

## **Heidi Brooker's Remarks to the Aurora City Council, November 13, 2007:**

Those who oppose parental notification laws operate under the assumption that big business, made up of strangers with huge profit margins, are wonderful and warmly looking after the best interest of minors.

Parents, on the other hand, are thugs, standing ready to pounce upon and quite possibly physically harm their offspring.

I disagree with and am offended by this assumption.

In a hypothetical scenario – let's imagine for a moment that a 14-year-old girl has a 30-year-old boyfriend who pressures her to seek reproductive services – you know... birth control, and when that fails – abortion – a nice convenience for himself. All this can be done without parental notification, NO PROTECTION FOR THAT 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL! In fact, the Planned Parenthood – Aurora web site advertises lower rates for those under age 17!

On the other hand, let's imagine a 14-year-old boy with a 30-year-old girl friend, who, seeking her own convenience pressures HIM to have a vasectomy. Those 2 could NOT go to Planned Parenthood – Aurora for his little procedure. Somebody at Planned Parenthood must be Catholic – 'cause they don't do vasectomies there. This young man would have to go to someplace like Dreyer – who would insist on parental involvement. Would you like to be a fly on the wall during the, "Mom, in my 14-year-old maturity, I've decided to get a vasectomy" conversation? I'm guessing his parents would have a small fit – they would ask some questions to find out what is going on and with whom. That 30-year-old girlfriend just may make the 6:00 news. There is REAL protection for this boy.

Consensus wisdom cautions against performing vasectomies on males under the age of 30 because it is considered irreversible, and could lead to regret. Therefore, there are no 'vasectomy express centers' that offer discounts to minors!

It's said that, 'what's good for the goose, is good for the gander'. Just not in Aurora...

Here we have a brand-new multi-million \$ facility that snuck into town and now militantly demands access to our daughters.

They shameless pump our little girls full of hormones, keep them in a state of perpetual sexual readiness, arm them with a pack of latex and perform invasive procedures – all behind our backs – because they know better than we do what our daughters need.

13 recovery rooms are ready to receive our girls, recipients of irreversible procedures that most certainly may lead to regret – what is not acceptable for ganders is good enough for geese.

I, among many, find this unacceptable and I encourage you to pursue the process for parental notification.

Parents of daughters are as deserving of information and involvement as are parents of sons.

Our daughters need protection from their own immaturity, from unscrupulous sexual predators, and from unscrupulous big business men.