



NARAL  
Pro-Choice Washington PAC

**Questionnaire to City Candidates**  
Revised 2009

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Incumbent                       Challenger                       Open Seat

1. Please summarize your previous involvement with reproductive choice issues and with NARAL Pro-Choice Washington in particular.

I have always been a strong pro-choice voice, and have consistently attended NARAL and Planned Parenthood Votes events. I have spoken up for choice and contributed to pro-choice candidates and causes.

2. Have you ever cast a public vote relating to reproductive rights as a legislator or member of a political or other community organization? If so, please provide pertinent details.  
YES  NO

As a member of the Board of Health, I opposed the efforts of the Pharmacy Board to permit pharmacists to refuse to fill prescriptions for Plan B emergency contraception. I have strongly supported access to birth control and abortion as a part of the basic work of public health and as a part of health plans that the City provides to employees. I have led the efforts on the Council to support Community Health Clinics and other programs that ensure access to reproductive health care, particularly for low income and minority communities.

3. Do you support a woman's right to choose abortion in accordance with current Washington State law?  
YES  NO
4. Do you support age appropriate, comprehensive, medically accurate sex education in public schools?  
YES  NO
5. Do you support contraceptive equity (the requirement that health insurance plans that cover other prescription drugs also cover prescription birth control) for all city employees?  
YES  NO

*The following issues may be unlikely to come before you on the City Council, however NARAL Pro-Choice Washington requires that all endorsed candidates be fully pro-choice, consistent with our position on the issue, and therefore requires your response to these questions in order to consider you for endorsement.*

6. Under present law, all medical patients must give their informed consent for medical procedures. Current law requires accurate explanation of every patient's medical alternatives. Do you OPPOSE policies that single out abortion and create special "informed consent" or mandatory waiting period requirements for abortion care?

YES  NO

7. Do you SUPPORT continued state funding of abortion services for low-income women of any age?

YES  NO

8. NARAL Pro-Choice Washington believes it is desirable for minors to involve their parents in their decision whether or not to have an abortion. However, we recognize politicians cannot mandate sound family communication. Do you OPPOSE policies that require parental notification and/or consent for a minor to terminate her pregnancy?

YES  NO

9. Congress and many state legislatures have passed bans on methods of abortion referred to by our opponents as "partial-birth abortion." While the Supreme Court has upheld the federal abortion ban, Washington State voters defeated a similar abortion ban initiative (Initiative 694) in 1998 with 57.2 percent of the vote. Do you OPPOSE bans on abortion methods that contain no exceptions for the health of the woman?

YES  NO

10. In November 2007 a Federal Judge in Tacoma, Washington granted an injunction that suspended two Pharmacy Board rules originally created to protect patient access to legal and safe medicine, including Emergency Contraception. Do you OPPOSE this ruling?

YES  NO

11. Do you SUPPORT the requirement that pharmacies stock a representative assortment of drugs to meet the needs of their community?

YES  NO

## PART TWO

1. Please provide a list of endorsements being used by your campaign.

Sierra Club, King County Conservation Voters, 11th and 37<sup>th</sup> District Democrats, SEIU 1199NW, Seattle-King County Association of Realtors, IFTPE Local 17, Operating Engineers Local 609, Hon. Tim Burgess, Hon. Reuven Carlyle, Hon. Sally Clark, Hon. Bob Ferguson, Hon. Jean Godden, Hon. Larry Gossett, Hon. Bruce Harrell, Hon. Bob Hasegawa, Hon. Zack Hudgins, Hon. Adam Kline, Hon. Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Hon. Ed Murray, Honorable Eric Pettigrew, Hon. Tom Rasmussen, Hon. Peter Steinbrueck, Hon. Jim Street, many other individuals

2. Would you welcome an endorsement from NARAL Pro-Choice Washington?

YES  NO

3. What do you know about your opponent(s) position(s) on choice?

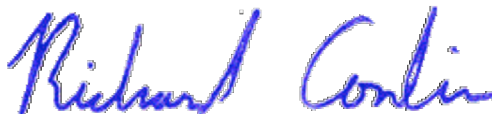
I believe that he is pro-choice.

4. Has your campaign consistently complied with all PDC regulations and deadlines?

Yes

5. Total cash raised \$102,000
6. Expected campaign budget \$185,000
7. Cash on hand your campaign currently has \$75,000
8. Number of households personally visited to date many
9. Number of households contacted using volunteers formal canvassing has not yet begun

Candidate's Signature



Date June 8, 2009

**Please Return to Alissa Haslam no later than June 5<sup>th</sup>, at [alissahaslam@prochoicewashington.org](mailto:alissahaslam@prochoicewashington.org); NARAL Pro-Choice Washington, 811 1st Ave, Suite 456, Seattle, WA 98104; or fax to 206-624-4505.**