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2024 State Assembly and Senate Candidate Questionnaire

The ACLU of Wisconsin respectfully requests responses to the questions below regarding your positions on civil rights and liberties issues impacting Wisconsinites.

The questions and answers, if received in time, will be published on the ACLU of Wisconsin website and potentially used in other formats. If you do not respond, the publication will state "Refused to Respond."

Please send responses in this fillable PDF via email to Amanda Merkwae at amerkwae@aclu-wi.org or by mail to 207 E. Buffalo St., Suite 325, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 by **Tuesday, August 6, 2024.**

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League of Women Voters

Question 1: If elected, would you vote against an abortion ban?

Yes. Women should be trusted to make their own decisions about their bodies, their families and their futures. As the mother of a 25 year old woman, I am appalled, sickened and scared for her future. Politicians NEVER belong in the room with a woman and her doctor. I will vote against the abortion ban and any efforts to limit a woman's choice and freedom.

All people deserve the autonomy and authority to make their own healthcare decisions, including reproductive health.

Question 2: If elected, would you vote against restrictions on contraception and in vitro fertilization (IVF)?

Yes

All people deserve the right to determine when and if they have children, and how. Contraception should be widely available, and IVF should be an option for future parents. Many of my friends benefitted from IVF in their dreams to create a family.

Question 3: Do you pledge to accept the results of the election, no matter who wins?

Yes.

Fair and open elections are the cornerstones of our democracy. I have always accepted the outcomes of elections, even when my preferred candidates were not successful.

Question 4: Do you support the legalization, regulation, and taxation of marijuana for recreational use by adults 21 and over in Wisconsin?

Yes.

Wisconsin is missing out on tremendous tax revenue to our neighboring states by refusing to legalize marijuana. I support the legalization of marijuana. Our neighboring states collect a sizable amount of tax revenue from sales to WI residents. There are many successful models from which we can gain best practices. The revenue should be targeted to fund public education. A decisive majority of Wisconsinites support legalization.

Question 5: Do you oppose government entities banning books from local libraries and schools due to content, ideas, or viewpoints expressed in the books?

Yes.

Banning books is not the answer to solving our state's problems. If a book presents an idea that is unacceptable to someone, then they shouldn't read it. As the parent to two children who attended public school here in WI – K-12– I had full and easy access to their teachers, their curricula and the school administration. Teachers welcomed active, interested parents and families. I also counted on the classroom teachers to offer challenging materials to our students, to encourage independent thought and teach critical thinking and communication. We were not disappointed.

Question 6: Would you vote to protect same-sex marriage in Wisconsin, no matter what is decided at the federal level?

Yes.

Marriage is marriage, no matter the gender or orientation of the persons in the marriage, and the rights inherent in marriage should be available to all.