policies that are counter to West Hollywood's progressive values and policies

2021

The City Council of the City of West Hollywood has, over the years, adopted several resolutions banning City-sponsored travel of City staff and elected officials to certain states that adopt policies considered to run counter to the City's core values and detrimental to different constituencies. The following is a list of such states for which City-sponsored travel is restricted or contingent upon certain circumstances:

State(s)	Title of the Resolution	Resolution No.	Adopted On	Status
North Carolina Mississippi	<i>"A resolution of the City Council of the City of West Hollywood amending resolution no. 16-4810 to establish exceptions for travel to a state that is included in the list of restricted destinations".</i> The exception to the travel restriction is created so as to permit elected officials and staff to advocate, educate, and lobby for LGBT equality or any of the City of West Hollywood's core values.	17-4992	September 18, 2017	Current
Alabama Arkansas Georgia Kentucky Louisiana Mississippi Missouri Ohio Utah Texas	<i>"A resolution of the City Council of the City of West Hollywood denouncing Georgia's Living Infants' Fairness and Equality (life) Act (HB 481) and Alabama's Human Life Protection Act (HB 314)".</i> The resolution also calls on restricting City-sponsored travel to states that adopt similar laws. Texas' SB 8 Texas Heartbeat Act of 2021.	19-5180	May 20, 2019	Current* (See page 2 for Update on Strict Abortion Bans)
Arkansas Arizona Florida Georgia Iowa Kansas Kentucky	<i>"A resolution of the city council of the City of West Hollywood denouncing Georgia's new voting law (senate bill 202) and adding restrictive voting laws to the list of reasons for suspending official travel to a state and imposing financial sanctions until such time as the new law is revoked, amended, or struck down".</i>	21-5396	April 19, 2021	Current

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Montana Utah				
Arkansas*	<p>In March 2021, Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson, (R) signed Senate Bill 354, which banned transgender women and girls from participating in school sports.</p> <p>Go. Ron DeSantis, (R) signed SB 1028 creating the "Fairness in Women's Sports Act.</p> <p>Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte, (R) signed House Bill 112 the Save Women's Sports Act, into law in May 2021.</p> <p>In May 2021, Gov. Bill Lee, (R) signed SB 126 (HB 1027) – a bill that unnecessarily regulates lifesaving, best practice medical care for transgender youth.</p> <p>In April 2021, West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice, (R) signed House Bill 3293 into law— an anti-transgender bill that would ban transgender girls and women from participating in sports at the elementary, secondary, or post-secondary level consistent with their gender identity.</p>	19-5180		Current
Florida				
Montana				
Tennessee				
West Virginia				

**Restrictions on City-funded travel to these states have been imposed pursuant to Resolution 19-5180 as these states have adopted laws that discriminate against transgender individuals and said laws are contrary to the City of West Hollywood's core values.*

Update on strict abortion bans.

Alabama: In October 2019, U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson temporarily blocked Alabama's strict abortion ban.

Arkansas: On May 27, 2015, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed a lower court ruling and permanently blocked the law from being enforced. In January 2016, The U.S. Supreme Court declined to review the case, leaving the Eighth Circuit's ruling in place. A new law was passed in March 2021 and Governor Asa Hutchinson signed it into law. The law is supposed to go into effect on July 28, 2021. In late May 2021, the ACLU, ACLU of Arkansas, and Planned Parenthood Federation of America filed a lawsuit today challenging Arkansas' ban on abortion.

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Georgia: In October 2019, Judge Steve C. Jones of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia ruled in favor of the injunction to block enforcement.

Kentucky: On March 2019, a federal judge blocked Kentucky's restrictive abortion law, which banned the use of a common procedure to terminate a pregnancy in the second trimester after 15 weeks. The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with the lower court's ruling. The US Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case during the term that begins in the fall of 2021 (2021-2022 term). *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

Louisiana: According to Guttmacher.org, a judge has temporarily blocked the state's restrictive abortion law. No law is in effect at this point.

Mississippi: The strict abortion law was temporarily banned (10-day ban) by a federal judge in May 2018. The case was appealed to the US Supreme Court, which granted hearing in May 2021. The case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* will be heard during the fall of 2021.

Missouri: A federal judge blocked Missouri's heartbeat law in August 2019

Ohio: In July 2019, U.S. District Judge Michael Barrett in Cincinnati issued a preliminary injunction against enforcing the "Heartbeat Protection Act."

Utah: Per Courthousenews.com, "U.S. District Judge Clark Waddoups signed off on a stipulated preliminary injunction, agreed to by Planned Parenthood of Utah and the state." <https://www.courthousenews.com/judge-blocks-utah-ban-on-abortions-after-18-weeks/>

Texas: SB 8 was implemented and went into effect on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, after the U.S. Supreme Court and federal appeals court rejected staying the law.