



2020 Candidate Questionnaire for Endorsement Consideration

Candidate Name: _____

Office Sought: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Introduction

Texas Values Action will make endorsements in the 2020 election cycle. We will only endorse candidates who share in our mission 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.
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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. In light of the U.S. Supreme Court *Obergefell* same-sex marriage ruling, legislation should be passed that bans government from penalizing individuals, organizations, or business owners because of their sincerely held religious beliefs on marriage and family.

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: Faith-based child welfare and adoption organizations should be allowed to operate according to their faith, including assigning adoptions only to a married man and woman.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

- 7) 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_____

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

Agree_____ Disagree_____

- 9) STATEMENT: Occupational license holders in Texas, including counselors and lawyers, should not have their licenses revoked because of their sincerely held religious beliefs, including beliefs on marriage and sexuality.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

10) STATEMENT: Individuals and businesses in Texas should be free to give donations to and associate with religious organizations and charities, including churches, that align with their religious beliefs, free from government interference. (The Save Chick-fil-A Religious Freedom Law)

Agree _____ Disagree _____

11) STATEMENT: Requiring non-profit organizations that engage in political speech to disclose their donors to the government is an unconstitutional attack on free speech and association.

Agree _____ Disagree _____

12) OPEN ANSWER: Our Founding Fathers protected religious freedom in the first two clauses of the First Amendment. In your own words, explain why religious freedom was given first importance in the U.S. Constitution?

Marriage, Family, Sexuality & Privacy

13) 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 _____

14) STATEMENT: In light of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Obergefell* same-sex marriage ruling, Texas should change the definition of marriage in our state constitution and state laws to include marriage between same-sex couples.

Agree _____ Disagree _____

15) STATEMENT: No-fault divorce laws should be repealed.

Agree _____ Disagree _____

a) STATEMENT: Where minor children are involved, divorce laws should be reformed to include mutual consent of both parents and an increased waiting period, unless there is fault or abuse.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

b) STATEMENT: Marital education focused on the impact of divorce on children should be required before a divorce is filed.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

16) 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_____

17) 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_____

18) STATEMENT: The terms "sexual orientation," "gender identity," or "gender expression" should not be recognized in Texas law.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

19) 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_____

20) QUESTION: Do you support legislation, like the Texas Privacy Act, that would 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?

Support_____ Oppose_____

a) QUESTION: Local SOGI laws in Texas have sought to force private businesses and organizations to allow men into women's bathrooms, locker rooms, and other intimate facilities. Do you support legislation, like the Texas Privacy Act, that would protect the rights of private entities to set their own intimate facility policies free from government interference?

Support_____ Oppose_____

21) 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_____

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

Agree_____ Disagree_____

23) STATEMENT: Legislation seeking to ban adults and minors with unwanted same-sex attractions or "gender identity" issues from receiving professional counseling to help them reach their desired outcome should be opposed.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

24) STATEMENT: Children belong first to their parents and families, not to their communities or governments. The primary responsibility and authority over a child's education lies with the child's parent or guardian.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

25) 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_____

26) STATEMENT: Promotion of the LGBT agenda in public schools, including teaching of homosexuality and "gender identity", is completely inappropriate and should be opposed at the local and state level.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

27) 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_____

28) 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_____

29) 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_____

30) QUESTION: Would you support or oppose the expansion of gambling in Texas?

Support_____ Oppose_____

a) STATEMENT: The Texas Lottery should be abolished.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

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

32) OPEN ANSWER: Do you believe the state of Texas has an obligation to protect the privacy, safety, and dignity of Texans in public schools and other public buildings by prohibiting males from accessing female showers, locker rooms, and restrooms, and vice-versa?

Life

33) 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 _____

34) QUESTION: Do you support the Preborn NonDiscrimination Act (PreNDA) to end all discriminatory abortions in Texas, including those based on disability, race, gender, or fetal abnormality.

Support _____ Oppose _____

35) QUESTION: Do you support the Heartbeat Bill, legislation that would prohibit abortion after the detection of a baby's heartbeat?

Support _____ Oppose _____

36) 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 _____

37) 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 to abortion providers and their affiliates should be banned.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

a) STATEMENT: The state of Texas should prohibit all Medicaid funding from being distributed to Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

38) STATEMENT: Research, and funding of research, that destroys or relies on the destruction of human embryos, including the harvesting of Embryonic Stem Cells, should be banned.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

39) STATEMENT: Texas should criminalize the sale or transaction of baby body parts by an abortion clinic and should make it illegal for abortionists to alter the procedure to preserve baby body parts.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

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

Agree_____ Disagree_____

41) OPEN ANSWER: How will you help Texas lead the way to promote a culture of life and end abortion in Texas?

Other Questions

42) OPEN ANSWER: The Texas Association of Business (TAB) has radically shifted to the Left in recent years, and in recent legislative sessions worked together with the LGBT lobby to oppose efforts to protect religious liberty and privacy. News reports indicate TAB received significant funding from national LGBT groups and donors while leading an effort to oppose the Texas Privacy Act – a proposed statewide law to keep men out of women’s bathrooms, showers, and locker rooms in government buildings and protect private businesses from local SOGI laws that would force private businesses to allow men in women’s intimate facilities. Have you accepted campaign contributions from the Texas Association of Business (TAB BACPAC)? Do you plan on doing so in the future? Why or why not?

43) 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):

44) OPEN ANSWER: Considering issues impacting religious freedom, marriage, family, sexuality, and life, which best describes you – Very Conservative, Conservative Moderate, Liberal, or Very Liberal? Please defend your answer by referencing your publicly available track record.

45) OPEN ANSWER: Describe your spiritual beliefs and worldview.

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

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

48) OPEN ANSWER: Please share about your family.

House Leadership (section for Texas House candidates only)

49) QUESTION: Have you publicly or privately (including signing a pledge card) indicated your support for a candidate for Speaker of the Texas House for the 87th Texas Legislative Session, or do you plan to do so?

Yes _____ No _____

50) QUESTION: If yes, to whom have you indicated your support?

51) OPEN ANSWER: What are your principles for selecting the Speaker of the House in the 87th Texas Legislative Session and how should the process work to select the Speaker?

Voting History (circle all that apply)

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

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

General: 2018 2016 2014 2012 2010 2008 2006 2004 2002

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.

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