



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF AURORA

From Steve Trombley, President and CEO
Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area

Dear Citizens of Aurora:

As you know, Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area is opening a full-service health center in Aurora.

We decided to build in Aurora because this is a thriving, fast-growing city, but health care options – particularly for women – have not kept pace with this growth.

The Planned Parenthood health center at 3051 East New York Street will provide comprehensive gynecological services, including breast exams, pap tests, pregnancy tests, screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections and abortion services.

For the past several weeks, we have been met with protests from anti-Planned Parenthood activists who do not want to see this health center open.

We anticipated these protests. These tactics have been used in other parts of the country in an effort to delay or stop construction of Planned Parenthood health facilities.

That's why we made a strategic decision early on for Planned Parenthood to take a low-visibility approach during construction. We wanted to protect the safety of our patients, our staff, our new neighbors and those involved in the construction of our new health center – and to ensure that we would be able to open in a timely manner to serve the area's growing health care needs.

I want to assure you that Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area met all legal and public disclosure requirements throughout the permitting process for this health center, including the following:

- The corporation we established as the development entity for this center is listed in public records as being affiliated with Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area.
- Our tax-exempt bond financing through the State of Illinois required a public hearing and public disclosures of Planned Parenthood's involvement in this project.
- The property was already zoned for medical use and it was always clear that a medical facility would be built on this site.

But the one thing we did **not** do – as the anti-choice activists suggest - is commit fraud. We took very careful measures to ensure we properly and legally obtained our permits from the City of Aurora.

Anti-abortion activists with a history of advocating illegal and sometimes violent behavior are trying to use this accusation to delay or stop this health center from opening. We are confident they will not succeed.

Planned Parenthood has been providing reproductive health care throughout the Chicago area for the past 60 years. We have a reputation for providing high quality, accessible and affordable care for all who need it, and we look forward to serving the Aurora community.

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