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Central El Paso abortion clinic closes

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EL PASO, Texas (KTSM) - One of the Borderland's three abortion clinics has closed its doors.

Reproductive Services, located at 1511 E. Missouri, did not renew its license, according to the Texas Department of Health and Human Services.

A sign reading "Closed" has been posted onto the facility's door for about two months.

The Diocese of El Paso calls the closures a victory, while women's reproductive rights groups says it's a step back.

"Down the line -- a few weeks later, maybe a couple years later, many years later -- the regret and the pain from an abortion will come up," Gabriela Avila of the Diocese's Reverence for Life told KTSM.

The Diocese says it's held prayer campaigns outside Reproductive Services for about two decades. Officials say they'll now shift their focus to the city's remaining clinics.

One Texas group supporting women's reproductive rights is tying the closure to today's political climate in Washington D.C.

Only two other abortion clinics -- Hilltop Women's Reproductive Clinic of El Paso and Women's Reproductive Clinic of Sunland Park -- remain open in the El Paso area.

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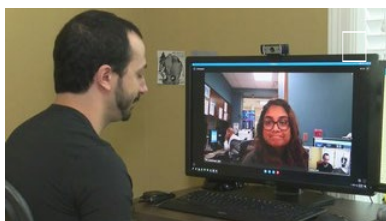
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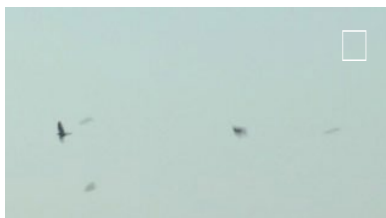
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