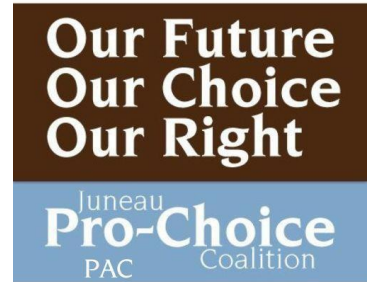


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2024 CBJ Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

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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 jpc.pac@gmail.com by August 27, 2024.

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)

Yes, I support the position and I believe women have the right and individual liberty to have control over their own bodies as is the individual liberty for all humans.

No, I would not vote for restriction free abortions, a 9 month abortion is a heartbreaking thought. As a non partisan assembly member we will not be discussing or voting on abortion rights in meetings. That would be handled in a legislative session by state representative. My service to the community will be non partisan and I will always put the people of the community first and foremost.

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.

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| i. Parental notification. | _____ | ii. |
| Parental consent. | _____ | iii. |
| Parental <u>notification</u> with judicial bypass provision.* | _____ | iv. |
| Parental <u>consent</u> with judicial bypass provision.* | <u> X </u> | |

*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: **As an assembly member I will conduct my service in a non partisan fashion and will be focusing on responsibilities that are within the scope of obligations to the municipality and this type of legislation is beyond that scope.**

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: **public funds are pulled from all taxpayers and it is the duty and obligation of our representatives to ensure that our money is used in a way the benefits the entirety of the community in the most practical, efficient, and responsible manner. Abortion care is only for one group of people so I don't believe in forcing individuals who don't use the services or may not agree with them, to finance it. As a non partisan assembly member we will have no control on how Medicaid uses funding, decides eligibility, or promotes accessibility.**

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

I believe that options equals freedom but abortion is legal in Alaska so I'm not sure why we'd need to focus on the crossing of state lines to seek a service that is already afforded by our states laws. Redundant laws cause government inefficiency which is at the expense of you, me, and everyone else. I won't do a disservice to the community members who vote for me to be on a non partisan assembly, by focusing my time and energy in areas that are beyond the responsibility and obligations of the assembly.

6. As an elected official, will you support efforts to provide and improve Alaskans' access to:
- a. reproductive health and family planning services? (Yes) No
 - b. all contraception, including 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: **I support community programs that strengthen health and families. I support the individual liberties of all humans to have control over their bodies and as an individual I support people having those options available because my philosophy is "options equals freedom" but as an elected official to a non partisan body, I won't be focusing on or speaking out on sensationalized partisan topics that are beyond the responsibilities and obligations of the assembly.**

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

I will be working for the people of the municipality not organizations.

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: **It starts with education. In the home from families, in schools from teacher, and in the community from leaders and representatives. The education needs to be robust and diverse to best tend to the needs of families and individuals. All the mentioned issues are all parts that play into the overall health of the community. Along with education there needs to be a plethora of exceptional health services available to all members of the community. The city can promote, support, and incentivize health organizations to improve, update, and expand their care. This will all require funding that should be provided through revenue sources that doesn't make the financial burden greater for the people of the community. A program like a land raffle could bring in enough revenue to support and fund all municipal services and projects while boosting**

community moral and giving residents hope. The positivity that would come from such a program would have an impact on mental health as well which is a large part of overall body health.

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

Comments: my view is that the people of the community come first and foremost and people’s health is just as important as the individual liberty to control your own body. Reproductive health is a big part of body health and society has made it very easy for us all to neglect our bodies in one way or another. Alaskans are ignoring their reproductive health and it’s led to high STD rates and a lower rate of population and family growth. I want every human to thrive in their life and it starts with the vehicle that we pilot through life. Having families, schools, and health facilities support safe reproductive health education and resources to everyone, especially in areas where facilities and resources are limited, will contribute to a healthy and prosperous population and environment for Alaska.

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? _____

11. 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.

As a candidate to be a municipal representative on a non partisan assembly, I would’ve like to have had the opportunity to answer questions and lend views on matters that the assembly can address and improve on within CBJ. So many things are affecting our community and we all need to work together to address them properly so Juneau can prosper now and for the future. Most of these questions are better suited for a state representative and when posed to assembly members who have no control, say, or discussion over the issues, it only highlights and perpetuates divide which has a negative impact on human and mental health. I do not condone or support that.

Candidate Signature:  _____

Date: 8/10/24