

Juneau Pro-Choice Coalition

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2018 General Election Candidate Questionnaire

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Please answer all questions. If you would like a question clarified, please contact Chris Ashenbrenner at 209-4888 or Nancy Courtney at 321-2285. Space is provided at the end of the questionnaire for additional comments or clarifications of your responses. If we have questions based on your responses, we may call you for a follow-up discussion. **Thank you for your time and consideration.**

QUESTIONNAIRES MUST BE RECEIVED BY September 14, 2018

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1. The Juneau Pro-Choice Coalition believes all women have the right to obtain a medically safe, legal abortion un the standards set by the Supreme Court in the Roe v. Wade decision. Do you support this position and would you vote to ensure access to abortion without restrictions? **Yes** No

If "no," please explain _____

2. Which of the following statements reflect(s) your views on access to abortion services by minors under age 18?

a. I favor no restrictions x

OR

b. I favor requiring the following restrictions: Please check all that apply.

i. Parental notification

ii. Parental consent.

iii. Parental notification with judicial bypass provision.*

iv. Parental consent with judicial bypass provision.*

*Judicial bypass means a minor has the option to appear before a judge to seek permission to "bypass" the parental notification or consent requirement.

3. Do you favor legislation that:
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| a. requires husband/partner notification about an abortion? | Yes | No |
| b. requires husband/partner's consent for an abortion? | Yes | No |

Comments. What a woman choses to do with her body is her choice.

4. Do you favor the same public funding of abortions for Medicaid-eligible women as is available for other Medicaid-eligible health care? Yes No

Comments _____

5. Alaska law states that publicly funded hospitals may not ban abortion performed in the hospital by qualified medical personnel. Do you agree with this law? Yes No

Comments _____

6. In Roe v. Wade (1973), the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in that the constitutional right of privacy "is broad enough to encompass a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy," and that governments may not interfere with that decision up to the time of fetal viability. Do you agree with this ruling? Yes No

Comments _____

7. As an elected official, will you publicly support efforts to provide and improve local access to:
- | | | |
|---|-----|----|
| a. reproductive health and family planning services? | Yes | No |
| b. emergency contraception? | Yes | No |
| c. abortion services? | Yes | No |
| d. reproductive health and family planning education in schools and throughout the community? | Yes | No |

Comments _____

8. As an elected official, will you publicly support Planned Parenthood? Yes No

9. What, in your view, are the most appropriate public policies that the community, municipality, state and citizenry can enact to address the issues of teen pregnancy, Alaska's high rate of sexually transmitted infections, sexual assault and abuse, and reproductive health access for men and women?

Comments I believe the best policies are education. We must have these topics be part of curriculum
We must be giving our children the ability to understand and comprehend these issues so they can
make informed decisions about their own reproductive health. These topics must be shared, discussed and
understood by kids. Otherwise we will never overcome the high rates of STI/Teen Pregnancy etc.

10. Do you support comprehensive, medically-accurate sexual health education programs** in Alaskan schools?

Yes No

Comments _____

11. Do you support adoption of comprehensive sexual health education policies and funding for programs proven to be effective at local and state levels?

Yes No

Comments _____

**Sexual health education includes instruction on puberty, healthy sexuality, relationships, consent, pregnancy and STI prevention, reproduction and anatomy, and abstinence.

12. How important is reproductive health rights to you personally, and why?

Comments As the father of two daughters, a husband, a son and a brother to a sister, I do not believe

the government, or any person should be dictating what any woman does in the privacy of her doctors

office. I expect the women in my life and all women to have that privacy and right to make their own choices.

PLEASE USE THIS SPACE OR AN EXTRA PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR CLARIFICATIONS:

I have saved all comments from above to be answered here as I felt they all tie together. As I said above, I do not want any person or government agency interfering in what is a personal and often hard decision that a woman makes in regards to her own personal health or any decisions about her own body. That is a private issue between a woman and her doctor. I also believe that any healthcare related decision a woman may make in regards to her own reproductive issues is a medical decision and should be treated and funded as such. We should not be legislating what are medical decisions. Funding for all medical procedures needs to be honored and treated no differently than any other medical procedure.

We MUST start offering more comprehensive sex education to our kids. This includes education about birth control and reproductive health, STI education and mental health education. Keeping kids in the dark about these important issues only serves to create pathways to teen pregnancies, sexual transmitted infections and general ignorance to how our bodies function. Sex education should be fully funded and taught in our schools.

I fully support Planned Parenthood and ALL of the services they offer to women. They perform numerous, and vital functions in regards to healthcare.

Creating future generations of adults that are ignorant to sex ed and all of the components of sex ed/reproductive health issues only serves to put an undue burden on our healthcare system as a whole.

Thank you for the opportunity to complete your questionnaire. Please feel free to call me with any further questions you may have for me.

Best,

Candidate Signature: Chris Dimond Date: 09/07/2018