

# Juneau Pro-Choice Coalition Political Action Committee

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## 2023 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 call you for a follow-up discussion. **Thank you for your time and consideration.**

### QUESTIONNAIRES MUST BE RECEIVED BY August 28, 2023

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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.

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 <u>notification</u> about an abortion? | Yes | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b. requires husband/partner's <u>consent</u> for an abortion?      | Yes | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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7. As an elected official, will you publicly support efforts to provide and improve local access to:
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|---|---|----|
| a. reproductive health and family planning services?  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No |
| b. emergency contraception?   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No |
| c. abortion services?   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No |
| d. reproductive health and family planning education in schools and throughout the community? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No |

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Public policies that support reproductive health and family planning education, and increase access to support reproductive health services in the community are proven to be the most effective in combating these pervasive issues, and I am in full support of their implementation.

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

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*Sexual health education includes instruction on puberty, healthy sexuality, relationships, consent, pregnancy, STI prevention, reproduction and anatomy, and abstinence.

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

Comments Reproductive health issues have always been of high priority to me, as they are foundational to a woman's autonomy in all aspects of her life. Reproductive health is not only about the basic physical health needs of women, but also mental health, financial well being, and the health of families as a whole. Now, as the mother of a young daughter, these issues are even more important and relevant to me personally than at any other time in my life.

**ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES ONLY:**

13. Do you favor appointment of an anti-choice individual to the:

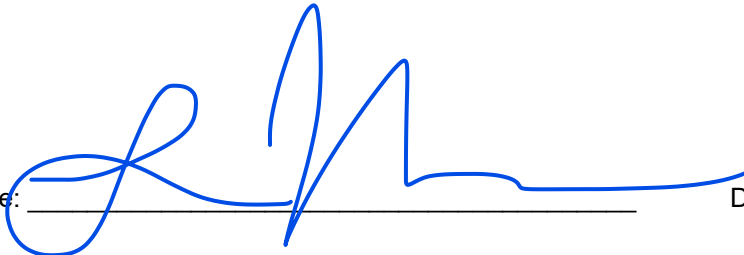
- a. Juneau Human Rights Commission? Yes No
- b. Bartlett Regional Hospital Board of Directors? Yes No

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE USE AN ADDITIONAL PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR CLARIFICATIONS**

Candidate Signature:  Date: 8/30/2023