



Pikes Peak Citizens For Life

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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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A Closer Look: Pueblo City Council Denies Pro-life Ordinance

News from our PPCFL Blog by Trevor Malloy, Board Member

Pueblo, Colorado recently considered an ordinance that would have effectively prevented abortion facilities from operating within city limits. The *“Ordinance Requiring Abortion Providers in Pueblo, Colorado to Comply with Federal Law”* was brought forward by Pueblo City Councilwomen Regina Maestri and Lori Winner. It recognized that existing *“federal law imposes felony criminal liability on every person who ships or receives abortion pills or abortion-related paraphernalia in interstate or foreign commerce, see 18 U.S.C. §§ 1461-62.”*

This federal law is the current recognized policy of the United States Post Office; however the Biden administration has not enforced the law. The proposed ordinance would have allowed for private enforcement, or civil lawsuits, against any abortion provider in the city that broke the law, or against anyone other than the pregnant woman who aided or abetted an abortion provider breaking the law. In short, it would have made it financially impossible for an abortion provider to operate within the city of Pueblo.

The idea for local enforceable abortion ordinances started in 2019 with *Right To Life of East Texas* Director [Mark Lee Dickson](#). Mr. Dickson and pro-life attorneys drafted a local ordinance to prevent an abortion facility from moving into the city of Waskom, Texas. Other cities followed their lead. The Supreme Court had not overruled *Roe* at the time. Because the ordinances use private civil enforcement, unlike other attempted abortion bans, the “Sanctuary For The Unborn” ordinances have stood up to judicial scrutiny.

The *Texas Heartbeat Act*, successfully modeled on these private civil enforcement ordinances, was the sole early pregnancy state abortion ban in effect before *Roe* was overruled. To date, 65 communities and 2 counties have passed civil enforcement ordinances prohibiting abortion.

After the [Pueblo pro-life ordinance](#) survived its first presentation on November 21, Coloradans mobilized. Thousands of calls and emails were made to Pueblo City Council members encouraging them to pass the ordinance and protect Pueblo women and unborn babies from the harm of abortion.

Pueblo City Council held two public work sessions on the ordinance, where they heard expert testimony from both sides. At one point, the city refused to hear from pro-life experts, however after an attorney from the *American Center for Law and Justice* pointed out that their refusal was illegal discrimination, pro-life expert testimony was allowed.

Pro-life expert testimony for the ordinance comprised [Mark Lee Dickson of Sanctuary Cities For The Unborn](#), attorney Jonathan F. Mitchell who drafted the ordinance, and local attorney Josh Craddock. Testifying against the ordinance were *Parkview Medical Center*, the Pueblo City Attorney, and Colorado Representative Daneya Esgar, the sponsor of Colorado’s so-called “Reproductive Health Equity Act” legalizing abortions throughout pregnancy and [even after birth in Colorado](#), while also prohibiting any abortion restrictions or safety regulations.

On December 12th, hundreds of people lined up outside Pueblo City Hall in wintry conditions, waiting hours to register for the opportunity to give public comment. When the meeting eventually convened, City Council President [Heather Graham](#) made a motion to indefinitely table the ordinance without hearing public comment saying, *“I would suggest if you want to ban abortion, you take it up with the state legislators, or quite frankly you move out of Colorado, because the city council is not the arena to be bringing this forward.”* Pueblo City Council voted 4-3 to permanently table the ordinance without listening to the voices of hundreds of people that had waited for hours to speak.

With the pro-life ordinance tabled indefinitely, Pueblo’s first unregulated abortion facility remains open. The facility, brought to Pueblo by notorious late term abortionist LeRoy Carhart, is advertising abortions after 27 weeks.

Carhart is “notorious” for causing abortion injuries and death. Christin Gilbert and Jennifer Morbelli [died with complications](#) after receiving abortions from him.

Gilbert, age 19, was a young woman with severe Down syndrome, brought to Carhart for an abortion performed *without her consent*. In addition to these deaths, at least 28 women are known to have been hospitalized following abortions at his facilities. Carhart remains under investigation and has a pending lawsuit against him for malpractice that is scheduled for trial in 2023.

There is hope. Our movement for life in the Rocky Mountains continues. If you want to see a local, enforceable ordinance prohibiting abortion in your Colorado town or city, fill out the [petition](#) available on our website and return it to the PPCFL office or email it to contact@ppcitizensforlife.org.

<https://www.ppcitizensforlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/SANCTUARY-CITIES-FOR-THE-UNBORN-PETITION-.pdf>

Beginning with carefully crafted local initiatives, ***we can end abortion in the Rocky Mountains area!***

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The President's Corner

As the various states attempt to arrive at a new equilibrium regarding abortion law in the post-Roe order, the continued manipulation of language is evident in many different contexts.

