

# Juneau Pro-Choice Coalition

## Political Action Committee

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### 2018 Contested Primary 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 July 26, 2018

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1. The Juneau Pro-Choice Coalition believes all women have the right to obtain a medically safe, legal abortion under 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**

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

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OR

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

i. Parental notification

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ii. Parental consent.

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iii. Parental notification with judicial bypass provision.\*

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iv. Parental consent with judicial bypass provision.\*

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\*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:
- a. requires husband/partner notification about an abortion? **No**
  - b. requires husband/partner's consent for an abortion? **No**

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Do you favor the same public funding of abortions for Medicaid-eligible women as is available for other Medicaid-eligible health care? **Yes**

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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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**
  - b. emergency contraception? **Yes**
  - c. abortion services? **Yes**
  - d. reproductive health and family planning education in schools and throughout the community? **Yes**

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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8. As an elected official, will you publicly support Planned Parenthood? **Yes**

9. What, in your view, are the most appropriate public policies that the community, municipality, and citizenry can enact to address Alaska's high rates of sexually transmitted infections, sexual assault and abuse, unintended pregnancy, and reproductive health care access for all Alaskans?

Comments: Age appropriate sexual education that recurs throughout a child's years of education. Education and training about what behaviors, actions, and beliefs lead to sexual assault and stiffer penalties for assault. Education and training about the inherent and absolute rights of personhood that women possess.

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

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*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: Reproductive health rights are very important as a component of a larger issue—the absolute right of personhood for women. Guarding women’ reproductive rights insures that women have the right to their own person and never become a baby-bearing vessel of the state or the clergy. Other components include but aren’t limited to pay equity, child care, equal opportunities, and overall health care.

**PLEASE USE THIS SPACE AND/OR AN ADDITIONAL PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR CLARIFICATIONS.**

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Rob Edwardson \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_7/26/2018\_\_\_\_\_