

**TODAY**  
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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## **AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN OF MISSOURI** **SPEAK OUT AGAINST AMENDMENT 2**

**WHAT:** African-American women in St. Louis will hold a news conference speaking against Amendment 2.

**WHO:** **Star Parker**, Founder and President, *Coalition on Urban Renewal*  
**Connie Eller**, BSSW, *Blacks for Life*  
**Zina Hackworth**, *This Race Will Self-Destruct*  
**Kristi Griffin**, Attorney at Law  
**Stephanie Rubach**, RN, *St. Anthony's Medical Center*

**WHEN:** **TODAY at 10:30 a.m.**

**WHERE:** St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 1118 N Grand Blvd, St. Louis, MO

### **BACKGROUND:**

- There are approximately 130,000 African-American women between the ages of 20-34 (the preferred age-range for egg donors) living in Missouri, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.
- Bioethicist Wesley Smith estimates “biotechnologists would need access to at least 10 billion eggs just to treat the Americans the NAS (National Academy of Sciences) has identified as having degenerative conditions that might respond positively to stem cell therapy.”
- With billions of eggs needed for the “research” protected by Amendment 2, biotech firms will target poor and disadvantaged young women in Missouri. They will take advantage of Missouri women who are in need.
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has on file more than 6,000 complaints regarding the harmful side effects of the egg harvesting process, including 25 reported deaths.

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