



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
Candidate Questionnaire Project



2018 CANDIDATE RESPONSE
Florida House of Representatives District 93

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Do you support or oppose...

ABORTION REGULATION: Requiring parental consent before a minor child's abortion, notwithstanding previous judicial concerns?

OPPOSE

Optional Candidate Comment: *I support parental consent in most cases, but unfortunately there are cases when parents have abrogated their responsibility to their daughters, sometimes horrendously so. In these cases, their daughters need the protection of the courts.*

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE: Increasing access to care for uninsured Floridians, especially the working poor?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *I believe that healthcare is a fundamental human right. Luckily, the state has the power to expand Medicaid, but unfortunately not Medicare. Often overlooked in the insurance/access debate is that a large percentage of the insured have insurance they cannot use due to high deductibles. If elected, I want to open the State's employee health insurance program to all Floridians. It is very high quality and affordable for most.*

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *My District, coastal Broward, has the worst rent stress in the country. The majority of us pay 55% of our incomes or more just for housing. We have crossed the tipping point. Fort Lauderdale has its own tent city now, which is a moral outrage.*

DEATH PENALTY REPEAL: Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *I believe the death penalty is immoral.*

END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION: Preserving Florida law that bans physician-assisted suicide?

OPPOSE

Optional Candidate Comment: *As someone who suffers from a chronic illness and constant pain, I have nothing but sympathy for those who reach a point where, because their quality of life has been completely destroyed by an incurable illness, they feel they have no other alternative. I do not believe I have a right to force them to continue to suffer.*

FREEDOM TO SERVE: Allowing individuals and organizations the freedom to serve the public in accord with reasoned conscientious beliefs related to sexuality and marriage?

OPPOSE

Optional Candidate Comment: *I respect those who feel their convictions deeply, in many ways the general lack of conviction today is to blame for many of society's worst ills; however, if one chooses to conduct business with the public, one should accept that the some members of the public will always be invariably offensive to them. This true for all sides. If one cannot interact with all of the public, seeking employment in private organizations is a better option.*

IMMIGRATION: Urging Congress to undertake extensive immigration reform, rather than adopting piecemeal state policies?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *While the state has little say in the matter, if elected, I will do what I can with the platform being a State Representative would afford me.*

JUVENILE JUSTICE: Establishing that children under 14 shall not be transferred to the adult criminal justice system?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *I believe housing children with adult inmates is immoral, and I fully support the No Place for a Child campaign. The damage to children goes far beyond the stigma of incarceration, it puts them at terrible risk of abuse of the worst kind by adult inmates.*

PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT: Creating education savings accounts to use for nonpublic school tuition?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *I believe this may be a workable compromise between those who support state assistance for private tuition and those who oppose it. As a practical matter, I am not sure the state would be able to create a viable program, as programs like this are usually coordinated by the IRS.*

SAFETY OF SCHOOLCHILDREN: Expanding existing legislative initiatives to harden the physical security of nonpublic schools?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *My mother has been a teacher since before I was born in 1972. I absolutely support making the schools themselves as physically safe as possible, but I do not support arming teachers and staff, and creating potential OK Coral situations. I also believe that if police officers are on campus, they must be plain clothed. They currently make students and teachers feel very uncomfortable, not safe.*