

CANDIDATE SURVEY QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

The Allen County Right to Life Committee is pleased to present the results of its Spring 2008 Candidate Survey. Responses are as follows: Y=Yes; N=No; U=Undecided; N/A=Not Applicable. Those who did not respond to the survey are listed as "Did Not Respond."

The asterisks (*) indicate candidates who included comments about their pro-life positions. This information is available by calling the Allen County Right to Life office at (260) 471-1849 or by e-mailing us at cathie.humbarger@ichooselife.org.

State and County Questions

- Do you support Indiana's informed consent law that requires that women considering abortion be given facts on the risks of abortion, information on alternatives to abortion, and information on fetal development, at least 18 hours prior to an abortion?
- Do you support federal law that prohibits partial-birth abortion, the procedure that kills a living child during delivery?
- Do you support legislation requiring that doctors who do abortions at freestanding abortion clinics be required to maintain local hospital admitting privileges, just as required of all other doctors who do surgeries at Indiana ambulatory outpatient surgical centers?
- Do you support conscience clause legislation that would give pharmacists the right to refuse filling prescriptions that may be used to cause abortions?
- Would you oppose any attempts to change the current Indiana standard of teaching abstinence-only education in public schools by replacing it with so-called "comprehensive" sex education that includes, among other things, teaching Indiana schoolchildren how to use condoms and other birth control?
- Do you support current Indiana law that bans assisted suicide?
- Do you support a ban on all efforts to clone human embryos?
- Do you support a ban on stem cell research that requires the destruction of human embryos?
- Do you support enforcing statutory penalties against abortion clinics, "family planning" clinics, or others who fail to report suspected child abuse, as required by Indiana law, when a child under the age of 14 provides evidence of sexual activity?
- Are you opposed to using taxpayer funding to pay for elective abortions?
- Do you support legislation that clarifies that human life begins at fertilization, when a human ovum is fertilized by a human sperm?
- Do you support legislation requiring that women considering abortion be fully informed that an unborn child may feel pain during an abortion?
- Do you support legislation requiring that Indiana high schools include fetal development in required health education curriculum?
- Under what circumstances do you believe abortion should be legal?
 - Abortion should never be legal
 - To save the life of the mother only
 - To save the life of the mother, rape, and incest
 - If the child is determined to have mental or physical disabilities
 - Abortion should be legal in all cases
- (U.S. Representative and County responses only)** To the extent of your authority, will you protect the rights of peaceful and legal abortion protesters?

State Responses	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Governor															
Mitch Daniels (R)	Did Not Respond														
Jim Schellinger (D)	Did Not Respond														
Jill Long Thompson (D)	Did Not Respond														
U.S. Representative (Dist)															
(3)Michael Montagano (D)	Did Not Respond														
(3)Mark Souder (R)*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B	Y
(3)Scott Wise (R)	Did Not Respond														
State Senate (Dist)															
(16)David Long (R)	Did Not Respond														
State Representative (Dist)															
(79)Matthew Lehman (R)	Did Not Respond														
(80)Phil GiaQuinta (D)	Did Not Respond														
(81)Winfield Moses (D)	Did Not Respond														
(82)Jeff Espich (R)	Did Not Respond														
(83)Matt Bell (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B	N/A
(84)Randy Borrer (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	N/A
(84)Mark Wehrle (D)	Did Not Respond														
(85)Robert Lee (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	N/A
(85)Phyllis Pond (R)	Did Not Respond														
(85)Denny Worman (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	N/A
County Responses															
Treasurer															
Susan L. Orth (R)*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Maria M. Parra (D)	Did Not Respond														
Michael A. Reef (D)*	Y	N	U	Y	N	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	U	Y	A	U
Coroner															
Jon E. Brandenberger (R)	Did Not Respond														
Surveyor															
Allan D. Frisinger (R)*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
John Reinking (R)*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B	Y
Commissioner															
Nelson Peters (R)*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Council Member--At Large															
Robert A. Armstrong (R)	Did Not Respond														
Roy A. Buskirk (R)*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B	Y
Mahlon Houlihan (R)*	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
James T. Howard (R)*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Paulette Kite (R)*	Y	Y	Y	U	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B	Y*
Paul Moss (R)	Did Not Respond														
Connie Teeple (R)	Did Not Respond														
Susan Hoot (D)	Did Not Respond														

