



Lifeline

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life works to protect the innocent, helpless, vulnerable members of our human family - young and old, infirm and healthy, born and preborn.

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Mexico City Policy: Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance

By Julie Bailey, VP PPCFL

As you may have heard by now, President Biden issued a plethora of Executive Orders, Proclamations, and Memoranda during the first days of his administration. While many overturn, rescind, or reverse Trump administration policies, several will have a direct and immediate impact on the **funding of abortion using U.S. tax dollars**.

The Mexico City Policy, originally put in place by President Reagan, and alternatively rescinded and reinstated by Democrat and Republican administrations, requires foreign non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to certify that they will not “perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning” as a condition of receiving U.S. government global family planning funding.

President Trump reinstated the policy but also significantly expanded it to encompass the vast majority of U.S. bilateral [global health assistance](#)¹. The expanded policy, referred to as **Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance**, forbade any organization receiving U.S. foreign aid from proposing abortion as a method of family planning. Opponents, including Planned Parenthood and its allies in pro-abortion activism, referred to Trump’s expanded policy as the **Global Gag Order**.

In rescinding the policy, President Biden declares foreign aid will flow to those organizations which promote and provide abortion overseas.

In his [memorandum](#)², Biden also withdrew the United States’ signature from the Geneva Consensus Declaration, which reaffirmed “that there is [no international right to abortion](#), nor any international obligation on the part of States to finance or facilitate abortion, consistent with the long-standing international consensus that each nation has the sovereign right to implement programs and activities consistent with their laws and policies.”³

Withdrawing the U.S.’s signature sends to nations which receive foreign aid the message that the U.S. knows what is best for their countries. This is cultural

imperialism. It does not honor the dignity of life. It has no place in U.S. foreign policy.

In addition, Biden has promised to [fund Planned Parenthood](#) at home by instructing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to “review the Title X Rule and any other regulations governing the Title X program that impose undue restrictions on the use of Federal funds or women’s access to complete medical information !..”⁴

This may sound harmless, even pro-woman, but the purpose here is clear. President Trump ensured by his actions that Title X funding would not be available to organizations within the U.S that provide, refer for, or encourage abortion as a method of family planning.

That action resulted in Planned Parenthood renouncing over \$60 million in Title X funding in 2020. Make no mistake, Biden’s intent in instructing HHS to remove **undue restrictions** has as its aim the reinstating of that funding and the unfettered access to abortion. He has said as much in his promise to “[codify Roe v Wade](#)”⁵

Elections have consequences. **This one will have victims. Children** will lose their lives; **women** will be broken; **families** will be destroyed.

We must not sit back and blithely accept these consequences. We must **make our voices heard**. Please join me in praying for an end to abortion during the Lenten *40 Days for Life* campaign. Call your legislators. **Be Loud! Be Bold! Life is at stake.**

References: ¹ <https://www.kff.org/global-health-policy/fact-sheet/mexico-city-policy-explainer/>

² <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/28/memorandum-on-protecting-womens-health-at-home-and-abroad/>

³ <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/pro-life-pro-abortion-leaders-respond-to-biden-revoking-mexico-city-policy>

⁴ Sec 2(a) of <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/28/memorandum-on-protecting-womens-health-at-home-and-abroad/>

⁵ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/01/22/statement-from-president-biden-and-vice-president-harris-on-the-48th-anniversary-of-roe-v-wade/>

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The President's Corner

The diabolical force of the culture of death is being pressed on us
from nearly all directions.

- The new federal administration is **undoing the tremendous pro-life accomplishments** of the Trump Administration and continuing in the opposite direction to make the culture of death the de facto culture of the country.
- The state administration is **forcing the culture of death to be taught to Colorado children at all grade levels.**
- Media platforms are **censoring pro-life messaging** and even removing the platforms by which pro-life media sources have published their information.
- Many corporations have **adopted the culture of death and enthusiastically signed on as pro-death evangelists.**

What is their top-down command to us? *Accept the culture of death or else!*

At the grassroots level, though, **WE know that the culture of death is a lie.** It is from this grassroots direction that **the culture of life is making headway** against the truly terrifying culture of death tsunami.

How do I know such is the case?

- Life is growing - **pro-life organizations are multiplying.**
- **New people are continually joining** the effort, especially young adults.
- **More initiatives are exposing the falsehoods** of the culture of death.
- Those defending **the culture of death are having a harder and harder time** defending their position when confronted by witnesses of the culture of life.

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life is continually working to build-up this grassroots movement. With this newsletter, our website, our advertising, our *Sidewalk Advocates* program, encouragement of the *40 Days for Life* vigil, and our community-building *Together for Life* gathering, **we are actively growing this grassroots movement** so that it will be even more effective against the cultural tsunami.

The grassroots movement is going to win this contest because it stands with the truth, and the truth always wins in the end. *Matt*

Farewell Young Pro-Life Soul: *Garrett Marchetti*

PPCFL joins family and friends in mourning the loss of a passionate pro-life warrior, Garrett Marchetti, who died of a heart attack at the too-young age of 19.

It was a great shock to our pro-life community who came to expect his smiling and eager assistance at each gathering to defend life – including tire-less efforts in support of Proposition 115. Garrett's family expressed it best in describing his passion for LIFE:

"Garrett knew that he wanted to help people in any way that he could. His main expression of this was fighting to end abortion. Garrett had put in thousands of hours researching and volunteering to help young mothers considering abortion. He was pursuing a degree in Bioethics to help his mission in advocating for the unborn."

