

On *October 8th, 2007* – **Oakland's Proposed Buffer Ordinance** was discussed at a dinner meeting Sponsored by **National Women's Political Caucus** and attended by the following Oakland City Officials:

Vicki Laden, Oakland City Attorney's Office, **Nancy O'Malley**, Chief Assistant District Attorney, Alameda County, **Chief Wayne Tucker**, Oakland Police Department, **Nancy Nadel and Jane Brunner**, Oakland City Council Members. **NOT ONE PRO-LIFE GROUP OR ORGANIZATION WAS INVITED TO THIS MEETING!**

The Oakland ordinance specifically targeted Walter by criminalizing his exact behavior:

8.52.020 Definitions

C. "Harassing" means ... passing a leaflet or handbill, to display a sign [God (Jesus) loves you and your baby. Let us help you] to, or engage in oral protest, education, or counseling

E. "Counseling" means engaging in conversation ["May I talk to you about alternatives to the clinic?"]

The Oakland ordinance specifically allows the death-scorts to engage in ANY behavior they choose.

On *January 15th, 2008* the ordinance passed the Oakland City Council by a unanimous roll-call vote.

On *January 15th, 2008* the Oakland City Council by unanimous roll-call vote resurrected "Jim Crow" in the City of Oakland. The **ONLY African-American Male sidewalk counselor in Oakland** lost his First Amendment rights while the Caucasian death-scorts **RETAIN** their First Amendment rights.

On *May 13th, 2008*, Walter B. Hoye II was arrested for allegedly violating the ordinance. The ordinance succeeded where **ALL** else had failed. Family Planning Specialists achieved its goal. Walter B. Hoye II, the **ONLY African-American Male sidewalk counselor in Oakland**, was removed from the sidewalk. Walter was tried, convicted [*January 15th, 2009*], sentenced [*February 19th, 2009 & March 20th, 2009*], and incarcerated for a crime that has **NO VICTIM. NO WOMAN** told the court that Walter approached her without consent!

On *March 20th, 2009* Walter B. Hoye II began serving thirty (30) days in the Santa Rita Jail Facility of Alameda County in Dublin, California.

An Appeal of the criminal conviction is underway.

The Civil suit challenging the constitutionality of the Oakland ordinance is also in progress.

**"God Loves You & Your Baby.
Let Us Help You."**



**Walter B. Hoye II
President and Founder
Issues4Life Foundation**

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Walter B. Hoye II is both President and Founder of the Issues4life Foundation. God used the [premature birth \(six months, 2.1 pounds\)](#) of his son to teach him that the fetus is a person, a living, breathing human being.

As a young man Walter played football at [Michigan State University](#) where he graduated with a master's degree in sociology in 1980. In 1983 he graduated from the [United States International University](#), now [Alliant International University](#), with a master's degree in business administration.

Currently, he is the Executive Elder of the [Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Berkeley](#), where Dr. Earl C. Stuckey, Sr. is Pastor. Walter is responsible for preaching, teaching, community relations and assisting the Pastor in leadership development. Walter annually competes in the [San Francisco Marathon](#), enjoys martial arts training in Tae Kwon Do and Wing Chun and catches an NFL, NBA, NHL and MLB game whenever he can.

As author of the book, [Leadership from the INSIDE Out](#), Walter is in demand as a speaker and consultant. Walter is the father of two adult children. He and his wife, Lori, live in Union City, California.

Walter B. Hoye II is an [African-American Pro-Life Sidewalk Counselor](#). Walter began sidewalk counseling at the abortion mill at 200 Webster St in Oakland, California in 2006. He is the first and [ONLY African-American Male sidewalk counselor in Oakland](#) as well as the Bay Area.

Walter's method is straightforward. He wears his trademark hat, which says, "got Jesus?" He carries a sign that says, "God (Jesus) loves you and your baby. Let us help you." He carries literature if women ask for additional information. Walter makes one plea, "May I talk to you about alternatives to the clinic?" His simple method is very effective.

Walter has about five (5) to ten (10) seconds to talk to the women as they approach the abortion mill. With the love of Jesus Christ, Walter makes every effort to respectfully communicate the message of Life to the women making a life and death decision going into the abortion mill. Walter and the Sidewalk Counselors are the last line of defense for the unborn child in the womb of his or her mother. At the abortion mill, they are literally standing at the gates of hell.

The Family Planning Specialists did, not welcome Walter's Sidewalk Counseling efforts. The abortion mill called the police frequently once Walter showed up on the sidewalk at 200 Webster St. in Oakland, California. The police were not effective in removing Walter from the sidewalk. The police believed Walter was rightfully exercising his First Amendment rights to free speech and therefore not breaking the law. The abortion mill was not happy.

Next the abortion mill employed volunteer escorts, which we call "death-scorts." These death-scorts impeded Walter's efforts to converse with the women approaching the abortion mill. They blocked Walter's sign, took his literature away from the women as well as blocking Walter physically with their bodies and blank signs. Walter was not deterred from offering Life alternatives in spite of the death-scorts.

The abortion mill needed a solution to the problem of this [African-American man](#), Walter B. Hoye II. Family Planning Specialist enlisted the services of Oakland City Council members Nancy Nadel and Jane Brunner to craft an ordinance specifically designed to get Walter off the sidewalk.