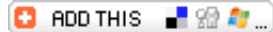


Court calls for evenhanded 'bubble zone' enforcement

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A pro-life attorney is commenting on the latest court review of Oakland, California's ordinance that limits pro-life picketing at abortion centers.

Walter Hoyer served 18 days in jail for peacefully picketing and trying to convince mothers not to go through with abortions at an Oakland abortion clinic ([see earlier story](#)). The case went to the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which sent it back to the lower court on grounds that the ordinance had to be enforced even-handedly, not just against pro-lifers.

Dana Cody of the [Life Legal Defense Foundation](#) (LLDF) tells OneNewsNow that that court refused to grant a permanent injunction.



Cody

"However, [the judge] did reject the city of Oakland's argument that the police officers shouldn't have to enforce the ordinance against clinic escorts or other workers at the family planning specialists because they allegedly had advance consent to approach women," she notes. "I mean, that's at the heart of the whole issue -- getting consent before you approach anybody."

Even though the court rejected the city's argument, Cody points out that a permanent injunction is needed to ensure that pro-lifers are treated fairly. LLDF plans to file a motion for reconsideration.

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