

A personal note from Personal PAC President & CEO, Terry Cosgrove (March 17, 2022):

It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as President and CEO of Personal PAC for the past 33 years and to be able to devote my life to protecting the reproductive rights and the ability of all women to shape their lives, dreams and aspirations in the same manner as men. Reproductive rights are fundamental human rights, without which we cannot claim to be a real democracy.

Leading Personal PAC over the past 33 years has allowed me to work side by side with the most extraordinary and committed people to take Illinois from a state openly hostile to reproductive rights in 1989 to one of the most fiercely pro-choice states in the country today. I am deeply grateful to the Personal PAC Board of Directors, many of whom have served for decades, for their commitment, leadership, friendship and kindness.

Equally important has been the amazing generosity of our countless donors, whose financial contributions have been the engine of our success. Several partner organizations and their phenomenal leaders as well as deeply committed candidates and elected officials (you know who you are!) have been critical to the enormous progress we have made since 1989. Everyone who has stood with us has made a meaningful contribution to protecting reproductive rights for the women of Illinois, and I am honored to have worked with all of you. Together, we have improved the lives of so many people.

I will be serving as President and CEO through January of 2023, which coincides with my 70<sup>th</sup> DOB, in order to focus on the 2022 election, the most consequential election in this state in over 50 years. During the next few months, my fervent hope is that everyone who supports Personal PAC and cares about reproductive justice will significantly increase their financial support of our work so that the State of Illinois and Personal PAC will be able to protect reproductive freedom against the formidable challenges in the coming decade. For all the women from other states around the country who need us to be here now more than ever and the next generation, we simply can't do anything less!