



## Alliance Advocates - Alaska

### Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates State Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Sought: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Senate/House/Other* *District/Jurisdiction*

Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Campaign Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

General Campaign Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Candidate Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

#### Instructions:

Please submit questionnaires early to allow us to evaluate your candidacy.

**Be certain to respond to EVERY question.** Incomplete responses will be interpreted as "refused to respond" and will negatively affect your score. Your score determines whether or not PPAA will endorse or recommend you.

**Circle "YES" or "NO" for every question.** You are welcome to attach a narrative statement to share your thoughts or expand your responses.

**Please email your completed questionnaire responses to Brenda Diaz, PPAA Endorsement Coordinator at: [brenda.diazflores@ppallianceadvocates.org](mailto:brenda.diazflores@ppallianceadvocates.org)**

## CANDIDATE & CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

How will you prioritize access to family planning, public funding for sexual and reproductive health care, access to medical providers, health care reform, abortion rights, access to emergency contraception or sex education in your race?

We seek to support candidates for office who represent the broad range of diversity and lived experiences in our communities. What about your interests, your life or your campaign would position you to well represent diverse communities?

What other elected / appointed offices have you sought or held? Include year and jurisdiction.

What ratings and endorsements have you received to date?

Do you belong, or have you ever belonged to a group opposed to abortion? Y N

Have you sought or received the endorsement of a group opposed to abortion? Y N

Have you ever personally supported a Planned Parenthood organization? Y N

If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates 2024 State Candidate Questionnaire**

**Candidate Name** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Health Equity, Safe and Sustainable Communities, and Reproductive Justice**

Reproductive Justice is the complete physical, mental, spiritual, political, economic, and social wellbeing of all people, including women and girls. It can only be achieved when everybody has the economic, social, and political power and resources to make healthy decisions about their bodies, sexuality, and reproduction for themselves, their families, and their communities in all areas of their lives.

Planned Parenthood is firmly committed to creating a world in which all people can decide when, if, and in what manner they decide to have children. Reproductive Justice means we must also work to create a world in which those children are born into communities that are safe, healthy, and just.

1. Will you support programs and policies that will increase democratic engagement and safeguard the right to vote?

**Yes • No •**

2. Will you support policies aimed at addressing maternal and infant mortality rates, with a focus on addressing the systemic racism and inherent bias that cause racial disparities in health outcomes?

**Yes • No •**

3. Will you support efforts to ensure that law enforcement officers and departments are increasingly accountable to the communities they serve?

**Yes • No •**

### **Affordable, Accessible Sexual & Reproductive Health Care Services**

Making health care, including family planning, more accessible and affordable is one of the most important issues facing our country. Planned Parenthood health centers are an integral part of the nation's health care system and will continue to play a vital role in serving millions of patients. Through our health centers, people have access to the essential primary and preventive health care services that promote and protect their health and well-being. In fact, 6 in 10 women who access care from a family planning health center consider it their main source of health care.

Title X and the Medicaid program are critical to Planned Parenthood's ability to serve in this role. Medicaid is the cornerstone of ensuring people with low incomes in the U.S. have access to the health care they need; in fact, Medicaid recognizes the particular importance of family planning services, and includes several critical policy protections to protect access to these services under Medicaid.

Unfortunately, as the cost to provide care and the demand for services has increased, funding for family planning has remained woefully inadequate. At the same time, family planning programs have been subject to political attacks designed to undermine people's access to these important services.

4. Will you support efforts to fund family planning, including state programs?

**Yes • No •**

5. Will you oppose efforts to weaken the state Medicaid program, including funding cuts, restricting access to care, or removing existing patient protections and protections for family planning services?

**Yes • No •**

### **Birth Control Coverage**

Birth control use is nearly universal – 99% of sexually active women have used it at some point in their life. Under the Affordable Care Act, insurance plans are required to fully cover women's preventive health care services, including the full range of FDA approved birth control methods, with no co-pay. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, millions of people now have access to no-copay preventive services, including birth control, STI screenings, and life-saving preventive services such as breast cancer screenings and Pap tests. Access to birth control has allowed people to take better care of their families, support themselves financially, complete their education, or keep or get a job. The positive impact of no cost birth control is clear, yet many states or federal policies still try to restrict or limit a person's access to birth control.

In 2014, in *Hobby Lobby v. Burwell* the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), for-profit corporations are allowed to deny insurance coverage for their employees' birth control (as required by the Affordable Care Act) because of the business owners' personal religious beliefs. In 2018 the Trump Administration expanded that carve-out, allowing businesses to deny coverage to their employees for moral reasons as well.

6. Will you support legislation to extend the protections of the ACA into state law, including protecting no-cost preventive services and birth control, as well as prohibitions on exclusions or cost differentials based on pre-existing conditions?

