

Abortion Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding abortion.

- a) Abortions should always be illegal.
- b) Abortions should always be legal.
- c) Abortions should be legal only within the first trimester of pregnancy.
- d) Abortions should be legal when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape.
- e) Abortions should be legal when the life of the woman is endangered.
- f) Prohibit public funding of abortions and to organizations that advocate or perform abortions.
- g) Require clinics to give parental notification before performing abortions on minors.
- h) Other or expanded principles _____

Budget and Tax Issues:

State Budget: Using the key, indicate the funding levels (#1-6) you will support for the following general categories. **Select one level per category.**

KEY

1 = *Greatly Increase*
 2 = *Slightly Increase*
 3 = *Maintain Status*
 4 = *Slightly Decrease*
 5 = *Greatly Decrease*
 6 = *Eliminate*

- a) Education (Higher)
- b) Education (K-12)
- c) Emergency preparedness
- d) Environment
- e) Health care
- f) Law enforcement
- g) Transportation and highway infrastructure
- h) Welfare
- i) Other or expanded categories _____

State Taxes: Indicate the tax levels (#1-6) you will support. **Select one level per tax.**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> a) Alcohol taxes <input type="checkbox"/> b) Capital gains taxes <input type="checkbox"/> c) Cigarette taxes <input type="checkbox"/> d) Corporate taxes <input type="checkbox"/> e) Gasoline taxes <input type="checkbox"/> f) Income taxes (incomes below \$75,000) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> g) Income taxes (incomes above \$75,000) <input type="checkbox"/> h) Property taxes <input type="checkbox"/> i) Sales taxes <input type="checkbox"/> j) Vehicle taxes <input type="checkbox"/> k) Other or expanded categories _____ |
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- l) Should the state sales taxes be extended to Internet sales? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- m) Should accounts such as a "rainy day" fund be used to balance the state budget? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- n) Should fee increases be used to balance the state budget? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- o) Do you support a sales tax holiday in Rhode Island? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- p) Other or expanded principles _____

Campaign Finance and Governmental Reform Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding campaign finance and government reform.

- a) Do you support the current limit of terms for Rhode Island governors? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- b) Do you support limiting the number of terms for Rhode Island state senators and representatives? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- c) Do you support limiting the following types of contributions to gubernatorial candidates?
 - 1) Individual ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
 - 2) PAC ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
 - 3) Corporate ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
 - 4) Political Parties ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- d) Do you support requiring full and timely disclosure of campaign finance information? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- e) Do you support imposing spending limits on state level political campaigns? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- f) Do you support adopting statewide standards for counting, verifying and ensuring accuracy of votes? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- g) Do you support prohibiting media exit polling of voters until all polling locations in Rhode Island are closed? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- h) Should Rhode Island recognize marriages between same-sex couples? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- i) Should Rhode Island recognize civil unions between same-sex couples? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- j) Do you support a constitutional amendment permitting a casino in West Warwick operated by the Narragansett Indian Tribe? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

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k) Do you support restricting eminent domain to public uses? Yes No Undecided

l) Other or expanded principles _____

Crime Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding crime.

- a) Increase state funds for construction of state prisons and hiring of additional prison staff.
- b) Implement the death penalty in Rhode Island.
- c) Support programs to provide prison inmates with vocational and job-related skills and job-placement assistance when released.
- d) End parole for repeat violent offenders.
- e) Implement penalties other than incarceration for certain non-violent offenders.
- f) Decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana.
- g) Strengthen penalties and sentences for drug-related crimes.
- h) Minors accused of a violent crime should be prosecuted as adults.
- i) Require that crimes based on race, ethnic background, religious belief, sex, age, disability, or sexual orientation be prosecuted as hate crimes.
- j) Increase state funding for community centers and other social agencies in areas with at-risk youth.
- k) Strengthen sex-offender laws.
- l) Support the restriction of the sale of products used to make methamphetamine (e.g. tablets containing pseudophedrine, ephedrine and phenylpropanolamine).
- m) Other or expanded principles _____

Education Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding education.

