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2016 Florida Votes Values Issues Survey Questions for Florida Candidates

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Please find the following 2016 Florida Votes Values Candidate Issues Survey Questionnaire. Answers to this Survey will be used to create a Florida Votes Values Voter Guide which will be made available at www.FLVotesValues.com, to our large email list, and to local churches. In 2014, several local candidates completed the Survey. Answering this survey allows you connect with voters in the faith community who care about these issues.

Please indicate your position on each of the following issues by placing a check mark in the blank in front of the appropriate answer or filling in the blank. Please only select one answer per question. Please answer each question even if it is outside of the normal scope of authority for the office you seek. If you choose to not check one of the answers, your answer may be listed as F (Failed to Respond). If your answer contradicts public record, we reserve the right to cite your position stated in public record instead of or in addition to your answer. If you choose to not respond to the issues survey, your name may be omitted from the voter guide or may be included with F (Failed to Respond) on answers to the questions.

Florida Votes Values reserves the right to make your answers and written statements public through voters guides passed out in churches, distributed through e-mail and the Internet, on social media outlets such as facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and other means. Surveys must be signed (with each page initialed) and delivered (not postmarked) by 5:00 PM, July 22, 2016 and may be delivered via US mail, Fax, E-Mail, or in person.

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Belief System

- * 1. Do you believe that our laws and ordinances should be based on the *Bible*?
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided *see notes*
2. Do you read the *Bible* and pray daily.
☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Have you read the entire *Bible* from cover to cover?
☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Do you attend service at your church, synagogue, or mosque at least once a week?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Life

- * 5. Have you signed the The Right to Life of All Persons Recognized and Protected Amendment Petition and Personhood FL ProLife PAC's Personhood Affirmation indicating your intent to defend innocent human life from the beginning of the biological development of that human being until natural death?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided *see notes*
(To answer yes, you need to first read Personhood FL ProLife PAC's ProLife Principles and sign and return pages 15 and 16: <http://personhoodflprolifepac.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/2014-Personhood-FL-ProLife-PAC-Principles.pdf>.)
6. Contracting for services from medical groups that also offer abortion counseling including but not limited to Planned Parenthood.
☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Taxes

- * 7. The combined total of state, federal, and local taxes should amount to what percentage of a person's earning? *see notes*
8. Exempt churches from impact fees and other use taxes.
☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Use of Public Funds

9. Use of tax revenues to support programs at health clinics that offer contraception to minors without parental consent.
☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided
10. Use of tax revenues for condom distribution.
☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided

* Employee Relationships

11. Health insurance provided for "same sex" and live-in partners for employees of government agencies.
☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided *see notes*

- * 12. Give "sexual preference, sexual orientation or lifestyle" minority protection status equivalent to that currently covered under existing civil rights laws.
_____ Support ☒ Oppose _____ Undecided *see notes*

* Educational Standards *see notes*

13. Do you support or oppose common core.
_____ Support ☒ Oppose _____ Undecided
14. Stressing basic academic skills (i.e. reading, writing, mathematics) over social programs (i.e. health care issues, social engineering, values clarification issues, etc.)
☒ Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided
15. Teaching reading by a strong phonics curriculum as opposed to a whole language approach.
☒ Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided
16. Amend DOE Curriculum Framework for Biology and Life Science to allow the teaching of life by intelligent design.
☒ Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided

Parental Rights

17. Include a majority of parents and non-school board employees on policy making committees.
☒ Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided
18. Allowing parents the right to withdraw their children from classes teaching material contrary to their moral values.
☒ Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided

School Choice

- * 19. Tax funded education vouchers that allow parents to choose public or private schools.
☒ Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided *see notes*

Sex Education

- * 20. Students should be taught alternative lifestyles that include homosexuality and premarital and extramarital relations as normal and acceptable.
_____ Support ☒ Oppose _____ Undecided *see notes*
21. Implementing curriculum that teaches grades K-6 students about HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.
_____ Support ☒ Oppose _____ Undecided
22. Allowing school-based clinics to dispense birth control devices without express written parental consent.
_____ Support ☒ Oppose _____ Undecided
23. Making sex education an opt-in by parental request program rather than an opt-out program.
☒ Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided
24. Sexual education programs that include demonstration of condoms.
_____ Support ☒ Oppose _____ Undecided
25. Sexual education programs that depict condoms as an effective way to prevent STDs including HIV.
_____ Support ☒ Oppose _____ Undecided

- * 26. Abstinence based sex education that gives information on refusal skills, STD's (STI's), and contraceptives with their failure rates but do not include demonstration of condoms.
☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Gender Issues

- * 27. Participate in, support, or attend gay/lesbian parades or other gay/lesbian sponsored public activities.
☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided *see note*
- * 28. Article 1, Section 27 of the Florida Constitution which defines marriage as between one man and one woman should be enforces as the legal definition for marriage in Florida.
☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided *see note*
29. Allow individuals to use the bathroom they self identify with rather than the bathroom that matches the gender on their birth certificate.
☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Zoning

