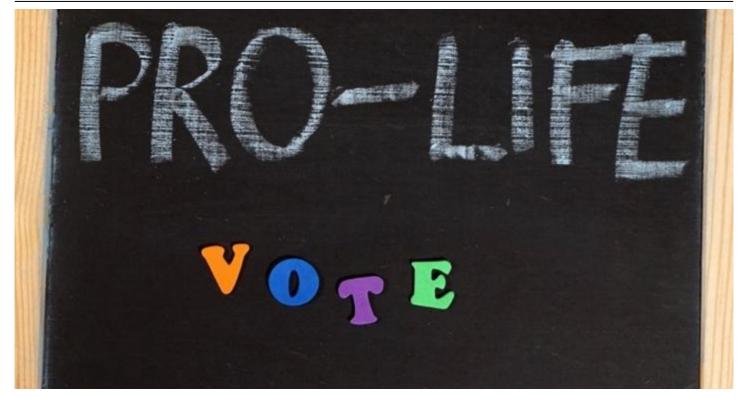
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## More Communities Across America Taking Stand for the Unborn

An increasing number of communities across America are passing measures that take a public stand for pre-born babies whose lives are at risk via abortion. The latest is Kirtland, New Mexico, a town of 6,000 residents in the northwest corner of the state. In mid-November, at the prompting of Mayor Mark Duncan, the Kirtland Town Council passed "A Resolution in Support of the Unborn," which expresses the community's collective opposition to abortion.

The resolution, which has no legislative power, was passed partly in response to Democrat Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's aggressive pro-abortion platform. As reported by <u>LifeNews.com</u>, "Earlier this year Grisham joined abortion activists in lobbying for a <u>radical pro-abortion bill</u> that would have allowed abortions for basically any reason up to birth in New Mexico. It narrowly failed to pass the state legislature in March."

Mayor Duncan said that Kirtland's resolution is similar to one passed earlier this year by the city council in Roswell, New Mexico. That resolution appeals to America's Declaration of Independence, declaring that "innocent human life" deserves protection and supporting "adoption as an alternative to abortion."

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"I need to be on the right side," Mayor Duncan said in support of the Kirtland resolution, adding that "every unborn child has the right to be born."

In Texas no fewer than six communities have passed ordinances banning abortion within their city limits. They include the towns of Tenaha, Waskom, Omaha, Naples, Joaquin, and Gilmer, a community of 5,000. On September 24, the Gilmer City Council passed a law declaring the community a sanctuary for the unborn babies, as well as prohibiting abortions and banning abortion facilities within the city limits.

LifeNews.com reported that the increasing number of communities taking a stand for the unborn is a "response to abortion activists' increasingly radical pro-abortion agenda. All of the top Democratic presidential candidates support forcing taxpayers to fund abortions and oppose minor, common sense restrictions on abortions after

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viability. Many of them also voted against a bill to protect newborns from infanticide."

Additionally, New York's passage earlier this year of a radical late-term abortion bill prompted city leaders in Batavia, New York, and the county commission in New York's Putnam County, to pass their own resolutions condemning the pro-abortion law and supporting protections for the unborn.

Similarly, a number of communities in Utah have taken strong stands against abortion. In May the city council in Riverton passed a resolution declaring the community a "sanctuary for the unborn." A month later the Utah County Commission passed a similar resolution, followed by the town council in the Utah village of Highland.

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