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**PLANNED PARENTHOOD BETRAYS COMMUNITY TRUST
AURORA FAMILIES GO TO COURT DEMANDING TO BE HEARD**

CHICAGO—Today a group of local Aurora property owners and a community organization filed suit against Planned Parenthood, the City of Aurora, Illinois and the Aurora Zoning Board for violating local zoning ordinances and depriving the families of their right as citizens to voice their concerns about the impact of the recently-opened mega-Planned Parenthood facility on their community. The facility is the largest Planned Parenthood abortion facility in the nation.

The suit was filed by Tom Brejcha, Chief Counsel of the Thomas More Society, Chicago, in the Circuit Court of the 18th Judicial Circuit of DuPage County located in Wheaton, Illinois. The plaintiffs have demanded a jury trial.

The problem began in May of 2005 when Planned Parenthood hid its identity through a subsidiary, the Gemini Office Development (“GOD”) which it used to purchase the property in Aurora and apply to the city for a building permit. Acting as “GOD” they claimed that they complied with all zoning laws despite the fact that their proposed use of the property was actually prohibited by law. By concealing the true planned use of the property, Planned Parenthood evaded the process that would have provided local residents and city officials with the opportunity to question how their neighborhood and community would be changed by the construction of such a large and controversial facility. The process would also have required an on-the-record City Council vote.

Despite the misrepresentations of Planned Parenthood and at least twenty other violations of the zoning ordinances, the city of Aurora and the Zoning and Building Code Boards of Appeals have not remedied the situation.

“Democracy can’t work for people if they are denied an opportunity to impact even their own neighborhoods,” said Tom Brejcha, Chief Counsel for the Thomas More Society, which is providing legal representation for the homeowners and families involved. “It simply isn’t fair to allow any entity, including Planned Parenthood, to operate outside the law.”

The lawsuit asks that the Court revoke Planned Parenthood’s occupancy permit and that the land be returned to its original condition.

The Thomas More Society is a public interest law firm which provides legal counsel and defense for those who work to protect innocent human life.

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