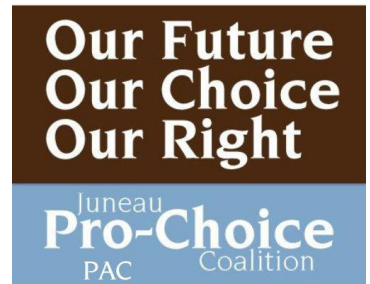


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2024 General Election Candidate Questionnaire

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

Please email your response to jpcac@gmail.com by October 1, 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?

Yes No

If "no," please explain: _____

2. If yes to question 1 above, would you vote to ensure access to surgical and medication abortion without restrictions?

Yes No

If "no," please explain: _____

3. Which of the following statements reflects 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.

4. Do you favor legislation that:

a. requires husband/partner notification about an abortion?

Yes No

b. requires husband/partner consent for an abortion?

Yes No

5. 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 _____

6. Will you support legislation to protect abortion right, including travel across state lines to access the service if necessary?

Yes No

Comments _____

7. 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. 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 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

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 cultural 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.

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

Comments

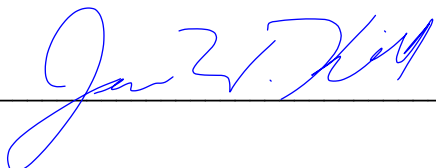
Reproductive rights are human rights—they're very important to me, and to my family. I'm proud to campaign and to have served as a pro-choice, pro-health candidate. I've appeared in the media at JPCC and Planned Parenthood events, spoken in committee and on the floor, and worked with advocates to head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

Along with the work described above, I serve on Alaska's Council on Human and Sex Trafficking. Traffickers sometimes use forced pregnancy to coerce women, so the right to abortion care matters in this arena as well.

In this year's session I worked with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to improve our trafficking laws to deal not just with force or threat of force, but also those who "induce" others into labor or sex work by giving or withholding drugs, shelter, food, and other necessities. We have much work to do preventing abuse. Prosecuting abusers is a key first step.

Candidate Signature: 

Date: 10/3/2024