

Juneau Pro-Choice Coalition

Political Action Committee

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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 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:
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| 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 - **I support the defense of the Alaska Constitution's strong right to privacy, especially as it applies to abortion**

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: **The most appropriate policies to enact are health education policies to give all youth access to accurate information. In this time of easy access to often inaccurate information over the internet, it is sound public policy to provide state resources towards education and implementation. Brea's Law was passed to focus on healthy relationships and learning about dating violence, yet minimal training for school staff and time in health classes is given to this very important topic. If Alaska is serious about tackling these issues, and wants to deal with these issues in the most cost effective way, prevention, and allocations must follow implementation of policies. Currently elected school board members approve**

health curriculum and approve what agencies to partner with. In discussions with teens, this has become a barrier to accurate information across the state. Community reflection and discussions are critical on this important topic of who can provide health care information.

Our state’s constitution says public health is a right of all citizens and the Legislature is charged with funding this. Currently state funding is not adequate for access to safe homes and treatment for women and men in abusive relationships. This can be provided in our communities. Treatment can be provided in our correctional facilities. The cycle can be broken. Good treatment with investments in educational programs will save the state expenses in the long term. We have been learning so much how Adverse Childhood Experiences, behavioral health, and addiction treatment are making a difference in the health of our citizens who are fortunate to receive it. This funding needs to be expanded. A capital investment to build treatment facilities is a priority for many in the Legislature. Medicaid will fund the treatment operations, if we provide the treatment facilities. Public policy for a sustainable budget plan that provides for these interventions is a critical piece of work for the Legislature and the Governor. Grant funding for our safe shelters from domestic violence and sexual assault needs to continue and be increased based on need.

10. Do you support comprehensive, medically-accurate sexual health education programs** in Alaskan schools?

Yes No

Comments - 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.

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

Comments - **Reproductive health rights are critical to protect as all women and youth need accurate information to make informed decisions and need access to care. If access to information and services are not available, there will be inequities of care and possible harm. Youth need accurate information to counteract the misinformation that exists in the media. And not only factual information but to learn about informed consent. I also want women to have access to safe care. If Roe vs Wade is overturned, I believe that will not stop abortions from occurring and there will be inequities in care and harm. Well-to-do women facing difficult and agonizing decisions may be able to afford access to terminating a pregnancy by traveling to states or countries where it is legal. Meanwhile, women with less means will face the difficult and agonizing decision to seek a potentially unsafe option of termination. It would be better to focus our attention on the conditions that eliminate that need for abortion; universal access to reproductive health care , ending sexual violence against women and ending poverty.**

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

Candidate Signature:



Date: September 21, 2020