

# ACRL Allen County Right to Life

## LOCAL & STATE CANDIDATE SURVEY QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

The Allen County Right to Life Committee is pleased to present the results of its 2019 Candidate Survey. Responses are as follows: Y=Yes, N=No, U=Undecided. Those who did not respond are listed as such. An ✖ indicates comments written on the survey by the candidate. Unanswered questions are represented by “/”. Candidates’ essay response as well as their original survey responses can be seen at [www.ichooselife.org](http://www.ichooselife.org).

### Questions

1. Do you support Indiana’s informed consent law that requires that women be informed, in writing, of the risks of abortion, alternatives to abortion, and fetal development (including information about fetal pain) at least 18 hours prior to an abortion?
2. Do you oppose abortions being performed on pain-capable unborn children (20 weeks post fertilization).
3. Do you oppose partial birth abortion, the procedure that kills a living child during delivery?
4. Do you believe that abortion providers should be required to dispose of aborted children in a humane manner, instead of treating remains as mere “medical waste?”
5. Do you believe that pharmacy workers should have the right to refuse dispensing drugs that they believe are purposely being used to cause abortions?
6. Do you oppose physician assisted suicide and euthanasia?
7. Do you oppose all efforts to clone human embryos?
8. Do you oppose fetal stem cell research that requires the destruction of human embryos?
9. Are you opposed to using taxpayer funding to pay for elective abortions or to subsidize abortion providers or referral agencies, such as Planned Parenthood?
10. Do you believe that human physical life begins when a human ovum is fertilized by a human sperm?
11. Do you support your political party’s national platform on abortion?
12. Will you vote only for party and caucus leadership that is committed to protecting innocent life from conception to natural death?
13. Do you oppose any law that would require medical insurance carriers to provide abortion coverage in their standard plans?
14. Do you believe that abortion providers should be required to provide to the State, in writing, proof that they have local hospital admitting privileges or have entered into a written agreement with another physician with local hospital admitting privileges?
15. Do you believe that all abortion facilities should be required to comply with all building regulations regarding health, safety, and access?
16. Do you support laws that promote adoption?
17. Do you oppose legislation that would eliminate current state laws that regulate abortion?
18. Under what circumstances do you believe abortion should be legal? Treatment for a mother’s life threatening illness that unintentionally results in the death of the baby is not considered an abortion for the purposes of this survey. (Mark all that apply.)
  - A. Abortion should never be legal.
  - B. Rape and/or incest.
  - C. If the child is determined to have a mental or physical disability or for sex selection.
  - D. Abortion should be legal in all cases.
19. Will you commit to support legislation and existing laws that reflect your positions indicated in questions 1-18, above?

*Candidates’ essay response as well as their original survey responses and this Voter’s Guide can be seen at [www.ichooselife.org](http://www.ichooselife.org).*

**Are you inside city limits?  
Election day is May 7th -  
Bring this with you to the polls!**

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**New Haven**  
**Mayor**  
 Steve McMichael (R)  
 Darren Peterson (D)

**Woodburn**  
**Mayor**  
 Joseph F Kelsey (R)

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Michelle Chambers (D)																				
Steve Corona (D)																				
Thomas Freistroffer (R)																				
Nathan Hartman (R)																				
Glynn A Hines (D)																				
<b>City Clerk</b>																				
Lana R Keesling (R)																				
Katie Zuber (D)																				



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*Thanks to those who made this year's Voter's Guide possible.*



## **ACRL PAC** 2019 General Election Endorsements

The Allen County Right to Life PAC endorsements were based, in part, on a survey which each candidate was asked to complete. Candidates who did not respond to the survey were not considered.

Fort Wayne Mayor - Tim Smith

Fort Wayne City Council Member - District 1 - Paul Ensley

Fort Wayne City Council Member - District 2 - Russ Jehl

Fort Wayne City Council Member - District 3 - Thomas F Didier

Fort Wayne City Council Member - District 4 - Jason Arp

Fort Wayne City Council Member - At Large - Michael Barranda

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Fort Wayne City Clerk - Lana Keesling

New Haven Mayor - Steve McMichael

Woodburn Mayor - Joseph F Kelsey

### NATIONAL PARTY PLATFORM SUMMARIES ON ABORTION

**Democratic Party (2016)** Democrats seek to repeal the 1976 Hyde Amendment so that federal funds can be used to pay for abortions. The platform says, "We will continue to stand up to Republican efforts to defund Planned Parenthood health centers." Democrats support ratification of UN efforts that affirm "the reproductive rights of women" globally.

**Republican Party (2016)** The GOP asserts the sanctity of human life and affirms, "The unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed." The party supports a Human Life Amendment making clear that the 14th Amendment's protections apply to children before birth, and it salutes states that require informed consent, parental consent, waiting periods and clinic regulation.

**Libertarian Party (2012)** Recognizing that abortion is a sensitive issue and that people can hold good-faith views on all sides, we believe that government should be kept out of the matter, leaving the question to each person for their conscientious consideration.

# Up-Coming Events

Register at [www.ichooselife.org](http://www.ichooselife.org)  
or call 260-471-1849

## Life Defenders Adult Workshop Nov. 9, Most Precious Blood



In a culture that increasingly says, "Not all people are equal," we need to know how to defend the value of human life, not just from a Biblical viewpoint, but using science and logic as well. Come learn how to have compassionate, winsome conversations about the life issues, especially abortion. Registration: \$5.00

## Allen Co. March for Life - Jan. 18 USF Performing Arts Center

Join thousands of prolife people in downtown Fort Wayne for a rally and march. Stand with your neighbors and tell the world



that you will defend innocent lives from being destroyed by abortion.

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