Brazen manipulation was [noted by LifeNews](#) regarding an MSNBC host who criticized on air the use of the term "pro-life" by a reporter. As noted [in the article](#), traditional **news outlets are instructed to use "anti-abortion" instead of "pro-life," even though it does not best describe the pro-life movement.**

In Congress a Michigan Democrat, describing herself as "a pro-choice Christian who chose life," stated ([as noted at LifeNews](#)) "I'm guided by passages like Jeremiah 1:5, which states, *I knew you before I formed you and placed you in your mother's womb.*" She continues: *"It doesn't say the government's womb or the speaker's womb, it says the mother's womb. I believe life is precious, but I reject the idea that if I embrace the sanctity of life, I also must be forced to invite the federal government in to regulate it."* **She takes a bona fide pro-life Bible verse and brutally twists it asunder into abortion support!**

A Texas Democrat claimed that partial-birth abortion "is 'necessary' for parents who are 'desperate for a healthy child,'" as [reported by LifeSiteNews](#). So, the brutal killing of a baby by "crushing the skull or using a suction to remove the brain of the baby before completing the delivery" is necessary?

New Jersey enacted a law to teach kids to spot "disinformation." As [noted by LifeSiteNews](#), the governor who signed the law "has supported abortion-on-demand at taxpayer expense" and mandatory "sexual orientation and gender identity" training in grade school. **Anything pro-life will surely be labeled disinformation!**

Our local Planned Parenthood just recently installed a large banner on their building that states: "your body, your decision, your care." Their mantra conspicuously leaves someone out!

To build a culture of life it is essential that we counter this manipulation of language in all contexts.

Matt

Carhart's Grandson to Run Pueblo Abortuary

News from our PPCFL Blog by [Matt Niedzielski](#)

In a case of bitter irony, the grandson of LeRoy Carhart will be running the new abortuary in Pueblo, [as noted by LifeNews](#).

Lee Carhart "*was licensed to practice medicine in Colorado on October 19, but it was not clear whether the younger Carhart is himself an abortionist.*"

Public records indicate that the new abortuary "*has been in the works for nearly six months. Carhart registered a limited liability company with the Colorado Secretary of State on June 28 and filed articles of incorporation for a Colorado nonprofit on July 13.*"

It certainly is sad in this case to see the grandson following in his grandfather's footsteps.

How many grandchildren are missing today due to the efforts of LeRoy Carhart?



Celebrating Sanctity of Life Sunday

By Julie Balie, PPCFL Vice President

A small but passionate group of pro-life warriors celebrated Sanctity of Human Life Sunday January 22nd at Springs Church for PPCFL's *Together for Life* event.

In years past, we've always said we *commemorated* the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in our nation. **This year, it was indeed more of a celebratory event as we recognized the many victories for life throughout our country in 2022.**

The first and most significant victory was, of course, the *Dobbs v Jackson* Supreme Court decision on June 24th which effectively overturned *Roe v Wade*. Other victories we hailed were the passage of many laws in many states forbidding abortion or seriously limiting its practice.

Of course, we also looked at the challenges that continue to present themselves since the fall of *Roe v Wade* - including laws, as in the State of Colorado, that grant unfettered access to abortion for any reason through the entirety of a pregnancy - in abortuary facilities lacking health and safety oversight.

We discussed the pro-life actions currently taking place in Colorado to meet these challenges, highlighting local activism such as *40 Days for Life* prayer vigils, *Sidewalk Advocates for Life* presence on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood to offer life-affirming alternatives to abortion, and the construction of a Maternity Home in our community to provide a loving home and guidance for establishing stability to homeless pregnant moms in our community.

Those who were present offered a variety of suggestions as to measures we pro-life warriors and organizations can take going forward to reach more of our fellow Coloradans with healing, hope, and support.

We'd love to hear from you if you have ideas about what you think is working well or can be improved as we get the word out about the sanctity of every human life or what we can do more effectively.

Please email us with your pro-life ideas at contact@ppcitizensforlife.org.

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February 22 - April 2, 2023

The **40 Days for Life** – Lent 2023 Campaign – is just around the corner. Join us for these fun events as we pray and fast to end abortion:

- **Tues. Feb 21 – Shrove Tuesday Kickoff** –5:30-7:30pm meeting at Saint Gabriel Church Parish Hall, we'll enjoy a pancake supper, trivia fun, and guest speakers from our friends at *Life Network*.
- **Fri. Mar 17 – Midpoint Rally** –10:00 – 11:00 a.m., on the sidewalk near Planned Parenthood. St. Patrick, Snakes, Bells – What's it all about? Come find out!
- **Sun. April 2 – Closing Celebration & Jericho March** 3pm Sidewalk near Planned Parenthood.

What is 40 Days for Life? An opportunity to join Pro-Life witnesses as we pray and work to end abortion in Colorado Springs. The Vigil is daily at the sidewalk near Planned Parenthood (on Centennial north of Fillmore).

For those who are interested in developing pro-life skills, **training is available** to help sidewalk witnesses become effective pro-life advocates. Contact Julie Bailey at jp@baileypeople.com for information.

To learn more about our local 40 days effort, contact Michele at prolifefamilyof15@gmail.com, download the *40 Days for Life* phone app, or visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/coloradosprings>.

Sun February 5 at 6:30pm *Forging Pueblo* and *Praise Assembly of God* are offering: **Standing for Life in a Culture of Death**. More details at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2430149493804140/>

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CELEBRATE LIFE
1 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2023
Cherry Creek State Park

Bring family and friends to celebrate life on the one-year anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Dobbs case that overturned Roe v. Wade. We will celebrate adjacent to the World Youth Day site 30 years ago!

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