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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.**

Name Shirley Hinze

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Office Sought: Assembly Senate District Number Party

Wisconsin Assembly 6th district

Affiliation(s) Democrat

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

ban? Yes

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

What a woman does with her body is her own choice.

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

Yes

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

I have a dear friend who was a surrogate mom for a couple who could not have children.

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

Yes

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

It really says something about the current state of affairs that this is something you even need to ask.

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

Yes

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

I'm slightly torn on this. I do not view marijuana as a gateway drug, and realize it has legitimate medicinal purposes. However, as a former smoker, smoke damages your lungs. I respect the right of people to make their own decisions, but would also like to encourage edibles or less harmful methods of consumption.

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

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

It's terrifying that a certain segment of the population is scared of children being curious and finding their own path. Reading allows people to understand things they've never experienced and truly broadens worldviews.

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

Yes

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

When adults love one another and choose to commit to one another, it is a good thing.