



## NEVER Again in Waco! battles the relaunch of Waco abortion branch

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Campaign update page: <http://bit.ly/2np22uN> provides more background, full-page ad, construction photos, news coverage, etc.

Sadly, a new license for Waco.

**Texas Department of State Health Services**  
 Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas  
 Abortion Facility LIC#140010  
 Address 1121 Ross Avenue Suite A, Waco, TX  
 Orig. Date: 11-15-2016  
 Expires: 11-30-2018



Saturday Religion Page ad in Waco Tribune-Herald

**Seven pre-born babies**  
 (on the average) die from the intentions of abortion each hour in Texas.  
**Do you accept Waco becoming a part of this grave injustice?**  
**Never Again in Waco!**  
 We respond with action based on these 4 words.  
 Contact [prolifewaco@gmail.com](mailto:prolifewaco@gmail.com) 254-644-0407  
 Will you become a pre-born life defender?

ProtestPP Rally in Waco 2-11-2017



The PLW website contains elaboration on the contents of this page: <http://bit.ly/2np22uN>

**Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas 2017 plans for Waco.** In a television news segment of February 22 (KXXV-ABC), Sarah Wheat, communications director for PPGT, proclaimed the PPGT intention of restarting their Waco abortion branch in 2017. Planned Parenthood abortions were committed in Waco from 1994 through August of 2013. The total of lives lost to abortion was over 19,000. In January, John Pisciotta of Pro-Life Waco learned that PPGT had obtained a new license to perform abortions in Waco. The license became active on November 15, 2016. In mid-October of 2016, Pisciotta learned that a medical facility under construction in Waco at 700 W. HWY 6 is likely a secret project for eventual lease or purchase by Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas.

### The significance of a resumption of abortion in Waco.

1. Planned Parenthood now has abortion facilities in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, and San Antonio. A facility in Waco would fill a major gap in the Interstate 35 “abortion corridor.” Waco is nearly equal distance from Dallas and Austin—approximately 100 miles.
2. Waco would become the abortion magnet for a large area in the middle of Texas. The demand for abortions in Waco/McLennan County would fall far short of what would be needed for a profitable abortion facility. Abortions of McLennan County residents are approximately 300 per year. The largest number of abortions in Waco during the 1994-2013 era was 1,246 in 2007. To reach 1,200 to 1,500 abortions yearly, the vast majority of the abortions would have to be from the dozens of counties surrounding Waco.
3. A Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Waco would be the first step for the abortion industry to establish its position in Texas midsize cities. With the enactment of Texas HB2 legislation, abortion facilities in Lubbock, Midland, San Angelo, Killeen, Waco, College Station, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, and Harlingen were all shuttered. The Supreme Court reversals of HB2 in 2016 opened the path for Planned Parenthood to expand access to abortion by reentering mid-size cities. Waco is the first deadly step in this ominous direction.

### The “NEVER Again in Waco!” campaign is Pro-Life Waco’s response to the threatened resumption of abortion in Waco.

- In the first two weeks of February 200, yard signs and 8 billboards were displayed around Waco with the **NEVER Again in Waco!** message. This message was also displayed on the PLW billboard truck.
- Periodic letters and emails have been sent to contractors working at the 700 W HWY 6 project to encourage them not to join the project or to exit if they were already involved. We know of contractors who did extricate themselves.
- In collaboration with the national #ProtestPP, Pro-Life Waco, in collaboration with CareNet Pregnancy Center of Central Texas, delivered a rally/protest on February 11. The venue was the construction site at 700 W HWY 6. Over 125 attended. Press coverage was substantial.
- On February 26, a full-page color ad appeared in the Waco Tribune-Herald calling on Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas to abandon their plan to bring abortion back to Waco. The ad was affirmed by 83 senior pastors and included the names of their churches. The ad was organized and funded by Pro-Life Waco and CareNet Pregnancy Center of Central Texas.
- In the Waco Tribune-Herald, a Letter to the Editor battle with over a dozen letters erupted in mid-March. Pro-Life Waco also places weekly ads in Waco Tribune-Herald Saturday Religion Page.
- Pro-Life Waco’s protest and outreach events now carry the theme **NEVER Again in Waco!** This includes our monthly Life Chain and monthly Pedestrian Overpass Outreach over Interstate 35. Additionally, PLW is taking protests to other cities within Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas. On March 1, PLW protested the Planned Parenthood Fort Worth luncheon fundraiser that featured Barbara Bush. Virtually all major DFW news outlets covered our protest. On May 11, PLW will protest in Austin at fundraising named Cocktails for a Cause. The downtown venue is The Belmont.
- A paper petition drive has been launched calling on Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas to terminate their plan to resume abortions in Waco. And online petition will begin soon.