30. Zoning laws to restrict church or religious meetings, including home Bible studies, from residential or commercial areas.
☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided
31. Restrict use of office or commercial property to prevent use by churches on Sunday.
☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided
32. Exempt private schools from costly fees, regulations, and building codes from which public schools are already exempt.
☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided
33. Zoning laws that restrict church growth by making the building and zoning codes for churches more restrictive than those required for government buildings.
☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Religious Freedom

34. Require businesses to provide services for homosexual weddings even if their religious beliefs oppose homosexual marriage.
☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided
35. Permit prayer on public property.
☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided
36. Permit crosses, nativity scenes, menorah, and other religious items to be displayed on public property with secular items, as part of a seasonal celebration.
☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided
37. Permit songs that mention 'Jesus' to be sung as part of a Christmas program.
☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided
38. Permit student participation in the National Day of Prayer and other prayer events.
☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

39. Permit teachers to display and study, in the classroom, writings and documents of importance to the founding of the US including references to religion in the lives of our Founding Fathers and in the founding of this nation.

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

40. Permit a court-approved Bible history course may be taught as an elective.

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

* 41. Permit government board meetings to be opened with a word of prayer.

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided *see note*

42. Faith-based Programs in the Criminal Justice System to combat drug abuse and reduce crime.

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

43. Encourage and support a quality chapel in the County Jail.

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

44. Voluntary student prayer in school or at school related events such as sports and graduation.

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Adult Businesses

45. Fully enforce laws and ordinances applicable to adult entertainment facilities

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

46. Revoke the "adult use" license of adult businesses upon conviction of violations.

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

47. Strengthen the ordinance to prohibit adult businesses from operating within 2,500 feet of a residence, school, church, or government building.

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

48. Pass an ordinance forbidding Internet porn businesses from operating websites and/or producing pornographic still and/or video images within 2,500 feet of a residence, school, church, or government building.

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

49. Require that adult businesses do not perform or sell, rent, or display material that goes beyond the community standard of decency.

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

50. Require libraries to filter Internet access to prohibit access to pornographic and obscene sites.

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Guns

51. Ban possession of firearms within the city/county.

☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided

* 52. Allow law abiding citizens to own and carry a firearm within the city/county for protection.

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided *see note*

Gambling

53. Gambling in the county should be expanded as a source of new revenue and jobs.

☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided

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Immigration

54. Allow refugees from Syria and other predominately Muslim countries to immigrate to the United States?

☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided

55. Enforce existing immigration laws.

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

56. Require individuals prove they are legal citizens prior to receiving welfare or government assistance.

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Signature Tony Anderson Date 7/22/16

Print Name Tony Anderson

NOTES: Additional Information in Response to Questions

1. My personal principles are influenced by the Bible. The US Constitution and the founding documents of the United States were also strongly shaped by Christian values. Accordingly, I believe that relying on Biblical principles in the crafting of laws and ordinances affirms our American traditions.
5. As a Christian and a Dad, I am proudly and strongly pro life.
7. Our citizens deserve immediate and sustained tax relief. I will fight my hardest to reduce our property taxes so that we can alleviate the tax burden on residents. Public officials can never forget that tax money is not “the government’s money,” but instead, the peoples’ money. Determining an exact percentage of taxation – when all types of taxes are combined – would be virtually impossible.
11. I believe this matter that has been decided by the courts.
12. I oppose and abhor discrimination of any kind, including discrimination against individuals who are gay and lesbian. However, I do not believe that amending existing civil rights laws is the appropriate way to curb discrimination that exists against these individuals. My Christian faith teaches me that we must strive consistently toward a welcoming society, where all people are treated fairly. However, we can accomplish this without creating new laws that have unintended consequences not only for society but for the individuals these laws are intended to protect.
- 13-26. In Florida, County Commissioners do not have authority over matters of public education. However, I am providing answers to your questions as a father and grandfather.
 19. I strongly support school choice. School choice options – in addition to including private schools – also include traditional public schools, magnet schools, charter schools, online schools, and homeschooling. It should be noted that, thanks to excellent teachers, administrators, parents, and students: Walton County has some of the best public schools in Florida.
 20. Social agendas of any kind should not be advanced in our schools. Children have a right to be innocent. Most importantly, we need to spend the precious time we have in schools focusing on teaching kids the skills they need to succeed in life, at work, and in our communities: reading, writing, math, history and civics.

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26. Ultimately, I believe these matters should be determined by parents, and that our schools need to focus more time on the basics.
27. We do not have such events in Walton County. However, if national news coverage of the parades is any indication, I would not attend them – and incidentally, neither would my friends who happen to be gay or lesbian. However, I would not refuse to attend another event simply because a gay or lesbian group is participating in the event or because individuals are attending the event. I believe that all citizens must be treated equally and fairly.
28. I believe this matter has been decided by the courts.
41. This is an issue that our county is facing now. Outside liberal groups are trying to prevent public meetings from being opened with a prayer. I will stand up to these special interests and fight to ensure that our county can continue to start its meetings with two of the most important parts of the agenda: the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
52. As a member of the NRA and as a gun owner, I strongly support protecting our Second Amendment rights. We must fight tirelessly to protect these rights at the local level and ensure that liberals do not infringe on our Constitutional liberties.
54. While we must be a compassionate nation, for geographic and national security purposes, refugees from these regions should be resettled closer to their homes and not in the United States.