- a) Support national standards and testing of public school students.
- b) Provide parents with state-funded vouchers to send their children to any public school.
- c) Provide parents with state-funded vouchers to send their children to any private or religious school.
- d) Increase state funds for school capital improvements (e.g. buildings and infrastructure).
- e) Increase funds for hiring additional teachers.
- f) Support teacher testing and reward with merit pay.
- g) Endorse voluntary prayer in public schools.
- h) Require public schools to administer high school exit exams.
- i) Provide state funding to increase teacher salaries.
- j) Increase funding for Head Start programs.
- k) Provide state funding for tax incentives and financial aid to help make college more affordable.
- l) Support sexual education programs that include information on abstinence, contraceptives, and HIV/STD prevention methods.
- m) Support abstinence-only sexual education programs.
- n) Allow undocumented immigrant high school graduates to pay in-state tuition at Rhode Island public universities.
- o) Other or expanded principles _____

Employment and Affirmative Action Issues:

Employment: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding employment.

- a) Increase funding for state job-training programs that retrain displaced workers and teach skills needed in today's job market.
- b) Reduce state government regulations on the private sector in order to encourage investment and economic expansion.
- c) Provide low interest loans and tax credits for starting, expanding, or relocating businesses.
- d) Provide tax credits for businesses that provide child care for children in low-income working families.
- e) Increase state funds to provide child care for children in low-income working families.
- f) Support the inclusion of sexual orientation in Rhode Island's anti-discrimination laws.
- g) Increase the state minimum wage.
- h) Other or expanded principles _____

Affirmative Action: Should race, ethnicity or gender be taken into account in state agencies' decisions on:

- a) Public employment Yes No Undecided
- b) State college and university admissions Yes No Undecided
- c) State contracting Yes No Undecided
- d) Other or expanded principles _____

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Environment & Energy Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding the environment and energy.

- a) Promote increased use of alternative fuel technology.
 b) Support increased production of traditional domestic energy sources (e.g. coal, natural gas, and oil).
 c) Use state funds to clean up former industrial and commercial sites that are contaminated, unused, or abandoned.
 d) Increase funding for improvements to Rhode Island's power generating and transmission facilities.
 e) Support funding for open space preservation.
 f) Enact environmental regulations even if they are stricter than federal law.
 g) Other or expanded principles _____

Gun Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding guns.

- a) Maintain and strengthen the enforcement of existing state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
 b) Ease state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
 c) Repeal state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
 d) Allow citizens to carry concealed guns.
 e) Require background checks on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows.
 f) Require a license for gun possession.
 g) Other or expanded principles _____

Health Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding health.

- a) Ensure that citizens have access to basic health care through managed care, insurance reforms, or state-funded care where necessary.
 b) Transfer current Medicaid recipients into managed care programs.
 c) Limit the amount of punitive damages that can be awarded in medical malpractice lawsuits.
 d) Support patients' right to sue their HMOs.
 e) Guaranteed medical care to all citizens is not a responsibility of state government.
 f) Legalize physician assisted suicide in Rhode Island.
 g) Continue to allow doctors to prescribe marijuana to their patients for medicinal purposes.
 h) Subsidize health insurance for small businesses in Rhode Island.
 i) Other or expanded principles _____

Welfare and Poverty Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding welfare.

- a) Support increased work requirements for able-bodied welfare recipients.
 b) Increase funding for employment and job training programs for welfare recipients.
 c) Increase access to public transportation for welfare recipients who work.
 d) Redirect welfare funding to faith-based and community-based private organizations.
 e) Use federal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) funds to extend health and child care subsidies to the working poor.
 f) Support marriage promotion programs for welfare recipients.
 g) Eliminate government-funded welfare programs.
 h) Other or expanded principles _____

Legislative Priorities: *On an attached page, disk, or via email, please explain in a total of 75 words or less, your top two or three priorities if elected. If they require additional funding for implementation, please explain how you would obtain this funding.*

CANDIDATE MUST SIGN SURVEY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DATABASE.

Candidate Name _____ State and District _____ Party _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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