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AGENDA: 10/20/15

October 14, 2015

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701 Ocean Street
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RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN AUDIT OF PLANNED
PARENTHOOD IN THE 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing to recommend that the Board support a request to reintroduce an audit of Planned Parenthood in the next legislative session by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee members.

As the Board is aware, there have been stories in the news across the country regarding the sale of fetal body parts by Planned Parenthood. These stories stem from videos captured of high-level employees at Planned Parenthood negotiating the logistics of getting body parts, and the price per part, with research facilities. Recently, Sacramento legislators asked for an audit of Planned Parenthood in regard to the sale of human fetal tissue. The author, Assemblymember Melendez, requested that the Joint Legislative Audit Committee approve an audit. The audit would have reviewed Planned Parenthood's compliance with all state laws regarding the donation of human fetal tissue and the proper use of state and federal funding. The audit request was not supported by the committee members during the 2015 legislative session.

The State of California reimburses Planned Parenthood for more than \$200 million annually for Medi-Cal, and the clinics are licensed by the State Department of Public Health. For its part, Santa Cruz County gives \$61,000 to Planned Parenthood.

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Under federal and state law, it is unlawful for any person to knowingly acquire, receive, and sell or promote the transfer of any human organ for purposes of transplantation, for valuable consideration. In other words, selling human body parts is a crime. (Cal. Pen. Code §367f; 42 US §274e)

I believe the Board should ask that we support the efforts of the California legislators who are asking to look into these accusations. I also believe we should formally denounce the sale of human organs and fetal body parts.

I, therefore, recommend that the Board adopt the attached resolution requesting an audit of Planned Parenthood in the 2016 legislative session that commences in January.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Caput". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" being more prominent than the last name "Caput".

GREG CAPUT, Supervisor
Fourth District

GC:fh
Attachment

cc: Joint Legislative Audit Committee

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