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INQUIRY REVEALS NO CRIMINAL CONDUCT BY PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN AURORA

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Gemini Office Development, a subsidiary of Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area, committed no criminal action when it applied for permits to build a 22,000-square-foot clinic in Aurora, the Kane County State's Attorney has determined.

Aurora Mayor Thomas Weisner asked the Kane County State's Attorney to review material from the permitting process to determine if any criminal violations had taken place. By statute, the state's attorney has authority and jurisdiction to inquire as to potential violations of Illinois criminal law.

The process entailed the review of materials prepared by two attorneys hired by the city of Aurora. The materials included applicable zoning ordinances, the city of Aurora's original review process, applicable regulations, development documents, transcripts of interviews of staff members and allegations of misconduct.

The review included a meticulous examination of this information, as well as a thorough review of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

The state's attorney has no authority or jurisdiction in matters involving city or village ordinances, land use or zoning.

"I offer no opinion on matters of which I have no authority or jurisdiction," said Kane County State's Attorney John Barsanti, who now considers the review to be closed.

All documents relating to the inquiry have been forwarded to the city of Aurora.