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**Planned Parenthood Illinois Action Endorses Pro-Choice Candidates
for Chicago Mayoral, Aldermanic Elections**

CHICAGO – To help voters elect a Chicago Mayor and aldermen who are committed to making sure women and their families have access to family planning services, sex education and safe access to reproductive health care services, Planned Parenthood Illinois Action (PPIA) is endorsing candidates in the Chicago Mayoral and aldermanic races in the February 22 municipal election.

PPIA is endorsing four candidates for mayor, because all four scored 100 percent on a candidate questionnaire PPIA asked them to answer. PPIA endorses Carol Moseley Braun, Gery Chico, Miguel Del Valle and Rahm Emanuel for Mayor. “It is good for the people of Chicago that these four Mayoral candidates are pro-choice and would support public policy that ensures that women have access to a full spectrum of reproductive health care services and information,” said Carole Brite, Chief Executive Officer of Planned Parenthood Illinois Action. “Electing a pro-choice mayor also helps ensure that students will have access to sex education programs in schools.”

PPIA reviewed the aldermanic races in all 50 wards, as well as questionnaires answered by candidates, and determined that it would make endorsements in 30 wards. Aldermanic candidates endorsed by PPIA include incumbents as well as challengers. “Aldermen in the City of Chicago make many critical decisions that directly affect the lives of Chicago residents every day. We believe that our endorsements provide a service to voters who want to support pro-choice elected officials at all levels of government,” Brite said. “Given the current political climate at the state and federal levels, it is even more crucial that we elect pro-choice municipal leaders.”

PPIA is encouraging its members and supporters to vote for its endorsed Chicago municipal candidates. A chart listing the PPIA endorsed candidates follows.

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Planned Parenthood Illinois Action Chicago 2011 Municipal Endorsements

Race	Ward	Name
Mayor		Carol Moseley Braun
Mayor		Gery Chico
Mayor		Miguel Del Valle
Mayor		Rahm Emanuel
Alderman	1	Proco "Joe" Moreno
Alderman	2	Bob Fioretti
Alderman	4	William "Will" Burns
Alderman	5	Leslie Hairston
Alderman	6	Freddrenna Lyle
Alderman	7	Sandi Jackson
Alderman	8	Michelle Harris
Alderman	10	John Pope
Alderman	12	George Cardenas
Alderman	15	Toni Foulkes
Alderman	16	Joann Thompson
Alderman	18	Chuks Onyezia
Alderman	22	Ricardo Munoz
Alderman	24	Sharon Denise Dixon
Alderman	25	Daniel Solis
Alderman	26	Roberto Maldonado
Alderman	27	Walter Burnett
Alderman	28	Jason Ervin
Alderman	29	Deborah Graham
Alderman	32	Scott Waguespack
Alderman	34	Carrie Austin
Alderman	35	Rey Colon
Alderman	36	John Rice
Alderman	37	Emma Mitts
Alderman	42	Brendan Reilly
Alderman	43	Michele Smith
Alderman	44	Thomas Tunney
Alderman	45	Marina Yolanda Faz-Huppert
Alderman	48	Harry Osterman
Alderman	49	Joe Moore
Alderman	50	Debra Silverstein

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