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of St. Lucie County

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2010 Christian Coalition Issues Survey Questions for Florida Candidate

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Please find the following 2010 Christian Coalition Issues Survey Questions for Florida Candidates. Answers to this Survey will be used to create a Christian Coalition voter guide which will be made available at www.FLVotesValues.com and will be distributed to St Lucie County churches. Each candidates complete survey will be posted at www.FLVotesValues.com. Please indicate your position on each of the following issues by placing a check mark in the blank in front of "Support, Oppose, or Undecided." Please only select one answer per question. If you choose to not check one of the answers, your answer may be listed as DNR (Did Not 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 DNR (Did Not Respond) on answers to the questions. If you choose to comment and/or clarify, you answer (up to 25 words) will be included on our website along with this questionnaire. Christian Coalition 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, and other means. Surveys must be signed (with each page initialed) and delivered (not postmarked) by 6:00 PM, July 21, 2010 and may be delivered via US mail, Fax, E-Mail, or in person.

Taxes

1. Require voter approval for new taxes.

Support Oppose Undecided

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2. Require voter approval for projects requiring long term debt financing.
 Support Oppose Undecided
3. Exempt churches from impact fees and other use taxes.
 Support Oppose Undecided
4. Return local government budgets to 1999 levels, adjusted for population growth and the rate of inflation and limit future increases in the budget to population growth and the rate of inflation.
 Support Oppose Undecided
5. Increases in local sales or property tax to pay for education.
 Support Oppose Undecided
6. Use Federal Stimulus money and/or Federal Grants to balance local government budgets.
 Support Oppose Undecided

Use of Public Funds

7. Use of tax revenues intended to support specific agencies to instead support the Executive Round Table.
 Support Oppose Undecided
8. Use of tax revenues to support family planning clinics where abortion counseling and referrals occur, such as Planned Parenthood.
 Support Oppose Undecided
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 to adults.
 Support Oppose Undecided
11. Use of tax revenues for condom distribution to minors without parental consent.
 Support Oppose Undecided

Employee Relationships

12. Health insurance provided for "same sex" and live-in partners for employees of local government.
 Support Oppose Undecided
13. Provide abortion coverage as part of employee health care packages.
 Support Oppose Undecided
14. Give "sexual preference, sexual orientation or lifestyle" minority protection status equivalent to that currently covered under existing civil rights laws.
 Support Oppose Undecided

Educational Standards

15. 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
16. Replace traditional A, B, C, D, F report card system with assessments and portfolios.
 Support Oppose Undecided
17. Teaching reading by a strong phonics curriculum as opposed to a whole language approach.

- _____ Support _____ Oppose Undecided
18. Phase out advanced classes so children of all abilities take classes together.
 _____ Support Oppose _____ Undecided
19. Prohibit mind or conscience-altering practices such as yoga, guided imagery, or hypnosis with students by school personnel without express parental permission.
 _____ Support Oppose _____ Undecided
20. Amend DOE Curriculum Framework for Biology and Life Science to also allow the teaching of interpretations of evolution and alternate theories of origins, including life by intelligent design.
 _____ Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided *I am not familiar with the current curriculum to comment*
21. Each year students should be given a standardized test to gauge the school's, the teacher's and the students' progress.
 _____ Support Oppose _____ Undecided
22. Replace teacher tenure with merit pay, which is awarded based upon student progress gauged by standardized test results.
 _____ Support Oppose _____ Undecided

Parental Rights

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

School Choice

25. Tax funded education vouchers that allow parents to choose public or private schools. (GI Bill for kids).
 _____ Support _____ Oppose Undecided
26. Private and home school children able to participate in public school extracurricular activities such as sports and music programs.
 _____ Support _____ Oppose Undecided
27. Legislation that protects parental rights to home school or send their children to private school.
 Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided
28. Increase the number of charter schools.
 _____ Support _____ Oppose Undecided
29. Institute neighborhood schools to reduce school bussing. *The way the City of PSL is designed - this would be difficult if not impossible to do.*
 _____ Support Oppose _____ Undecided

Sex Education

30. Express parental consent prior to students receiving sexuality and reproductive health care information or care in school-based health clinics.
 Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided
31. Students should be taught alternative lifestyles that include homosexuality premarital and extramarital relations as normal and acceptable.

- _____ Support Oppose _____ Undecided
32. Implementing curriculum that teaches grades K-6 students about HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.
- _____ Support Oppose _____ Undecided
33. Allowing school-based clinics to dispense birth control devices without express written parental consent.
- _____ Support Oppose _____ Undecided
34. Making sex education an opt-in by parental request program rather than an opt-out program.
- Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided
35. Public funding to support Planned Parenthood programs.
- _____ Support Oppose _____ Undecided
36. Sexual education programs that include demonstration of condoms.
- _____ Support Oppose _____ Undecided
37. Sexual education programs that depict condoms as a way to prevent STDs including HIV.
- _____ Support Oppose _____ Undecided
38. Abstinence based sex education that gives information on refusal skills, STD's, contraceptives with their failure rates and no demonstration of condoms.
- Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided

