

Juneau Pro-Choice Coalition

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2020 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: _____

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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.

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 Mandatory consent/notification proposals overlook the fact that for the people most at risk for abuse or domestic violence, autonomy is necessary to make the best healthcare choices for themselves.

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 I view abortion as health care and as such it should be covered the same way any other medical care would be.

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 Reviews consistently show that reproductive health access and education lead to lower rates of teen pregnancy and healthier outcomes in sexually active teens and adults. Similarly, education about partner abuse and domestic violence are crucial for enabling victims of assault and abuse to avoid unhealthy relationships and to seek appropriate help. The backlog of unexamined rape kits is a travesty and I support using public funds to bring us up to date as well as the legislative efforts at the state level to close loopholes that allow assault to be punished with a slap on the wrist.

10. Do you support comprehensive, medically-accurate sexual health education programs** in the Juneau School District? Yes No

Comments As stated above, I believe comprehensive education leads to healthier outcomes.

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 Extremely important. As a woman who was born well after Roe V Wade was settled law, I never want to see us return to a time when women were forced to choose between carrying an unwanted or unsafe pregnancy to term or risk death or permanent disfigurement trying to terminate without medical supervision.

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 This is a difficult question. I cherish the separation of church and state that allow each individual the right to private worship of their choosing while ensuring that no religious doctrine dictates our laws. If a person believes that abortion is wrong, they have the choice not to have one. Neither of these venues are appropriate for such a belief to be applied to anyone else, however. To sit on the HRC or the BRH board is to uphold the right to choose settled by Roe V Wade. In imagining this scenario, I ultimately decided that if someone's anti-choice beliefs were so public that I was aware of them, it would influence my decision to oppose the appointment.

PLEASE USE AN ADDITIONAL PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR CLARIFICATIONS.

Candidate Signature: Alicia Hughes-Skandijs Date: 8/26/2020