



# RIGHT TO LIFE OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

## LOCAL & STATE CANDIDATE SURVEY QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

The Right to Life of Northeast Indiana is pleased to present the results of its 2020 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?

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*Bring this with you to the  
polls on November 3rd!*



# Where do the Candidates Stand on Abortion?



## For President

### Donald Trump

### Joe Biden

### Abortion on Demand

The 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* U.S. Supreme Court decisions legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States, resulting in more than 61 million abortions.

**President Trump has proven his pro-life commitment.**

As president he has appointed pro-life advocates in his cabinet and administration, restored the “Mexico City Policy,” and he has pledged “to veto any legislation that weakens current pro-life federal policies and laws, or that encourages the destruction of innocent human life.”

**Joe Biden supports the current policy of abortion on demand.** Joe Biden voted for the Harkin Amendment to endorse *Roe v. Wade*, which allows abortion for any reason. Joe Biden supports the Democratic platform of unlimited abortion even through birth.

### The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act would prohibit abortions after the unborn child is capable of feeling pain from abortion.

In his 2019 State of the Union speech, President Donald Trump called on Congress to “pass legislation to prohibit the late-term abortion of children who can feel pain in the mother’s womb.”

When asked about prohibiting abortions after 20 weeks when the unborn child can feel pain, Joe Biden said, “I’m not going to interfere with that,” which would allow abortion through birth.

### Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

**President Trump opposes using tax dollars to pay for abortion.** His administration issued regulations to ensure Title X funding does not go to facilities that perform or refer for abortions. He also cut off funding for the UNFPA due to their involvement in China’s forced abortion program.

**Joe Biden supports using tax dollars to pay for abortion.** Joe Biden says he supports elimination of the Hyde Amendment. Joe Biden voted for taxpayer funding of overseas pro-abortion organizations.

### Nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court

**The fundamental documents of American democracy and freedom, the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, have given us essential principles to be respected by the courts such as the “unalienable” right to life.**

The next president may have the opportunity to appoint one to three justices to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Donald Trump has appointed Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. These appointments are consistent with the belief that federal courts should enforce rights truly based on the text and history of the Constitution.

Joe Biden pledges that his judicial nominees would “support the right of privacy, on which the entire notion of a woman’s right to choose is based.”



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## Indiana

### US Representative - District 3

Jim Banks (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Chip Coldiron (D)	DID NOT RESPOND																	

### State Senators

Dist. 13 - C. Susan Glick (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Dist. 16 - Justin Busch (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Dist. 16 - Juli Dominguez (D)	DID NOT RESPOND																	

### State Representatives

Dist. 31 - Ann Vermilion (R)	DID NOT RESPOND																	
Dist. 50 - Jorge Fernandez (D)	DID NOT RESPOND																	
Dist. 50 - Dan Leonard (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Dist. 51 - Michael Stephenson (D)	DID NOT RESPOND																	
Dist. 51 - Dennis J. Zent (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AB*	Y
Dist. 52 - Martha Lemert (D)	DID NOT RESPOND																	
Dist. 52 - Morgan Rigg (L)	DID NOT RESPOND																	
Dist. 52 - Ben Smaltz (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Dist. 79 - Matthew Lehman (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Dist. 80 - Phil GiaQuinta (D)	DID NOT RESPOND																	
Dist. 81 - Martin Carbaugh (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Dist. 81 - Kyle R Miller (D)	DID NOT RESPOND																	
Dist. 82 - David H. Abbott (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Dist. 82 - Michael Rennaker (L)	DID NOT RESPOND																	
Dist. 83 - Michael Bienz (D)	DID NOT RESPOND																	
Dist. 83 - Jason Eicholtz (L)	DID NOT RESPOND																	
Dist. 83 - Christopher Judy (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Dist. 84 - Bob Morris (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Dist. 84 - Emma Steele (D)	DID NOT RESPOND																	
Dist. 85 - Dave Heine (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Dist. 85 - Pablo Hurtado III (D)	DID NOT RESPOND																	

## Local Candidates

### Adams County

Auditor - Tony Mellencamp (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	/	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B*	Y
Recorder - Thomas Krueckeberg (R)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
Treasurer - Edgar B Dyer (R)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
Coroner - Dean L Amstutz (R)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
Commissioner -																			
Dist. 1 - Stan Stoppenhagen (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	U	A	Y
Dist. 3 - Steve L Kuhn (R)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
Council, At Large -																			
Dennis C Bluhm (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	AB	Y
Ron Dull (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	A	Y	
Cathy A Mitchel (R)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
John P Summers (R)	DID NOT RESPOND																		

### Allen County

Treasurer - William Royce (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Coroner - Jon Brandenberger (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Surveyor - Nicholas Nelson (D)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
Surveyor - Jeff Sorg (R)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
Commissioner, Dist. 1 -																			
Nelson Peters (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Council, At Large -																			
Robert A Armstrong (R)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
Melissa Fisher (D)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
Erin Fogg (D)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
Kenneth C (Ken) Fries (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AB	Y
Stephanie Henry (D)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
Kyle Kerley (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y

### DeKalb County

Circuit Court Clerk -																			
Holly A Albright (R)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
Recorder - Leta Hullinger (R)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
Treasurer - Sandra Wilcox (R)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
Surveyor - Michael C Kline (R)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
Commissioner, Dist. Northeast																			
Kevin L Heller (D)	DID NOT RESPOND																		
Todd Sanderson (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	U*	A	Y	
Commissioner, Dist. Southeast																			
Michael (Mike) Watson (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B	Y

Answers continued on reverse side.

