

Nebraska Right to Life

Political Action Committee

2020 Primary Election Voter Guide

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Survey for State Candidates

ABORTION-RELATED QUESTIONS

In its 1973 rulings, Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, the U.S. Supreme Court created a constitutional “right to abortion” which invalidated the abortion laws in all 50 states, giving us a policy of abortion on demand whereby a woman may obtain an abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy for any reason. Nebraska Right to Life (NRL) believes that unborn children should be protected by law.

Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe abortion should be legal?

- 1A. In no case.
- 1B. To prevent the death of the mother.
- 1C. In cases of rape and incest
- 1D. In cases of fetal anomaly.
- 1E. In cases to select the desired sex of the child.

In 2010 the Nebraska Legislature was first in the Nation to pass an NRL-initiated bill to ban abortion at 20 weeks gestation and up, based upon an unborn baby’s ability to feel pain. It has not been legally challenged so Nebraska is among those States that has been able to ban abortion after 20 weeks. Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton created a “right to abortion” for any reason until “viability” (into the sixth month) and for any “health” reasons, including “emotional” health, even during the first three months of pregnancy. In the 1992 ruling of Casey v. Planned Parenthood, the Supreme Court reaffirmed the core findings of Roe v. Wade and said that any law placing an “undue burden” on access to abortion would be struck down.

- 2. Do you support reversing or changing the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions so that elected legislative bodies (the State Legislatures and U.S. Congress) may once again protect unborn children by limiting and/or prohibiting abortion?
- 3. Would you support banning the use of public facilities, employees or funds for the performance of or referral for abortion?
- 4. Would you support defunding federal and state tax dollars from organizations such as Planned Parenthood?
- 5. Abortion clinics in Nebraska are largely unregulated. Would you support requiring abortion clinics to meet the same public health standards as other out-patient surgical facilities?

MEDICAL ETHICS QUESTIONS

Note: For Questions 6 & 7, the term “use” means: “the sale, purchase, research and/or transplantation of”

- 6. Would you support banning the “use” of human embryonic stem cells, either multiple frozen embryos created through in vitro fertilization or embryos created for the express purpose of medical research?

- 7. Would you support banning the “use” of cloning (somatic cell nuclear transfer) of new human embryos either for therapeutic research or for reproductive purposes?
- 8. Would you support protecting the rights of medical professionals and institutions not to be forced into actions that violate their moral and ethical beliefs regarding abortion, euthanasia and unethical medical research?

EUTHANASIA

Some hospitals have implemented formal policies authorizing denial of lifesaving medical treatment against the will of the patient or the patient’s family if an ethics committee thinks the patient’s so-called “quality of life” is unacceptable. The federal Patient Self-Determination Act currently requires health care facilities receiving Medicare or Medicaid to ask patients upon admission whether they have an advance directive indicating their desire to receive or refuse lifesaving treatment under certain circumstances.

- 9. Would you support a ban on physician-assisted suicide?
- 10. Would you oppose involuntary denial of lifesaving medical treatment on the basis of a view that treats extending the life of an elderly, disabled or terminally ill individual as of lower value than extending the life of an individual who is younger, non-disabled or not terminally ill?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS REGARDING LEGISLATURE; FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES ONLY

(Federal, State Constitutional Officers, State Board of Education, Board of Regents and Public Service Commission candidates need not answer the following)

- 11. In the Legislature, many want to be known as pro-life and will vote pro-life, but few senators are willing to introduce NRL-initiated legislation. Can Nebraska Right to Life count on you to seriously consider introducing NRL-initiated legislation that we would like to see pursued?
- 12. Can Nebraska Right to Life count on you to seriously consider “prioritizing” NRL-initiated legislation to help it move out of committee, receive floor debate and final passage?
- 13. Would you vote to “pull” a bill out of committee to the floor if the committee is holding NRL-initiated legislation?

