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2020 General Election 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 September 30, 2020

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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 **Yes**

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.

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 _____

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 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** 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, state 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 I think this starts with access to free or cheap contraception. The research clearly indicates that access to contraception doesn't lead to more sex, it leads to more safe sex. We also need to move forward with age appropriate sex education. I have also released a plan to fight domestic violence and sexual assault with three areas of emphasis: increasing accountability for perpetrators, reducing recidivism and escalation, and promoting and expanding the rights of survivors.

10. Do you support comprehensive, medically-accurate sexual health education programs** in Alaskan schools? **Yes** No

Comments I would also add the descriptor "age appropriate."

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 and STI prevention, reproduction and anatomy, and abstinence.

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

Comments This is a deeply personal issue for me. As a doctor, the prospect of the government interfering with my ability to provide the best care to my patients is deeply disturbing. I will be a fierce advocate for women's reproductive rights in the Senate.

PLEASE USE THIS SPACE OR AN EXTRA PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR CLARIFICATIONS:

I have been endorsed by Planned Parenthood and NARAL.

Candidate Signature: _____

Date: _____