

# Juneau Pro-Choice Coalition

## Political Action Committee

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### 2022 General Election Candidate Questionnaire

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**Please answer all questions.** If you would like a question clarified, please contact LaRae Jones at (907) 321-6882 or Nancy Courtney at (907) 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 October 17, 2022. Please email your response to [juneauchoice@gmail.com](mailto:juneauchoice@gmail.com).**

1. The Juneau Pro-Choice Coalition believes all women have the right to obtain a medically safe, legal abortion. Do you support this position and would you vote to ensure access to both surgical and medication 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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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Will you support legislation to protect abortion rights including travel across state lines to access the service?  Yes No

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Are you in favor of Alaska holding a Constitutional Convention? Yes  No
- If a Constitutional Convention is held, will you support the removal or altering of Article 1, Section 22 giving Alaskans the right to privacy without infringement? Yes  No

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6. As an elected official, will you support efforts to provide and improve Alaskan's 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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7. As an elected official, will you publicly support Planned Parenthood?  Yes No

8. What, in your view, are the most appropriate public policies 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?

One critical link connecting all these issues is the importance of having quality, accessible health care for all Alaskans. That tremendous challenge only gets harder if we let reproductive health care slide backwards in our state. Another critical element is education. Understanding one's own body and rights as a person plays a huge role in preventing victimization and changing the ways our culture tolerates abusers. That means we really need to do a better job educating young Alaskans on healthy relationships and sexual health.

It's important to show our public support for, and open up dialogues with our young people about reproductive health. I support our Juneau Planned Parenthood clinic Teen Council, AWARE, and Becky's Place. I also applaud and support nonprofits like the Alaska Aids Assistance Association (4As) and their good work to prevent and respond to infectious diseases.

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

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Reproductive rights are human rights—they're very important to me, and to my family. I'm proud to campaign - and to have served - as a pro-choice, pro-health candidate. I've appeared in the media at JPCC and Planned Parenthood events!spoke in committee and on the floor, and worked with advocates to head off bad bills and regulations from the Dunleavy administration.

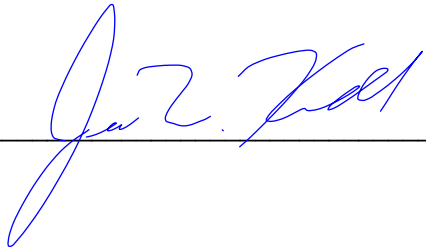
Our communities are more prosperous, more welcoming, and more just when everyone has the chance to make it on their merits. We only get there if the law treats women as fully equal human beings.

**PLEASE USE SPACE BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR CLARIFICATIONS.**

Along with the priorities I describe above, I'm proud to have worked across the aisle with colleagues to update our state's definition of sexual assault. Alaska law now requires actual consent, not just the absence of physical force. I was honored to cosponsor and carry that amendment on the Senate floor.

I also serve as the Senate member of the governor's Task Force on Human and Sex Trafficking. Our first report highlights the desperate need for better education to prevent these horrific crimes and better, more comprehensive services to free Alaskans from traffickers' grasp. There is much work still to do.

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