CANDIDATE SURVEY QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

School Board Questions

- Do you oppose school-based clinics that offer abortion counseling, abortion referrals, or access to so-called "emergency contraceptive" pills?
- Do you support legislation that makes it a crime for an adult counselor or teacher to transport a minor across state lines for an abortion without a parent's knowledge or consent?
- Do you support legislation requiring that fetal development curriculum be included in high school health education classes?
- Do you oppose Planned Parenthood's use of peer educators who are students trained and paid by Planned Parenthood to promote Planned Parenthood activities and events on campus?
- Do you support teaching students that abstinence is the only certain way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases?
- Do you oppose allowing Planned Parenthood representatives to make classroom presentations that promote premarital sex, contraceptive use, and alternative lifestyles such as homosexuality?
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School Board Responses	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
EAC--Dist. 4E (Nonpartisan)							
Michelle M. Atkinson	Did Not Respond						
Kenneth E. Eytcheson*	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B
Alyssa A. Lewandowski	Did Not Respond						
EAC--Dist. 5R (Nonpartisan)							
Floyd F. Ball	Did Not Respond						
Steven L. Gordon*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Janice A. Kelly	Did Not Respond						
EAC--Dist. 6R (Nonpartisan)							
Richard A. Allgeier*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Benjamin Carl Boettcher	Did Not Respond						
EAC--Dist. 7E (Nonpartisan)							
Donald T. Conkle	Did Not Respond						
Terry (Jo) Lightfoot	Did Not Respond						
NWAC--Dist. 1 (Nonpartisan)							
Teresa Deventer	Did Not Respond						
Donald L. Duff	Did Not Respond						
NWAC--Dist. 2 (Nonpartisan)							
Paul E. Sloffer	Did Not Respond						
SWAC--Dist. 3 (At Large) (Nonpartisan)							
John S. Bloom	Did Not Respond						
SWAC--Dist. 1 (Nonpartisan)							
John F. Blum*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B
SWAC--Dist. 2 (Nonpartisan)							
Mark Gilpin	Did Not Respond						

Candidate Endorsements

The Allen County Right to Life PAC endorses the following candidates in contested state and local races for the May 6, 2008 primary:

- For U.S. Congress, Mark Souder (R)--Dist. 3
- For State Representative, Robert Lee (R)--Dist. 85
- For County Surveyor, Allan D. Frisinger (R)
- For County Council--At Large, Roy A. Buskirk (R), James T. Howard (R), and Paulette Kite (R)
- For EAC, Dist. 5R, Steven L. Gordon
- For EAC, Dist. 6R, Richard A. Allgeier
- For SWAC, Dist. 1, John F. Blum

The Allen County Right to Life PAC endorsements were based, in part, on a survey which each candidate was asked to complete and return to Allen County Right to Life. Candidates who did not respond to the survey were not considered.

The mission of the ACRL-PAC is to protect and promote innocent human life from fertilization to natural death by actively engaging in the political process, and monitoring and advocating legislation that supports the mission of the PAC through appropriate legislative action. The PAC also promotes the election of pro-life legislators and public officials. In addition, the ACRL-PAC seeks to educate voters, legislators, and public officials alike to make informed judgments on life issues.

Where Do the Presidential Candidates Stand?

Senator John McCain voted in favor of federal pro-life legislation 74 percent of the time between 1997 and 2008. During their tenure in office, Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama voted in favor of federal pro-life legislation 0 percent of the time.

You can view their voting records on key life issues online, courtesy of the National Right to Life Committee:

Senator McCain:
<http://www.capwiz.com/nrlc/bio/keyvotes/?id=192&lvl=C>

Senator Clinton:
<http://www.capwiz.com/nrlc/bio/keyvotes/?id=10902&lvl=C>

Senator Obama:
<http://www.capwiz.com/nrlc/bio/keyvotes/?id=3181&lvl=C>