LEGISLATIVE VOTES ON ABORTION-RELATED BILLS, INCUMBENTS ONLY

- 14. LB 209, Abortion Pill Reversal, Cloture Vote (5/7/19)
- 15. LB 944, Title X Funding In Budget Bill, Cloture Vote (3/13/18)

U.S. PRESIDENT

DONALD TRUMP (Endorsed, Pro-Life Incumbent)

Joe Biden (Pro-Abortion)
Bernie Sanders (Pro-Abortion)

U.S. SENATE

BEN SASSE (EPLI)

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Comments on File
Matt Innis	Y	—	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	✓
Chris Janicek	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	✓
Dr. Daniel Wik **															✓
Dennis Frank Macek, Larry Marvin, Angie Philips, Alisha Shelton, Andy Stock, Gene Siadek (DNR)															

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dist. 1

JEFF FORTENBERRY (EPLI)

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Comments on File
Dennis Grace	N	Y*	—	—	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	✓
Babs Ramsey, Kate Bolz (DNR)															

Dist. 2

DON BACON (EPLI)

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Comments on File
Paul Anderson	Y*	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	✓
Ann Ashford, Kara Eastman, Gladys Harrison, Tyler Schaeffer (DNR)															

Dist. 3

ADRIAN SMITH (EPLI)

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Comments on File
Larry Lee Scott Bollinger	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	✓
Justin Moran	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	✓
William Elfgrén, Mark Elworth Jr., Dustin Hobbs, Arron Kowalski (DNR)															

Answers to Survey

Nebraska Right to Life Political Action Committee
Pro-Life Endorsed Candidates are in:

Underlined
Bolded
and

Check Marked.

SURVEY KEY
Y = Yes
(Pro-Life In Most Cases)

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(Against Pro-Life in Most Cases Except for Questions 1a Through 1e)

— = Did Not Answer Yes or No
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See
State Legislature Ranking Key on Page 3,
Criteria for Endorsement on Page 4

Special Endorsement Criteria for State Legislative Candidates Only: Legislature is where Nebraska Right to Life has had the greatest public policy impact. To better engage grassroots voters and educate them about the process, the NRL Board voted in April 2014 to create a new ranking system only for State Legislative candidates. The new ranking system rewards those incumbents who introduce or prioritize NRL-initiated legislation or who work very hard to get NRL-initiated legislation out of committee. Strong floor debate help also is taken into consideration. Hopefully pro-life voters in legislative districts will seek out the candidates and their current state senator and encourage them to take a more active role in introducing and prioritizing NRL-initiated legislation as well as working diligently to get bills out of the Judiciary and Health Committees.

STATE LEGISLATURE

Dist. 1

JULIE SLAMA (EPLI) (PLA)

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments on File
Janet Palmtag (New-APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	✓
Dennis Schaaradt (New-APL)	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y			
Mike Powers (Filed as Write-In, Too Late for Survey)																				

Dist. 3

Richard Holdcroft (New-APL)

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments on File
Richard Holdcroft (New-APL)	N*	Y*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	✓
Carol Blood (DNR)																				

Dist. 5

Mike McDonnell (PLI)

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments on File
Mike McDonnell (PLI)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Gilbert Ayala (New-APL)																				

Dist. 7

Tony Vargas (DNR)

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments on File
Tony Vargas (DNR)																		ENV	PNV	
Jorge Sotolongo (DNR)																				

Dist. 9

John Cavanaugh, Marque Snow, Mark Vondrasek (DNR)

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments on File
John Cavanaugh, Marque Snow, Mark Vondrasek (DNR)																				

Dist. 11

Teela A. Mickles (New-APL)

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments on File
Teela A. Mickles (New-APL)	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	✓
John Sciarra (New-APL)																				

Fred Conley, Gwen Easter Terrell McKinney, Cornelius Williams, Dennis J. Womack (DNR)