**DeKalb County, Continued**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Council, At Large -																			
Bob Krafft (R)																			
Amy Prosser (R)																			
Dave Yarde (R)																			

**LaGrange County**

Circuit Court Clerk -																			
Kimberley Johnson (R)																			
Recorder - Sheila Getz (R)																			
Treasurer - Jamesi F Lemon (R)																			
Coroner - Kenneth D Myers (R)																			
Commissioner -																			
Dist. 2 -Kevin Myers (R)																			
Dist. 3 -Larry N Miller (R)																			
Council, At Large -																			
Jeff Brill (R)																			
Steven E McKowen (R)																			
Michale G Strawser (R)																			
Tom Swihart (D)																			

**Noble County**

Circuit Court Clerk -																			
Tammy Bremer (R)																			
Treasurer - Shelley Mawhorter (R)																			
Coroner - Lisa S Strebeg (R)																			
Surveyor - Randolph Sexton (R)																			
Commissioner -																			
Dist. 2 - Gary Leatherman (R)																			
Dist. 3 - Anita Hess (R)																			
Council, At Large -																			
George D Bennett (R)																			
Douglas (Doug) Harp (R)																			
Mary Wysong (R)																			

**Steuken County**

Treasurer - Missy Bixler (R)																			
Coroner - Rodney Snyder (R)																			
Coroner - Lauren Vogel (D)																			
Commissioner -																			
Dist. Middle - Ken Shelton (R)																			
Dist. South - Wil Howard (R)																			
Council, At Large -																			
Ruth (Hughes) Beer (R)																			

**Local Candidates**

**Steuken County, Continued**

Council, At Large -																			
Dan Caruso (R)																			
William "Bill" Harter (R)																			

**Wells County**

Recorder - Carolyn Bertsch (R)																			
Treasurer - Kathy Peeper (R)																			
Coroner - Hilarie Gaskill (R)																			
Surveyor - Jarrod M Hahn (R)																			
Commissioner -																			
Dist. 2 - Blake Gerber (R)																			
Dist. 3 - Kevin S Woodward (R)																			
Council, At Large -																			
Vicki Andrews (R)																			
Scott Elzey (R)																			
R. Seth Whicker (R)																			

**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.



# Right to Life of Northeast Indiana - School Board Surveys

## School Board Survey Questions

1. Do you oppose school-based clinics that offer abortion counseling, abortion referrals, or access to so-called “emergency contraceptive” pills?
2. Do you support legislation that makes it a crime for an adult counselor or teacher to transport a minor across state lines for an abortion without a parent’s knowledge or consent?
3. Do you support legislation requiring that fetal development curriculum be included in high school health education class?
4. Do you oppose Planned Parenthood’s use of peer educators who are students trained and paid by Planned Parenthood to promote Planned Parenthood activities and events on campus?
5. Do you support teaching students that abstinence is the only certain way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases?
6. Do you oppose allowing Planned Parenthood representatives to make classroom presentations that promote premarital sex, contraceptive use, and/or alternative lifestyles such as homosexuality?
7. 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.

### Adams County

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Adams Central Community School Board, At Large - Michael (Mike) Brown	DID NOT RESPOND						
Adams Central Community School Board, District 6 - Philip M Garwood	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B
North Adams Community School Board, District 1 - Timothy B Ehlerding	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
North Adams Community School Board, District 2 - Kim Brandt	DID NOT RESPOND						
North Adams Community School Board, District 2 - Carla J Bultemeier	DID NOT RESPOND						
North Adams Community School Board, District 2 - Jill Colclasure	DID NOT RESPOND						
South Adams School Board, At Large - Kyle A Litwiller	DID NOT RESPOND						
South Adams School Board, At Large - Amy M Orr	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
South Adams School Board, District 2 - Arlene J Amstutz	DID NOT RESPOND						
South Adams School Board, District 5 - Adam S Lehman	DID NOT RESPOND						

