

2009 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

Juneau Pro-Choice Coalition Political Action Committee

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Please answer all questions. If you would like a question clarified, please contact Karen Allen at 586-1557 or LaRae Jones at 586-1112. 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 invite you to join the JPCC-PAC board for a follow-up discussion. *Thank you for your time and consideration.*

QUESTIONNAIRES MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

Mail to:

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1. Should abortion remain legal in the U.S.? Yes No
2. In Casey v. Planned Parenthood, the U.S. Supreme Court allowed states to impose restrictions on abortions. Would you support state legislation that would:
- a. ban abortions except as necessary to save a woman's life? Yes No
- b. ban abortions for victims of rape or incest? Yes No
- c. establish a mandatory waiting period before a woman can have an abortion? Yes No
3. Which of the following statements reflect(s) your views on access to abortion services by minors under age 18?
- a. I favor no restrictions Yes No
- b. I favor requiring parental notification. Yes No
- c. I favor requiring written parental consent Yes No
- d. I favor requiring parental notification with judicial bypass provision.* Yes No
- e. I favor requiring parental consent with judicial bypass provision.* Yes No
- f. Other restrictions _____

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

4. Would you favor legislation that:
- a. requires husband/partner notification about an abortion? Yes No
 - b. requires a husband/partner's consent for an abortion? Yes No
5. Do you favor public funding of abortions for Medicaid-eligible women? Yes No
6. Would you favor a law or a constitutional amendment that allows a hospital administrator or board to refuse to allow legal abortions to be performed in a publicly funded hospital? Yes No
7. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Roe v. Wade 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 her decision up to the time of fetal viability. Do you agree with this ruling? Yes No
8. As an elected official, will you publicly support efforts to improve local access to
- a. family planning? Yes No
 - b. emergency contraception? Yes No
 - c. abortion services? Yes No
 - d. sexual/reproductive education for the community? Yes No
9. As an elected official, will you speak at local pro-choice rallies and other pro-choice events? Yes No
10. As an elected official, will you publicly support the physician and/or clinic that provides safe, legal abortion services in Juneau? Yes No

11. Briefly describe your past efforts, if any, to support and promote pro-choice issues (public statements, voting record, participation in events, organizational memberships, etc.):

See Attachment

QUESTIONS 12 - 14 ARE FOR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES ONLY

12. Do you support limiting the discussion of reproduction and birth control in the school health curriculum to abstinence only? Yes No

Why or why not? _____

13. Will you support providing family life/parenting and reproductive health education within the school district? Yes No

14. Should written parental consent be required before a student may receive services through the Teen Health Center**?: Yes No

Why or why not? _____

***Parental consent is not required for these services at state-run Public Health clinics.*

QUESTIONS 15 - 18 ARE FOR ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES ONLY

15. Will you support continued funding for the Teen Health Center in the Juneau area high schools? Yes No

16. Will you support providing family life/parenting and reproductive health education within the school district? Yes No

17. Would you favor appointment of an anti-choice individual to:
a. the Juneau Human Rights Commission? Yes No
b. the Board of Directors, Bartlett Memorial Hospital? Yes No

18. Will you ask candidates for the above boards their positions on choice? Yes No

Additional comments or clarifications (Continue on back of page):

See Attachment

Signature: *[Signature]* Date: *3/20/09*

Additional Comments (2009)

11. Past Public Statements, etc.

In my capacity as attorney general, I publicly urged the governor in 1997 to veto legislation that required parental consent before a pregnant woman under 17 could receive an abortion (the bill had by-pass provisions). Similarly, I urged the governor to veto so-called "partial birth" abortion restrictions. In both instances, Governor Knowles vetoed the legislation and they were overridden.

Similarly, in 2002, at my urging, Governor Knowles vetoed legislation that attempted to place additional restrictions on publicly funded abortions.

I have publicly supported the Juneau Health Center and the teen health center.

17 and 18. Appointment of anti-choice individuals to certain public boards

While I would block persons who intended to use appointment to advance anti-choice positions in either position, I would not categorically oppose appointments of persons who had different views about choice than I to either the Juneau Human Rights Commission or the hospital board. I would not ask candidates in every case about their views. There are two closely related reasons for this:

(a) As with all appointments, there are a variety of sources of information that allow one to discern with a fair degree of accuracy how a candidate would conduct oneself: personal knowledge of the individual, reputation, prior activities and pronouncements, interviews and direct examination; and

(b) Directly asking applicants during the assembly deliberation process about choice places the issue squarely on the table for the assembly to debate in closed session. I have served on assemblies that did not clearly have a majority pro-choice view. Under those circumstances it would be very unwise to force applicants to directly disclose their views on choice.