

Candidate Questionnaire

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1. Do you accept climate change as an occurring event, which is primarily influenced by human activities?

Yes.

2. Should concepts such as "intelligent design" and/or creationism be taught in public school science classes alongside of evolution?

No. Evolution should be taught as science, which creationism and "intelligent design" are not. I would not be opposed to them being considered in a philosophy or religious studies program.

3. Do you support a woman's right to obtain a medically safe, legal abortion as recognized in *Roe v. Wade*?

Absolutely. I believe this is settled law and should be protected under state laws in case that ever changes.

4. Do you support public funding of school voucher programs that may be used at religious schools?

I do not.

5. Should terminally ill patients have the right to obtain and self-administer palliative, life-ending medication?

Yes, however, I believe this is a policy that needs to be implemented at the state or federal level rather than the local level.

6. Do you support efforts to amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity?

Yes. Of course, amending the Civil Rights Act is outside the scope of City Council. What we can--and should--is support and mirror such policies at the local level and enforce them with City contractors etc. +

7. Do you support efforts to restore Section 5 (preclearance) of the Voting Rights Act to prevent efforts to restrict the voting rights of African Americans and other minorities?

Absolutely.

8. Do you think that belief in a god is a requirement to live an ethical life?

No. I believe morality is inherent in humans and studies have shown that even animals make ethical and altruistic choices.

9. What is your religious background, and how do you identify when asked to do so?

I am proud to be of Jewish Descent.

10. What role does religion play in your personal life, and what influence will your beliefs have on your public policy decisions as an elected official?

My wife and I both attended Birthright in Israel and celebrate both Channukah and Christmas with our families. I draw strength from my faith and I respect the beliefs of others. I was the best man at an atheist wedding. As alderman, I won't impose my beliefs on others. +

11. Will you agree to speak out and be a leader for the equality of all people, including humanists, atheists, agnostics, and other secular Americans?

Yes, I believe that all people are equal regardless of their religious beliefs or philosophical world-views as long as those beliefs do not impinge on others.

12. If elected, would you pledge to take your oath of office on the Constitution rather than on a religious text?

Yes.

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