

# 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

  X  

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.

***I wish to make clear that I recognize that no rule or statement will suit every situation.***

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

**Comments: I do not favor legislation that forces any person to seek approval of a court or another person to make any decisions about that their own body, especially when such decisions will affect that person's future and that, potentially, that of another human.**

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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: At the risk of stating the obvious, I believe that health care is care of a person's health. How anyone can consider an abortion to not be a health issue is beyond me.**

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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:
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|---|------------|
| a. reproductive health and family planning services?  | <b>Yes</b> |
| b. emergency contraception?   | <b>Yes</b> |
| c. abortion services?   | <b>Yes</b> |
| d. reproductive health and family planning education in schools and throughout the community? | <b>Yes</b> |

**Comments: Regarding question (b) I do believe that those who rely on emergency contraception frequently should be counseled as to other options of birth control. Regarding question (c) I would support helping agencies to provide such services only if the agency's governing board is so inclined.**

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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: High rates of sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancy: Educating the public, including male and female students of appropriate age, is an essential first measure. Sexual assault and abuse: Reporting appears to be a major road block to prosecution and deterrence of future instances**

**between those caught up in the cycle of sexual abuse. Reproductive health care access for all Alaskans: Again, reproductive health care is inseparable from any other health care, and Alaskans are in dire need of a system that provides great improvement over the current health care system.**

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

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**

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 health rights. We all deserve the right to self-determination, and both reproduction and health are both major – if the most significant – issues of self-determination.**

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

Candidate Signature:



Date: 7/31/2018