Zoning

39. Zoning laws to restrict church or religious meetings, including home Bible studies, from residential or commercial areas.
- _____ Support Oppose _____ Undecided
40. Restrict use of office or commercial property to prevent use by churches on Sunday.
- _____ Support Oppose _____ Undecided
41. Exempt private schools from costly fees, regulations, and building codes (except health & safety standards) from which public schools are already exempt.
- _____ Support _____ Oppose Undecided
42. 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

43. Permit prayer on public property.
- Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided
44. Permit crosses, nativity scenes, menorah, and other religious items to be displayed on public property with secular items, as part of a seasonal celebration. *As long as its fair to all religion's*
- Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided
45. Permit songs that mention 'Jesus' to be sung as part of a Christmas program.
- Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided
46. Permit Student participation in the national day of prayer "Pray around the flag pole".
- Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided

47. 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
48. Permit a court-approved Bible history course may be taught as an elective.
 Support Oppose Undecided
49. Permit churches to rent public property for meetings.
 Support Oppose Undecided
50. Permit government board meetings to be opened with a word of prayer.
 Support Oppose Undecided
51. Pass an ordinance requiring a compelling interest before government may interfere in the free exercise of religion.
 Support Oppose Undecided
52. Participate in, support, or attend gay/lesbian parades or other gay/lesbian sponsored public activities.
 Support Oppose Undecided
53. Faith-based Programs in the Criminal Justice System to combat drug abuse and reduce crime.
 Support Oppose Undecided
54. Encourage and support a quality chapel in the County Jail.
 Support Oppose Undecided
55. Voluntary student prayer in school or at school related events such as sports and graduation.
 Support Oppose Undecided

Adult Businesses

56. Exempt existing adult businesses from adult zoning regulation changes
 Support Oppose Undecided
57. Fully enforce regulations applicable to adult entertainment facilities
 Support Oppose Undecided
58. Revoke the "adult use" license of adult businesses upon conviction of violations.
 Support Oppose Undecided
59. Strengthen the ordinance to prohibit adult businesses from operating within 2,500 feet of a residence, school, church, or government building.
 Support Oppose Undecided
60. 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
61. Require that adult businesses do not perform or sell, rent, or display material that goes beyond the community standard of decency.
 Support Oppose Undecided
62. Require libraries to filter Internet access to prohibit access to pornographic and obscene sites.
 Support Oppose Undecided

Guns

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63. Ban possession of firearms within the city/county.
___ Support Oppose ___ Undecided

Sunshine Laws

64. Place information that government officials receive, including agendas, minutes, and audio and video recordings of meetings on the Internet, free for anyone to access.
 Support ___ Oppose ___ Undecided

65. Place purchase orders, contracts, and payment records on the Internet.
 Support ___ Oppose ___ Undecided

Gambling

66. Gambling in the county should be expanded as a source of new revenue and jobs.
___ Support Oppose ___ Undecided

67. Voter approval for all new or expanded gambling activities in the county.
___ Support Oppose ___ Undecided

68. Apply and enforce current gambling laws to close down adult arcades.
___ Support ___ Oppose Undecided *I would have to know the laws before I could comment*

Abortion

69. Proposed Florida Personhood Constitution Amendment to define all human beings as persons under the constitution regardless of age, race, health function, condition of physical and/or mental dependency and/or disability.
___ Support ___ Oppose Undecided ** I'd have to have more information before commenting.*

70. Pass an ordinance to prohibit abortion facilities from operating within 2,500 feet of a school, home, church, or government building.
 Support ___ Oppose ___ Undecided

71. Requiring parental consent in cases where a minor seeks to have an abortion.
 Support ___ Oppose ___ Undecided

72. Requiring an ultrasound prior to having an abortion.
___ Support Oppose ___ Undecided

73. Contracting for services from medical groups that also offer abortion counseling.
___ Support ___ Oppose ___ Undecided

Immigration

74. Enforce existing immigration laws.
 Support ___ Oppose ___ Undecided

75. Require individuals prove they are legal citizens prior to receiving welfare or government assistance.
 Support ___ Oppose ___ Undecided

76. Require businesses to use E-verify to prove that their workers are legal prior to receiving government contracts.
 Support ___ Oppose ___ Undecided

77. Enact an Arizona style immigration statute or ordinance.
___ Support ___ Oppose Undecided

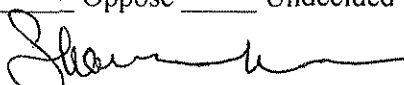
Other

78. Proposed Florida Constitution Amendment 4 that would require voter approval the adoption of a new comprehensive land use plan or the amendment of an existing comprehensive land use plan.

____ Support Oppose ____ Undecided

79. Proposed Florida Constitution Amendment 9 that prohibits laws or rules from compelling any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in any health care system (including a Universal Healthcare System as passed by the US House and Senate).

____ Support ____ Oppose ____ Undecided

Signature  Date 7/20/10

Print Name Shannon Martin

Priorities: On an attached page please explain in a total of 75 words or less why you are running and your top two or three priorities if elected. If they require additional funding for implementation, please explain how you would obtain this funding.

I'm running because I believe that our citizens deserve a new voice on the City Council; someone that will truly represent their interests. As your elected Council member, I am committed to restoring sound fiscal management to the City's finances. I want to bring public accountability and transparency to the forefront which includes a true open door policy. For more information, please go to www.smart4psld3.com. I would be honored to have your Vote on August 24th!

Shannon Martin