



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.

Pikes Peak Citizens For Life

November 2023

Success at the Switchbacks Game!



Hosting booths at local events is an important part of our mission to educate our community about pro-life issues and the truth that life begins at the moment of conception.

The Pikes Peak Citizens for Life booth at the Switchbacks Family Night Game with Save the Storks on September 30 was a hit! We were in a high-traffic area and received a lot of positive feedback. Many youth soccer teams ranging in age from 7 to 15 years old attended the game. The kids were all fascinated with our baby models! Thank you to everyone who attended the game to support Save the Storks. We appreciate our fantastic volunteers for making this event successful and sharing the **truth about life** with our local community!

ELECTION 2024 – How Does an Initiative Get on the Ballot?

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

I think it is safe to say that most, if not all of us, have signed a petition at one time or another to get an initiative on the ballot. In fact, it's probably also safe to say many of you reading this have circulated petitions.

My most recent experience with this was the effort to get the 22-Week Abortion Ban on the 2020 Ballot. At the time, I knew there was a “magic number” of signatures to get our initiative on the ballot, but I learned during that process that a lot of the signatures we gathered were thrown out because they were invalid for one reason or another. So, I learned we needed additional signatures above the “magic number” to make up for those that would inevitably be thrown out.

Once an initiative gets the required number of signatures, it goes on the ballot. But once an initiative makes it on the ballot, it then needs 50% of the votes cast +1 to become a law or statute. That percentage changes if the initiative involved is intended to become a constitutional amendment. In that case, according to Article V, Section 1(4b) of the Colorado Constitution, the initiative then needs 55% of the votes cast.

Why is this relevant? We know that very soon we will start seeing petition circulators gathering signatures for initiatives that could be on the General Election Ballot for November 2024.

For 2024, the “magic number” is 124,238 signatures. According to Article V, Section 1(2) of the Colorado Constitution, the number of signatures required for a statewide initiative petition is “at least five percent of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of secretary of state at the previous general election.” Article V, Section 1(3) of the Colorado Constitution also requires the same number of signatures for a statewide referendum petition.

Along with the “magic number” of signatures, initiatives intended to make a change to the Colorado Constitution must be signed by at least 2% of the total registered electors in each of the 35 Colorado state senate districts.

Reference:

<https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/Initiatives/signatureRequirements.html>

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The President's Corner

The 2024 election season is promising to be eventful for pro-life voters in Colorado.

There will be many candidates to vet, including those running for the presidency of the United States, but there will also be at least one pro-life ballot initiative attempted in Colorado.

In addition to the usual opposition that comes with promoting a pro-life ballot initiative, there also lies another significant challenge: **uniting a divided pro-life community to support a given proposal.** These divisions are due to strongly held differences in perspective on what strategies might be successful. When it comes to a specific proposition, those who hold to divergent strategies will conclude that it is not worth supporting since it would amount to wasting resources and/or moving in the wrong direction.

Passing a pro-life initiative in Colorado will take everything we can muster, so we don't stand much chance if the divisions result in non-participation by some pro-life voters. Unfortunately, in my experience, overtly working to bridge the divisions usually backfires and inflames the situation.

Yet there is hope. The movement to abolish slavery had similar divisions that frustrated the movement for decades. Eventually, though, Providence brought the movement to a successful conclusion.

While the pro-life movement remains divided on the best ways to overcome the culture of death, the pro-aborts have been united in pushing forward some anti-life initiatives that are currently in the works for the 2024 election. So far it looks like these anti-life initiatives will seek to achieve two objectives: **the enshrinement of abortion in the Colorado Constitution and the repeal of section 50 of Article V, which prohibits the public funding of abortion in Colorado.** Section 50 of Article V was an amendment to the Colorado Constitution that was adopted by a vote of Colorado citizens in 1984.

As it turns out, rejecting the public funding of abortion is an issue most pro-lifers agree with.

It's also an issue that people can get behind who don't oppose abortion, but also don't think taxpayer dollars should be spent this way. Could pro-lifers be united in opposing an anti-life initiative? Is it possible that voters on the fence would be confused by pro-life and anti-life petitions being circulated at the same time? Faced with the current environment, can pro-life voters agree to disagree and unite behind a pro-life initiative? Will the voters be able to uphold an amendment they approved in 1984, or will they overturn their own amendment? Will Colorado taxpayers end up funding the brutal murder of children?

One way or another, it will be an eventful election season.

Matt

ELECTION 2024 – What’s Coming?

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President



This November (2023), we expect abortion supporters to begin collecting petition signatures for an initiative to enshrine a right to abortion in the Colorado Constitution. The initiative also seeks to allow public money (i.e. your taxes) to pay for abortion. The Title Board has a hearing scheduled on October 18 for two slightly different versions of this initiative. By the time you are reading this newsletter, the initiative language and number should be established. The basic language we expect is as follows:

THE RIGHT TO ABORTION IS HEREBY RECOGNIZED. GOVERNMENT SHALL NOT DENY, IMPEDE, OR DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE EXERCISE OF THAT RIGHT, INCLUDING PROHIBITING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ABORTION.


PRO-LIFE COLORADO, the statewide coalition of organizations dedicated to fighting the culture of death, is working to craft strong messaging to help the pro-life faithful argue for defeating this initiative.

Stay tuned for more information and ways to equip yourself to have conversations about this initiative. If you encounter anyone who seems inclined to support this measure, a key question to ask is: “Colorado already has the most liberal abortion laws in the country. Do you really want **your tax money** going to pay for unlimited abortion?”

Reference:
<https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Initiatives/titleBoard/>

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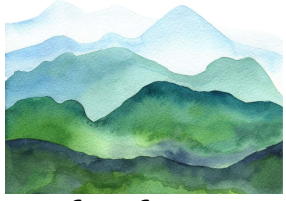


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## Coming Soon...

### November 5: Fall 40 Days for Life Closing Celebration – Let’s Make the Beds for Mater Filius!

During the fall 40 Days for Life campaign, people came to the Planned Parenthood sidewalk to pray and witness for life. Come and join us for stories, awards, and fellowship at the 40 Days for Life Closing Celebration on Sunday, November 5. We’re meeting at 3 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church, near the almost-finished Mater Filius Maternity Home. St. Gabriel’s is located at 8755 Scarborough Dr. in Colorado Springs. If the weather is inclement, we’ll meet inside the church.



Bring an item of bedding from the list on the right to help us “make the beds” for Mater Filius, which is expected to open later this year!

Help us “Make the Beds” for Mater Filius by bringing one of the following:

- Standard Twin Sheets – White Cotton
- Twin Mattress Protector – Waterproof and Bed Bug Proof
- Twin Mattress Pad
- Twin/Twin XL Duvet Cover – White
- Pillows – 12 x 20 in.

All items are available at multiple stores (Amazon, Kohl’s, Walmart, etc.) You may also visit [www.materfiliuscs.org/give](http://www.materfiliuscs.org/give) to see the entire Wish List with links to the individual items requested.