**Yes • No •**

7. Will you support legislation that requires insurance to cover a 12 months supply of birth control at one time?

**Yes • No •**

8. Will you support an employee's right to access birth control no matter their employer's religious or moral beliefs?

**Yes • No •**

9. Emergency contraception (EC), sometimes known as the “morning-after pill”, is a safe and effective means of preventing pregnancy, and is available to patients of all ages. Some providers and pharmacists, however, still refuse to support patient’s need or desire for EC medications. Will you support legislation and other efforts at the state level to ensure full coverage of and access to emergency contraception for all people?

**Yes • No •**

### **Youth Health and Sexual Health Education**

The overwhelming majority of people in the United States, including parents, support sex education in schools. The federal government provides federal funds for sex education through both the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative and the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP). These two initiatives provide funding to states and programs that implement proven, effective pregnancy prevention programs. Nevertheless, many states have harmful abstinence-only programs, even though numerous studies show that abstinence-only programs are ineffective, fail to delay the onset of sexual intercourse, and fail to teach accurate information about preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.

10. Will you support legislation to require all sexual health education to be based on a medically and scientifically accurate, age appropriate, research informed curriculum?

**Yes • No •**

11. Will you support enhanced state funding for evidence-based sexual health education and pregnancy prevention programs?

**Yes • No •**

12. Will you oppose public funding for harmful and ineffective abstinence-only programs?

**Yes • No •**

13. Will you support a young person’s access to confidential sexual and reproductive health care information and services, including abortion, without parental involvement?

**Yes • No •**

### **Patient Access to Abortion and Reproductive Health Services**

Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates believes that an individual’s decision about whether and when to raise a child, to seek an abortion, or to choose adoption must be left to that individual. With *Roe v. Wade* being overturned, many states have lost the constitutional right to an abortion. Abortion is still legal in Alaska, but we need champions at every level to ensure our rights are protected. States across the country have passed harmful abortion bans that put the most vulnerable at risk. People with means will always be able to access the care they need, but it is people with low incomes or without savings – who are more likely to be Black, Latinx, and Indigenous due to generations of racist public policies – and people who face substantial

barriers to health care, including LGBTQ communities, people in rural areas, and young people, who will be unable to get the care they need. Planned Parenthood is committed to electing champions who work to protect, restore and expand abortion access in their community.

14. Will you support abortion access in your community and oppose any effort to undermine access to safe, legal abortion?

**Yes • No •**

15. Will you oppose any legislation that limits an individual's right to make the best decision for their health, including: attempts to criminalize health care providers, impose medically unnecessary restrictions on doctors and facilities, or otherwise interfere with the doctor-patient relationship?

**Yes • No •**

16. Will you oppose restrictions on public funding that limit a person's ability to access abortion care?

**Yes • No •**

17. Will you base your positions on health care legislation upon accurate science, clinical testing and up-to-date data, rather than on ideological beliefs?

**Yes • No •**

### **LGBTQ Rights and Anti-Discrimination Protections**

Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates supports the rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) people, from the right to be free of discrimination to the right to access health care including gender affirming care which can consist of a person's physical, mental and social health care including gender-affirming surgery. Specifically, we support healthy communities, individual privacy, and personal freedom. We oppose discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender, including gender identity, and support all efforts to enact protections against such discrimination. Across the country we've seen legislation and local measures introduced that seek to limit transgender individuals' access to public facilities and spaces and allow discrimination based on gender identity.

18. Will you support legislation to ensure that LGBTQ patients have access to safe, confidential, affordable reproductive health care, free from discrimination based on gender identity or gender expression?

**Yes • No •**

19. Will you oppose any legislation that takes away the ability of transgender people to use single-sex facilities or participate in sports according to their gender identity?

**Yes • No •**

20. Do you support accessible, affordable gender affirming care for all, including making care accessible for young people?

**Yes • No •**

21. Will you support legislation to expand non-discrimination protections based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression?

**Yes • No •**

Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates expects that endorsed candidates, if elected, will maintain a legislative voting record that is 100 percent in support of inclusive sexual and reproductive health policies.

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***Candidate Signature***

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***Date***

**My Commitment to Planned Parenthood**

Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates strongly encourages endorsed candidates to champion reproductive health issues above and beyond maintaining a 100 percent voting record while in office. Below is a list of ways for endorsed candidates to champion Planned Parenthood, its patients, and our services. Note response to the below statements are a means of gauging a candidate's commitment to reproductive health issues and will not factor into the endorsement process.

Please check the boxes below that indicate your commitment to Planned Parenthood:

- I will speak out publicly in support of Planned Parenthood's ability to provide reproductive health care to all people.
- I will attend a Planned Parenthood function or event.
- Other:

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***Candidate Signature***

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***Date***