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I live in Lexington. I am here to say that in 15 years I have had more outrageous experiences of competition and stress than I had in my previous 4 decades of life living and working in the middle of NYC, SF and downtown Boston.

We moved here when our only child was in kindergarten. I knew no one and stood around waiting, smiling and trying to make eye contact at the end of the day to pick up my child and, hopefully, connect with my new community.

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I was an abortion counselor in the late 1970's at SF General Hospital. I have never had an abortion (although I did have a D&C at an abortion clinic in Boston when I was having a miscarriage).

Hundreds of women shared their stories with me. I witnessed the private struggle that all of my clients dealt with that got them to where I met them.

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