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Texas Alliance For Life PAC Endorses Brian Birdwell for Senate District 22

Opponent Receives Last-Minute Support from Major Benefactor of Pro-Abortion Planned Parenthood

WACO—The Texas Alliance for Life PAC today announced their endorsement of Republican Col. Brian Birdwell in Tuesday's special election to fill the unexpired term for Texas State Senate District 22. Birdwell is in a runoff with former state senator David Sibley.

According to a report in yesterday's Waco Tribune Herald, prominent local Democrat Bernard Rapoport is actively working to encourage Democrats to go to the polls in Tuesday's special election in support of Sibley. According to the website of Rapoport's foundation, he has donated almost \$700,000 to Planned Parenthood of Central Texas, which operates an abortion facility in Waco. Planned Parenthood operates the largest chain of abortion facilities in Texas. In addition, according to Planned Parenthood's April 2009 newsletter, Mr. Rapoport and his wife received the 2009 "Walk the Talk" award from Planned Parenthood Federation of America just last year in Houston. They were recognized for their "longstanding support and leadership on behalf of reproductive rights, education, and women's well-being, affecting hundreds of thousands of women, men, and families."

Joe Pojman, Ph.D., executive director of Texas Alliance for Life PAC, said, "The fact that one of the largest benefactors of Planned Parenthood of Central Texas is actively working to elect David Sibley causes us great concern. While we have stayed out of this runoff election until now, we believe this late-hour development compels us to endorse Col. Birdwell. He has run as an unapologetically pro-life candidate, and we know we can count on him to be a passionate voice for the unborn in the Texas State Senate."

Pojman commented, "In the final days of this campaign, it's become clear that conservatives are backing Brian Birdwell, as they know he can be trusted to never compromise on our principles. Brian Birdwell believes that life is precious and that unborn children must be protected, and we look forward to having his unique perspective in Austin."

To arrange an interview with Pojman, contact Director of Communications Valerie Pokorny.

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Texas Alliance for Life (TAL) is a non-sectarian, non-partisan, pro-life organization of people committed to protecting innocent human lives from conception through natural death through peaceful, legal means. TAL is a statewide organization based in the Texas capital.