### Allen County

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
East Allen County School Board, District 4E - Steven M Screeton	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
East Allen County School Board, District 5R - Robert Nelson Jr.	DID NOT RESPOND						
East Allen County School Board, District 5R - Lee James Wilson Jr.	DID NOT RESPOND						
East Allen County School Board, District 6R - Todd Buckmaster	DID NOT RESPOND						
East Allen County School Board, District 7E - Ronald W Turpin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Fort Wayne Community School Board, District 2 - Glenna L Jehl	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Fort Wayne Community School Board, District 2 - Regenia Jones	DID NOT RESPOND						
Fort Wayne Community School Board, District 2 - Jennifer L Matthias	DID NOT RESPOND						
Fort Wayne Community School Board, District 3 - William D Critell	DID NOT RESPOND						
Fort Wayne Community School Board, District 3 - Thomas E Smith	DID NOT RESPOND						
Fort Wayne Community School Board, District 5 - Steve Corona	DID NOT RESPOND						
Fort Wayne Community School Board, District 5 - Jose Dominguez	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	B
Northwest Allen County School Board, District 1 - Kent H Somers	DID NOT RESPOND						
Northwest Allen County School Board, District 2 - Zachary R Felger	DID NOT RESPOND						
Southwest Allen County School Board, District 1 - Bradley M Mills	DID NOT RESPOND						
Southwest Allen County School Board, District 1 - Paul G Moss	DID NOT RESPOND						
Southwest Allen County School Board, District 2 - Mark W Gilpin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Southwest Allen County School Board, District 3 - Jennifer Bennett	DID NOT RESPOND						
Southwest Allen County School Board, District 3 - Tracy Bilodeau	DID NOT RESPOND						
Southwest Allen County School Board, District 3 - Scott Myers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B

### DeKalb County

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Dekalb Central School Board, City Of Auburn - John G Davis	DID NOT RESPOND						
Dekalb Central School Board, City Of Auburn - Heather M Krebs	DID NOT RESPOND						
Dekalb Central School Board, Fairfield/Smithfield - Jeffery Johnson	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	BC*
Dekalb Central School Board, Fairfield/Smithfield - Joshua Newbauer	DID NOT RESPOND						
Dekalb Central School Board, Jackson/Union - Valerie K Armstrong	DID NOT RESPOND						
Dekalb Eastern School Board, City Of Butler - Craig Davis	DID NOT RESPOND						
Dekalb Eastern School Board, Newville/Stafford/Troy - Matthew Snyder	DID NOT RESPOND						
Dekalb Eastern School Board, Spencer - Leon L Steury	DID NOT RESPOND						
DeKalb Garrett/Keyser/Butler School Board, Butler - Marcus J Carlson	DID NOT RESPOND						
DeKalb Garrett/Keyser/Butler School Board, Butler - Travis Holcomb	DID NOT RESPOND						
DeKalb Garrett/Keyser/Butler School Board, Butler - Mark Thrush	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
DeKalb Garrett/Keyser/Butler School Board, Garrett - Elizabeth Leitch	DID NOT RESPOND						
DeKalb Garrett/Keyser/Butler School Board, Keyser - Jerry A Weller	DID NOT RESPOND						
Hamilton School Board, At Large (DeKalb, Steuben) - Jeremy S Hill	DID NOT RESPOND						





# RIGHT TO LIFE

OF NORTHEAST INDIANA PAC

## Endorsements for the 2020 General Election

The Right to Life of Northeast Indiana 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.

U.S. Representative- District 3: Jim Banks  
State Senator- District 16: Justin Busch  
State Representative- District 50: Daniel J. (Dan) Leonard  
State Representative- District 51: Dennis J. Zent  
State Representative- District 52: Ben Smaltz  
State Representative- District 79: Matthew S. Lehman  
State Representative- District 81: Martin Carbaugh  
State Representative- District 82: David H. Abbott  
State Representative- District 83: Christopher N. Judy  
State Representative- District 84: Bob Morris  
State Representative- District 85: Dave Heine  
Allen County Treasurer: William Royce  
Allen County Coroner: Jon Brandenberger  
Allen County Commissioner- District 1: Nelson Peters  
Allen County Council- At Large: Kenneth C (Ken) Fries  
Allen County Council- At Large: Kyle Kerley

East Allen County School Board, District 4E - Steven M Screeton  
East Allen County School Board, District 7E - Ronald W Turpin  
Fort Wayne Community School Board, District 2 - Glenna L Jehl  
Southwest Allen County School Board, District 2 - Mark W Gilpin  
Southwest Allen County School Board, District 3 - Scott Myers

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We bet your friends would too! Pass a copy along!

Please return a donation in the enclosed envelope to help cover the costs of producing this Voter's Guide.

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# Up-Coming Events

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

## **Uniting For Life Banquet**

October 12, Ceruti's on Illinois Rd

Support Right to Life at our biggest fundraiser of the year! We can't exist without the generosity of our donors. This year's goal: \$127,000!



## **Life Defenders Apologetics Wkshp**

October 24, St John's Decatur, 9-Noon

## **March for Life - Northeast Indiana**

January 23, USF Performing Arts Cen.

## **Life Defenders Nat. March for Life**

January 27-30, High School Students

## **Family Trip National March for Life**

January 28-31, Open to all ages!

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