

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.**

Name

Email Website

Office Sought: Assembly Senate District Number

Party Affiliation(s)

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

Yes No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

Reproductive rights are human rights. Without full control over ones body, one cannot be free.

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

Yes No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

It's difficult for me to understand how this is a political issue. IVF has been used for close to 50 years as accepted medical practice. Just as with all other reproductive procedures, this should be open and accessible to all.

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

Yes No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

Our voting system is secure and unblemished by all provable standards, as it always has been. Challenges to the validity of elections are designed to undermine credibility in the system and, ultimately, decrease voter access and turnout of the most vulnerable and underserved among us.

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

Yes No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

Yes. There is no basis for the criminalization of marijuana, certainly when compared with legal and more dangerous recreational substances, and also considering its medicinal purposes.

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 No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

As an educator, nothing makes me more frustrated than the desire of some people to limit access and opportunity to gain knowledge. Libraries should free and open resources of all branches and schools of thought. It is un-American and un-Democratic to limit such access.

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

Yes No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

This issue should be settled law. No one should be prevented from being recognized before the law in the relationship they choose. If marriage is an accepted category for anyone , everyone should have access to it.