

# 2009 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

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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 I do not know of any that I would want to be made law. 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 I favor encouragement of involvement of a trusted adult.

\*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? *No, but I don't think it is up to the government to decide. It should be between a woman and her doctor.* 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? *Not comfortable speaking, will attend.* 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.):

*I have not been involved in supporting or promoting pro-choice to date in any public way.*

**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? I don't believe you can succeed at convincing teens to abstain.

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 If I am made aware of public concern.

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

\* I do not believe in litmus tests and individuals may see abortion as their least favorite alternative. They may strongly advocate for other alternatives. I reserve the right to evaluate each appointee on a

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case-by-case basis. My answer is probably not, but I want to preserve my right to choose.