

Juneau Pro-Choice Coalition

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2022 CBJ Municipal 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 contact you for a follow-up discussion. **Thank you for your time and consideration.**

Please email your response to juneauchoice@gmail.com by August 29, 2022.

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. 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~~

Comment: If a person actively chooses not to make any individual(s) part of this decision that is completely that individual's decision to make.

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

Comment: Access to reproductive healthcare should never be about the individual's ability to afford it. This is just another aspect of the ugly side of healthcare in America.

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

Comment: I support free and unrestricted global access to medical care. Can't believe restrictions aren't unconstitutional under the Commerce Clause, but then I'm not a Constitutional Scholar.

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**

Comments _____

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 _____

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?

Comments: I support early education about appropriate touch, continuous training for mandatory reporters, early and ongoing education on consent, reproduction, contraception, healthy sexual expression (it would seem internet porn has become a significant influence relative to expectations), access to contraception and sexual PPE, access to affordable, confidential testing for STD's. Basically, I support ongoing education and access to reproductive healthcare from a healthy, safe and abuse free cradle to the grave.

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

Comments: I am all about personal control of my decisions regarding my body. I was "of child bearing age" for a number of years prior to Roe. I knew girls whose parents were economically and socially well connected who ended pregnancies in medical facilities. I also knew girls who for whatever circumstances had less fortunate outcomes for their age specific physical, social and emotional well being and also for their futures. **NO ONE should ever endure a pregnancy that is unwanted or ill advised for any reason.** Women who are morally opposed to abortion are free to make their own personal decisions. I would never presume to impose a reproductive healthcare decision on another person's pregnancy. That said, I am adamantly opposed to having my right to bodily autonomy infringed on in any way by someone's personal religious agenda being exported as "pro life" when it is really about rolling back the rights of women. I have a constitutional right to freedom from other people's religions. I'm "pro rights" for individuals, especially the right for individuals to absolutely control their reproductive healthcare choices.

Questions 11 and 12 are for School Board candidates only:

10. Do you support the discussion of healthy sexuality, reproduction, contraception, and sexually transmitted diseases **in the school health curriculum?** **Yes** **No**

Why or why not? These subjects are critical to our students physical and emotional health.

12. Do you support providing family life/parenting and reproductive health education within the school district, but **outside the health curriculum?** **Yes** **No**

Please use space below for additional comments or clarification.

Candidate Signature: Deedie Sorensen Date: 8/29/22

If you really want a signature, let me know and I will sign it, scan it and fax it, *