



2018 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire

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- 1. Would you support a bill in line with HB 42, sponsored by Rep. Tammie Wilson, that would require a conviction before an Alaskan's property could be permanently seized for violating the law?**

Response: I support the concept. Alaska's civil asset forfeiture laws make it too easy to keep property without a criminal conviction.

- 2. Do you support net neutrality or the requirement that internet providers must equally enable access to all content and websites?**

Response: I strongly support net neutrality. It is more important to the free access to—and flow of—information in remote Alaska communities than almost anywhere else in our country.

- 3. Do you agree that Alaskans have the right to speak out on political issues and elections and that this right includes their ability to use their personal resources to amplify that speech?**

Response: Alaskans absolutely have the right to free speech. The second half of the question, however, is based on a faulty premise. If money were merely the amplification of speech, there could be no risk of quid pro quo corruption in unlimited campaign cash and unreported campaign expenditures. Tellingly, Alaska courts have correctly found

our campaign finance laws well and closely tailored to preventing precisely that risk. Any restriction on speech must be the bare minimum necessary to serve a compelling state interest. Free and fair electoral democracy is just such an interest.

4. What is your position on Voter ID and what information must be provided to register to vote or cast a ballot on election day?

Response: Alaska's current ID rules to register and vote strike me as appropriate. There is evidence they are effective at catching rare attempts to vote illegally, but I have not heard evidence they are disenfranchising Alaskans legally entitled to register or cast ballots. The franchise is fundamental to elections, and should not be restricted without a genuine need.

5. Do you support allowing election day voter registration?

Response: Yes.

6. Do you support allowing voters to automatically update their information when they apply for the PFD?

Response: Yes.

7. Do you support a statewide non-discrimination ordinance to protect LBGTQ Alaskans from being fired from their jobs, denied access to housing, or refused services on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity?

Response: Yes. I wrote Juneau's equal rights law, which was then the model for Sitka's ordinance. I plan to continue this important work in the legislature.

8. Do you support parental notification laws that deny women under the age of 18 access to abortion without the consent of an adult?

Response: No. Young women are also people. They have the right to decide whether or not to become parents.

9. Do you support Real ID, or the federalization of DMV documents?

Response: I oppose federal ID requirements that exceed what the federal government actually needs or that compromise citizens' privacy. In the face of those requirements, I am glad Alaska offers both options of federally-qualified and state ID.

10. Do you believe state and local law enforcement should be using facial recognition technologies on the general public?

Response: Government should have a specific reason to engage in surveillance. Mass surveillance is inappropriate to a free state and raises serious concerns about the freedoms to associate, assemble, and the right to privacy. Facial recognition algorithms and the data processing and storage they require raise these privacy concerns even in the public sphere where the courts have previously ruled there is no expectation of privacy.

11. What is your position on the Internet Privacy Act? Do you believe the State of Alaska should act to return privacy protections overturned by President Trump on a federal level in 2017?

Response: I believe individuals own our information and have the right to decide how it's used. The 2017 use of the Congressional Review Act you refer to struck down rules designed to protect that right. Alaska's explicit constitutional right to privacy pushes us to act where the federal government has abdicated.

12. As marijuana has been made legal for purchase for adults over the age of 21 in Alaska, would you support removing prior convictions for marijuana related offenses that are no longer crimes from publically accessible legal databases?

Response: Yes.