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Please provide your name:

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Q2

Which office and district are you running for?

HD 20 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?

Sexual assault and DV is unacceptable and must be dealt with as necessary. I will take steps as necessary as they come to my attention. That is not a political statement, but a promise when in office. I will seriously allow the steps for argument on the issues to be heard and listen to your possible solutions.

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?

Education. We will never eliminate DV and SA, we can curb it. Can you eliminate the causes and stressors associated with DV and SA? DRUGS, Alcohol abuse, joblessness, war, famine, jealousy, envy, money, taxes, mental and physical health are just some. In some cases, the elimination of God and religious organizations that helped persons and couples of DV and SA has been destroyed or eliminated, taken away a tool that helped. It is the responsibility of the community to bring the problems and provide some solutions to the Legislature to work on. Have you developed your own set of legislative policies to put forward?

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?

Need more research and cannot answer based on your organizations statement. Still, I do support state funding as necessary over federal funding when the information is presented with your possible solutions.

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?

Alaska Natives elected to follow and support their own tribal justice over the state system, except for serious criminal actions, such as murder, rape, etc. If the case, question the Native Corporations and village leaders of their solutions? They have Native owned substance abuse facilities and hospitals, just

for natives. How about a collaboration between state and tribal leaders to address the situation. On a similar note, Native justice has them being ostracized from their villages to the large cities because of their dysfunctional behaviors, assuming the cities will pick up the services. Hence, you have a large population of drug, alcohol, and other abuses here. Homelessness'.

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?

Research and provide information that the state is negligent in handling the protection for these children. I would be a force to be reckoned with if they are. What are your proposals? I do support elective training, counseling, and education to help parents be parents. Has ANDVSA thought of providing such curriculum and services? If a thoughtful well-planned project came across my desk, I would seriously look at it for consideration.

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?

Please! It is not statutory rape, it is creepy, and if it is against parental authority it may fall under other statutes.

It is definitely a mistake for the 30-year-old. This is not just a matter of age difference but culture and life-experience difference. The Alaska age of consent is 16. Your question begs an answer for a yes. More people in prison? Or more stressors to deal with in our society? Has ANDVSA dealt with extreme pornography? Do you think teens should be exposed to and share pornography? Does ANDVSA ever expressed those type of issues that help lead to sexual abuse among the young?

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?

My position is that a woman makes a conscious choice to engage in sexual activities knowing the risks. I do not believe individual reproductive rights to justify abortion as a birth control method is morally justified. I have always made the exception that a woman forced into a situation such as victims of incest, rape, and health of the mother is her choice. I have stated this position to many family organizations and in my past as an elected official.

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?

First, I believe in the supply and demand concept, and free-market economy will dictate the situation for housing. The continuing rise of taxes upon working class people and property owners has a major cause

on the housing shortage. High and increasing cost of construction material is another factor. The biggest housing shortfalls are in high-cost, high-regulation (and/or land-constrained) places: Hawaii, DC, California, and Massachusetts. So, help correct the root causes of housing shortages by addressing the root causes of DV and SA. You are looking for a band-aid approach that will never solve the relationship problem. What's your solution?

#### Q11

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

The ANDVSA seems to have a handle on the problems. When elected I will be open to hear your recommendations for short-term solutions. Long-term solutions will take time with a community effort on stopping drug use, alcohol abuse, and many other factors.

#### 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?

First question: if found to be criminality responsible, they must attend counseling and relationship building sessions. Second question: Only if they commit criminal offenses against persons and property.

#### 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?

1st? yes; 2nd? No and no need to and had not been invited to visit. My spouse deals with Dementia health related issues with JBER hospital and the Anchorage community. 3rd ?, when I know the programs missions, facilities available and the numbers and causes, I will help devise a plan with those interested. I make no promises as other politicians will do during elections. I never will stop or ignore listening to others about the issues. I am an investigator with a high level of using investigative interviewing and advanced Interrogation techniques that can be applied to these cases.