

Juneau Pro-Choice Coalition

Political Action Committee

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2019 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

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Please answer all questions. If you would like a question clarified, please contact LaRae Jones at 321-6882 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 August 29, 2019

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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 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.

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.

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

Comments I believe it is the woman's decision

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 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, 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 1) Comprehensive sex education (including consent) 2) unfettered, low/no cost access to birth control 3) funding for ^{repro.} health care including sex. trans. disease 4) raise awareness and funding to see that all rape kits and complaints in AK are processed and investigated.

10. Do you support comprehensive, medically-accurate sexual health education programs** in the Juneau School District? 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, STI prevention, reproduction and anatomy, and abstinence.

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

Comments I am fully committed to every woman having access to every aspect of reproductive health care and the absolute right to choose.

ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES ONLY:

13. ~~Do you favor appointment of an anti-choice individual to the:~~

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| a. Juneau Human Rights Commission? | Yes | No |
| b. Bartlett Regional Hospital Board of Directors? | Yes | No |

Comments _____

PLEASE USE AN ADDITIONAL PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR CLARIFICATIONS.

Candidate Signature: *Neddi Sorensen*

Date: 8/18/19