City Council Candidates – *Will They Defend LIFE?*

Colorado Springs selects City Council leaders in the April 6 Election. Janet, a pro-life voter, asked the candidates to share their positions on LIFE (specifically abortion). This is what she learned. **PPCFL encourages YOU to contact the candidates to learn more.** PPCFL intends to conduct a full candidate survey on ALL life issues, **check our website before you vote.***

DISTRICT 1

Jim Mason – “I do not support abortion... To provide context--I am a reflection of my background and history... I was born illegitimately to a 15-year-old Mother; in turn, I was primarily raised by my maternal grandparents.”

Michael Seeger – “I am pro-choice. That being said, I would not ever make it my choice. I believe that people should be free to make this decision but I also believe that life is sacred and that this should not be taken lightly.”

Glenn Carlson – “My view is a simple one actually. It’s not my decision or the governments and should be left up to the family.”

Dave Donelson – stated he is, “solidly pro-life in every aspect” and would defend citizens’ rights to peaceful presence on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood.

DISTRICT 2

Jay Inman – “My politics are simple in our increasingly complex city and country: Protect the Innocent, Defend the Defenseless, and Rescue the poor from Wickedness....“How one uses their Opposable Thumbs is a Choice. If that choice removes clothes and makes a baby, then that life is not a choice.”

David Noblitt* – “I am pro life not just in words, but in how my family lives, and has lived, through both word and action. And I could not be more proud or happy to that end.” *(*Corrected)*

Dave Geislinger – I’m proud of not only my faith but of its call to care for the “least of these” which includes a deep and humble respect for the sanctity of life... And while City Council does not oversee policy connected to this important debate, we have the opportunity to make decisions that positively impact our fellow citizens with compassion and a humble respect for our neighbor in every stage of life.

Randy Helms – No response, yet.*

DISTRICT 3

Henry McCall – No response, yet.*

Richard Skorman – Campaign response: “City Council has no jurisdiction over the issue of abortion, therefore, he has no position on the matter.”

Arthur Glynn – No response, yet.*

Olivia Lupia – “Life begins at conception, and life is one of the most precious gifts that is a God-given, unalienable right. ... though City Council may not directly vote on these issues, I believe it is important that every voice stand firm in affirming life no matter what position they hold, elected official or not. The right to life is more than an election issue, it is a powers and principalities issue, and I am proud to boldly stand on the side of truth and justice in whatever capacity the Lord leads.”

DISTRICT 4: Regina English–No response, yet* /**Yolanda Avila**–No response, yet.*

DISTRICT 5

Nancy Henjum – “Regarding abortion, I appreciate that you would like to know my position. However, this is not an issue something City Council addresses.”

Matt Zelenok – Abortion is a topic in which decisions are made at the state and federal level. Without relevancy in this non-partisan City Council election, I kindly decline to comment on that subject.”

Karlie Van Arnam – No response, yet.*

Justin James-Fletcher Hermes – “I do not believe in abortion”

Mary Elizabeth Fabian – No response, yet.*

DISTRICT 6

Garfield Johnson – “I would like to be clear about abortion on demand, partial birth abortion & taxpayer-funded abortion. Abortion is a violation of human rights ...I am not apologetic... the sanctity of life begins at conception.”

Mike O’Malley – “I will tell you I am number 5 of 8 in a very Irish Catholic family. I adore my two children and worship my two grandsons. In a perfect world EVERYONE would have the well lived life I have been so blessed to live.”

**If response is received, we will add it at our website www.ppcitizensforlife.org*

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ELECTION DAY April 6, 2021



Sidewalk Advocates Training

10am to 4pm Saturday March 6, 2021

In-depth, *Sidewalk Advocates for Life Basic Training Course* - Snacks, lunch, and training workbook provided. Training is free, but donations for materials are accepted. PPCFL office, 707-R N Nevada (Suite in Rear of bldg). Space is limited, contact Julie to RSVP (401) 578-4471.



February 17th thru March 28th

The Vigil Continues! Spread the word! Sign up to pray at the sidewalk here:

www.40daysforlife.com/coloradosprings

For those who can't physically pray at the sidewalk, sign up to pray at-home, church, or work through [Barnabas Buddies](http://BarnabasBuddies.com) - <https://slotted.co/oa5k85o7>.



Together for Life



Six Bad Ways People Argue Abortion
March 21, 2021; 1:00 to 2:00 PM

We are excited to continue building relationships within the Pikes Peak pro-life community by sponsoring the **monthly gathering and program: Together for Life.**

For March, our special guest and presenter is **Megan Almon** from *Life Training Institute*.

Megan has trained tens of thousands of individuals in the U.S. and abroad to articulate and defend the pro-life view

Megan will teach YOU how to respond with truth and grace to the, "**Six Worst Arguments for Abortion**"

Meet In Person at: Friendship Assembly of God
3685 New Center Pt.; CSPGS 80922

Virtually: Meeting ID: 799 748 7376 Passcode: PPCFL

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7997487376?pwd=aDhFdllLdkxWY2VvY0kwczYyZ0g1dz09>

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