STATE LEGISLATURE

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments on File		
Dist. 13																						
Justin Wayne (DNR)																			Y	PNV		
Dist. 15																						
David Rogers (New-APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Comments on File	
Lynne Walz (DNR)																			Y	PNV		
Dist. 17																						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JONI ALBRECHT (EPLI)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Comments on File	
Sheryl Lindau (DNR)																						
Dist. 19																						
Mike Flood (DNR) (Previously Endorsed Incumbent, Term Limited)																					Comments on File	
Dist. 21																						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MIKE HILGERS (EPLI)	—*	—*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Comments on File	
Joseph Couch, Brodey Weber (DNR)																					✓	
Dist. 23																						
Bruce Bostelman (PLI)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Comments on File	
Helen Raikes (DNR)																					✓	
Dist. 25																						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUZANNE GEIST (EPLI)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Comments on File	
Stephany Pleasant (DNR)																						
Dist. 27																						
Brenda Bickford (New-APL)	Y	—	—	—	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Comments on File	
Anna Wishart (DNR)																			ENV	Y		
Dist. 29																						
Jacob Campbell (New-APL)	Y*	—	—	—	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Comments on File	
Michael Connelly (New-APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Eliot Bostar (Received funds from Planned Parenthood Voters of Nebraska), Jennifer Carter, Neal Clayburn, Lisa Lee (DNR)																						
Dist. 31																						
Mark Gruenewald (New-APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Comments on File	
Alexander Martin, Rich Pahls, Tim Royers, Melanie Williams (DNR)																						
Dist. 33																						
Steve Halloran (PLI)	Y	—	—	—	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Comments on File	
Dist. 35																						
Raymond Aguilar New-APL (Term Limited Previously)	—	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Comments on File	
Dan Quick (DNR)																				Y	Y	
Dist. 37																						
John Lowe Sr. (PLI)	Y	Y*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Comments on File	
Mercadies Damratowski (DNR)																					✓	
Dist. 39																						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOU ANN LINEHAN (EPLI)	—	Y	—	—	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Comments on File	
Allison Heimes (DNR)																						
Dist. 41																						
Tom Briese (DNR) (PLI)																				Y	Y	Comments on File
Dist. 43																						
Tom Brewer (PLI)	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Comments on File	
Tanya Storer (DNR)																					✓	
Dist. 45																						
Susan Hester, Rita Sanders (DNR)																						
Dist. 47																						
Steve Erdman (PLI)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PNV	Comments on File	
Dist. 49																						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANDREW LAGRONE (EPLI) (PLA)	—	—	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Comments on File	
Jen Day (Received funds from Planned Parenthood Voters of Nebraska) (DNR)																					✓	

Legislature Ranking Key

ENDORSED PRO-LIFE INCUMBENT:
Leads & Votes Pro-Life: Senators who have either introduced and/or prioritized a pro-life bill and/or have demonstrated exemplary effort to move a bill out of committee, does exemplary job on floor debate and votes pro-life on the floor. (EPLI)

ENDORSED PRO-LIFE (EPL)

PRO-LIFE INCUMBENT:
Senators who vote pro-life on the floor and/or in committee. (PLI)

NEW, ANSWERED PRO-LIFE:
Candidate who is not an incumbent and has responded pro-life to our NRL PAC survey in agreement with our main principles. (New-APL)

PRO-LIFE APPOINTEE (PLA)

DID NOT RESPOND (DNR)

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PNV = Present, Not Voting (14-15)

ENV = Excused, Not Voting (14-15)

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Patsy Koch Johns (DNR)															
Dist. 2	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Comments on File
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROBERT ANTHONY (EPL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Lisa Fricke (DNR)															
Dist. 3	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Comments on File
Mike Goos, Patti Gubbels (DNR)															
Dist. 4	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Comments on File
Jacquelyn Morrison (DNR)															
Dr. Adrian Petrescu	N*	Y	Y	N	N	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y*	√

STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

Dist. 1	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Comments on File
Tim Clare (DNR) (PLI)															
Dist. 2	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Comments on File
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MIKE KENNEDY (EPL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JACK STARK (EPL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Viv Ewing (DNR)															

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NRL PAC CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT CRITERIA

Nebraska Right to Life PAC sends a survey to every candidate for State and Federal office except in special circumstances. If the survey is not returned by deadline, a "Did Not Respond" is put by the candidate's name. NRL PAC representatives make an effort to interview candidates for major offices either prior to the Primary or between the Primary and General Elections. We rely on input from Board members and members of our local Chapter network throughout the State, as well as pro-lifers from the candidate's district. Criteria for a pro-life endorsement includes a returned survey and agreement with major principles on the survey. Concurrence with NRL PAC's position on every survey question is not required for a pro-life endorsement. Some issues are "deal-breakers" for an endorsement such as overturning Roe v. Wade, opposition to euthanasia, abortion funding and unethical bio-medical research. A 100 percent pro-life voting/action record is a rarity and not required to receive an endorsement. Newcomers with no previous record of action/voting can claim to be 100 percent, but there is nothing to base that on. When incumbents seeking the same office have a good pro-life record, they are given special consideration with a sole endorsement, even if a pro-lifer is challenging them. NRL PAC is one of the few groups which prints all of the answers of every candidate who responds to our survey. We feel it is the only fair way to let the pro-life voter know where the candidates stand.