

**VA NOW PAC candidate questionnaire for state candidates to apply/qualify for VA NOW PAC consideration for endorsement**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Political Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Sought: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Committee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Headquarters Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Manager Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager email: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle One: Incumbent - Challenger – Open Seat

Is this a Primary Contest? Yes No

The goal of this questionnaire/interview is to determine whether a candidate is a feminist, the depth of their commitment to NOW's issues at the state level, and whether they will prove to be an ally in the future. Winnability is important but not essential. NOW wants to support valiant challengers who can use their campaign to identify and mobilize progressive voters in their communities.

NOW's endorsement criteria:

- Elimination of violence against women, including guns and criminal justice reform
- Reproductive rights without restriction to access and regardless of economic status
- Economic justice including fair and equal pay, workers' benefits, support for human needs programs, preserving and improving Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security
- Promoting civil rights, diversity and ending racism and discrimination against all protected classes
- Constitutional and legal equality for women at work, at school, and in all areas of life
- LGBTQIA equal rights.

1. Do you support the constitutional and human right to bodily autonomy and access to reproductive healthcare, including abortion without restrictions, funding for low-income individuals (e.g. Medicaid), coverage of birth control under health care laws, funding Planned Parenthood and other health care centers providing reproductive services?

Yes No

Comments to bolster your case:

2. Do you support enforcing and passing policies and laws that prohibit discrimination based on gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, religion, age, ability or marital status?

Yes No

Comments to bolster your case:

3. Do you support and promise to promote economic justice, including important workplace, education and family policies, such as paycheck fairness/equal pay, paid sick and paid family leave, and enforcing Title IX? Will you support improving the lives of poor and low-income families by increasing the minimum wage and treating climate change as a basic economic issue as well as an environmental issue?

Yes No

Comments to bolster your case:

4. Do you support comprehensive immigration reform, including giving Dreamers a path to citizenship, and oppose cruel treatment, family separation and deportation of temporary asyumed or detained immigrants and their families?

Yes No

Comments to bolster your case:

5. Do you support commonsense gun safety and reform laws including those that deal with background checks, batterers, and gun ownership? Do you oppose NRA-supported laws that allow assault weapons, concealed carry and guns in sensitive places, such as government property, schools, religious congregations, bars, etc.?

Yes No

Comments to bolster your case:

6. Do you support the Violence Against Women Act and increased funding for services, programs, and prevention initiatives to reduce and eliminate sexual, domestic and dating violence including sexual harassment and continued processing of all rape kits as provided by law?

Yes No

Comments to bolster your case:

7. Would you support criminal justice reform that addresses the disparate treatment of persons of color? Would you support further measures to eliminate the “abuse to prison pipeline” that affects all girls and young women?

Yes No

Comments to bolster your case:

8. Do you support efforts to enhance voting rights and oppose efforts to restrict voting rights and that promote racial and political gerrymandering?

Yes No

Comments to bolster your case:

9. Is there anything in your record or past statements and positions that is inconsistent with your above positions which we should know about?

10. What are your legislative priorities once in, or upon your return to, elected office?

11. What have you done to date to support women seeking elected or appointed office?

12. Following the election, what will you do to help more women seek elected or appointed office?

13. What is your communications/outreach plan to win this election?

14. Who has endorsed you or are your references?

15. Personal:

What is your current occupation and how does it impact women’s rights?

How long have you lived in the district?

Interesting facts about your life or family?