



2019 Local Candidate Questionnaire for Endorsement Consideration

Candidate Name: _____

Office Sought: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Introduction

Texas Values Action only endorses candidates who share in our mission and in our goals to ensure Texas is a state in which religious liberty flourishes, families prosper, and every human life is valued. Candidates must be able to demonstrate a firm commitment to protecting religious liberty, marriage and family, and innocent human life.

Candidates must complete this questionnaire to be considered for an endorsement. We will not necessarily endorse a candidate in every race and our endorsement of a candidate in a race does not represent a criticism of any other candidate in the same race. Follow-up interviews may be requested by Texas Values Action after the questionnaire is submitted and reviewed by our team. Interviews are not guaranteed.

Your questions, comments, and further thoughts are welcomed on these and other issues.

General Questions

- 1) STATEMENT: Judeo-Christian values establishes a framework of morality, which permits our system of limited government.

Agree _____ Disagree _____

- 2) SHORT ANSWER: Based on the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, please arrange the following entities, starting with the highest source of authority, and continue the list in descending order of authority: President, Congress, Constitution, God, Supreme Court, Voters.

Religious Liberty & First Amendment

- 3) STATEMENT: Religious freedom is our most foundational freedom and deserves the highest level of protection in law.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

- 4) STATEMENT: Government should not discriminate against individuals, organizations, or business owners who affirm marriage as between a man and a woman.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

- 5) STATEMENT: All Texans, including government officials like County Clerks and Justices of the Peace, have the right to abide by their conscience and/or religious convictions and the right to have their faith reasonably accommodated.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

- 6) STATEMENT: Religious symbols (including the Ten Commandments, Crosses, Nativity Scenes, etc.) should be free to display on public property, including in our public schools and at our war memorials.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

- 7) STATEMENT: All Texans, including public officials, should be free to express their religious beliefs, including prayer, in public places, including at public schools and governmental meetings.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

- 8) OPEN ANSWER: Our Founding Fathers protected religious freedom in the first two clauses of the First Amendment. In your own words, what does it mean to exercise religious freedom?

Marriage, Family, Sexuality & Privacy

9) STATEMENT: Marriage is a God-ordained, sacred and legal union of one man and one woman. No government has the authority to alter this definition.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

10) STATEMENT: Homosexual conduct tears at the fabric of society and contributes to the breakdown of the family unit. Homosexual conduct should not be presented as a responsible behavior in public policy or law.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

a) STATEMENT: Homosexual conduct should not receive special legal entitlements or special status in law.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

11) STATEMENT: A person’s true identity, as male or female persons, is given and defined by God. A transgender self-conception is inconsistent with God’s design for the two sexes, male and female, and should not be presented as a responsible behavior in public policy or law.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

12) STATEMENT: The terms “sexual orientation,” “gender identity,” or “gender expression” should not be recognized in Texas state or local law.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

13) QUESTION: In light of numerous local ordinances implemented that give special rights based on “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” (SOGI Laws), do you support legislation that would prevent Texas local governments from creating new protected classes not already found in state law?

Support_____ Oppose_____

14) STATEMENT: Government has on obligation to protect the privacy of Texans by requiring public entities to designate multiple-occupancy public restrooms and locker room facilities for use based on a person’s biological sex.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

15) STATEMENT: All criminal and civil penalties against those who oppose homosexual conduct or transgenderism out of faith, conscience, or belief in traditional values should be opposed.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

16) STATEMENT: Public schools should confine participation on gender-specific sports to those of the same biological sex.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

17) STATEMENT: Abstinence is the only 100% effective method to prevent pregnancy and sexually-transmitted diseases. If sex education is taught at a public school, abstinence-only sex education should be taught as the preferred method (which is current state law).

Agree_____ Disagree_____

18) STATEMENT: The state should ban abortion providers and any entity or individual affiliated with an abortion provider from providing sex education instruction or materials in Texas public schools.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

19) STATEMENT: The state should fund education by allowing dollars to follow the child instead of the bureaucracy, through a program which allows parents the freedom to choose their child's school – public, private, or homeschool.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

20) STATEMENT: The State Board of Education should be elected and should have the authority to review and veto all instructional materials that enter the classroom.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

21) OPEN ANSWER: What guides your views on issues related to marriage, family, and sexuality?

Life

22) STATEMENT: From the moment of conception, the preborn child has a fundamental, individual right to life that cannot be infringed, and deserves full legal protection at every stage until natural death.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

23) STATEMENT: An employer should not be forced by the government to violate his or her conscience by providing access to abortifacient drugs and contraception to employees.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

24) STATEMENT: Abortion providers and their affiliates, including Planned Parenthood, should be ineligible to receive any taxpayer funds from federal, state, or local governments. Any existing taxpayer funding or benefits to abortion providers and their affiliates should be banned.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

25)STATEMENT: Any efforts to legalize physician-assisted suicide should be opposed.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

26) OPEN ANSWER: Why is it important to support a culture of life in Texas?

Other Questions

27) OPEN ANSWER: In your first year of office, how would you lead or show that the issues included on this questionnaire are a priority to you (please be as specific as possible):

28) OPEN ANSWER: Describe your spiritual beliefs and values.

29) OPEN ANSWER: How will your spiritual beliefs and values impact you in your elected office?

30) OPEN ANSWER: Describe the charitable, educational, religious, church, or political organizations you have been affiliated with as a leader, member, contributor, or volunteer.

31) OPEN ANSWER: Please share about your family.

Voting History (circle all that apply)

GOP Primary: 2018 2016 2014 2012 2010 2008 2006 2004 2002 2000

DEM Primary: 2018 2016 2014 2012 2010 2008 2006 2004 2002 2000

General: 2018 2016 2014 2012 2010 2008 2006 2004 2002 2000

Please sign the completed questionnaire and return it with any further comments.

Note: We may use this information to schedule a follow-up interview. Please make sure all information provided is correct.

Signature of Candidate

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