

Q1

Please provide your name:

Doyle E Holmes

Q2

Which office and district are you running for?

House District 30

House Representative

Q3

What is your vision for Alaska when it comes to reducing sexual assault and domestic violence? What steps are you prepared to take to get there?

To achieve a much lower rate in Alaska. We are consistently in the bottom nationally.

Q4

What responsibilities do you believe the Legislature and other elected officials hold in advancing efforts to intervene in and ultimately eliminate domestic violence and sexual assault in the state?

We can only try! I have read your website, keep fighting the good fight. Don't stop doing good. Keep educating Legislators and the public.

Q5

Victim/Survivor services in Alaska have been flat funded for many years and are facing a potential shortfall in future years due to decreasing federal funds. What are your thoughts on state funding to provide support services for victims of domestic and sexual violence?

More funding will be difficult to obtain. Must be tied to decreasing statistics. The present funded programs must work.

Q6

Alaska Native women are disproportionately affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. What are your thoughts on supporting Alaska tribes' ability to strengthen local responses for survivors?

84% of indigenous woman nationally will experience violence in their lifetime. Murder rate is 10 times the national average. The numbers are increasing to epidemic levels and some new approach must be developed.

Q7

Children are a particularly vulnerable population and may be traumatized by living with an abusive person and witnessing violence perpetrated against a parent or caretaker. What remedies might you suggest to provide protection for these children?

I feel it is important to keep the family unit together if possible. Removing children and putting them in the state system can be much more traumatic.

Q8

What is your opinion about an adult over the age of 30 having sex with someone that is only 16 or 17. Should it be a crime?

Should be a crime.

Q9

Do you believe reproductive rights should be the choice of an individual? If you do not, do you believe there should be choice for victims of incest, sexual and/or domestic violence?

no comment

Q10

The state of Alaska is experiencing a housing shortage statewide. This is impacting domestic and sexual violence survivors' ability to move forward with their lives. What would be your ideas to address this?

More funding to AHFC. I am the Chairman of Willow Area Seniors, Inc. We have 12 low-income apartments. Similar program could be established to provide housing.

Q11

Currently, the domestic violence response is largely a criminal justice response. Please share any ideas you have of other types of responses.

Establish confidential reporting but at some point, it must be reported to authorities.

Q12

Currently there is no dedicated funding for programs to provide services to engage individuals who have abused their families. What would be your ideas to address how to provide services to people who choose to cause harm to their partners? Do you feel this is the responsibility of the government?

Funding is part of the answer. Educational programs are needed. How to identify abusers is difficult as we only can identify them if there is a victim.

Q13

Are you familiar with local programs that provide domestic violence and sexual assault services to victims across Alaska? Have you recently visited your local domestic violence/sexual assault shelter or victim services program? What is your plan to support these programs?

Yes, continue funding them.