



QUOTES FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS

"At one time, I thought Planned Parenthood was good for women. However, I know from first hand experience that Planned Parenthood's interest is to sell more abortion. I was the Director of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Texas run by Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, the same Planned Parenthood affiliate now planning to build an abortion facility on Claiborne Avenue in New Orleans. In that position, my supervisors pressured me to increase revenue by increasing the number of abortion at our facility. In 2009, I left Planned Parenthood. As a native Louisianian, I want the people of New Orleans to know that more Planned Parenthood in New Orleans will mean more abortion."

--Abby Johnson, Former Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast Facility Director

"Growing up in New Orleans, I've seen how much violence hurts our community. I also know the struggles our citizens have to access genuine and affordable health care. More than anyone, I want New Orleans to be a peaceful city with accessible resources for women and their families. While Planned Parenthood claims to be a genuine health care option for women, what many people don't know is that Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion business. By increasing the number of abortions in New Orleans at its new facility on Claiborne Ave, Planned Parenthood will damage the lives of the women, families, and unborn babies of our city."

-- Fred Luter Jr., Pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church and President of Southern Baptist Convention

"For the past few years, the Archdiocese of New Orleans has focused on bringing an end to violence, murder, and racism in our beloved New Orleans. A Planned Parenthood abortion facility in our community will take us further away from the peaceful future New Orleans needs. Violence is violence, whether on our streets or in the womb. I encourage people of faith and goodwill to stand for peace over violence in all its forms."

Archbishop Gregory Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans

"Without question, women's health care is essential for our sisters, their families and our community. In New Orleans, we are fortunate to have a number of non-profits and governmental agencies serving this need. We need to work together to make sure these services are better promoted. Now, Planned Parenthood is expanding in New Orleans in the name of good healthcare for women. While I respect those services Planned Parenthood provides for the

health and welfare of our Louisiana mothers, their own record shows a significant decrease in those services and a concomitant increase in abortions. Performing abortions is their main reason for building on Claiborne Avenue, to cash in on this lucrative business that so tragically destroys lives and families. We cannot support an organization that will sell abortion to the women and families of our city."

--Mary Matalin, New Orleans Resident and Political Consultant

"As the nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood facilitates the exploitation of women and girls by enabling men to use them as sex objects and then shirk their legal and moral duty to the children they father. Louisiana citizens and lawmakers should also be aware of the large scale Medicaid fraud that has been alleged by two long-time employees of Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast that are now pending in the federal courts in Texas. Louisiana doesn't need Texas-based Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast preying on our women, our children, and our tax dollars."

-- Dorinda C. Bordlee, Vice President, Chief Counsel BIOETHICS DEFENSE FUND

"The Planned Parenthood facility, which is slated to be built on S. Claiborne Ave. is a blow to our community. It is important for all New Orleanians to know that Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion provider and their facility will only increase the number of abortions in the Gulf South region. Our city, which has deep roots in faith, should stand strong in fighting for life. All lives are precious to God."

-- Lauren Lagarde, Uptown Resident and a Leader of NOLA Women for Peace and Life

Other community leaders on the NOLA Needs Peace Coalition include:

- Pastor Antoine Barriere, Household of Faith Church
- Reverend Dr. Emmanuel Smith, Israelite Baptist Church
- Pastor Dennis Watson, Celebration Church

Video Testimony From Abby Johnson and Shawna Kimbrough
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