



# Minnesota NOW PAC

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## CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Party Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Campaign Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Office Sought \_\_\_\_\_

District / Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Opponents in Primary / Caucus \_\_\_\_\_

Opponents in General Election \_\_\_\_\_

Incumbent? Yes  No  Primary Date? \_\_\_\_\_ General Election Date? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a State candidate, please indicate your State Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

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A. If we endorse you, will you use our name in your campaign materials? Yes  No   
If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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B. If we endorse or support your candidacy, may we publish your name and campaign phone number in our member newsletter before the election? Yes  No

C. If we decide to endorse or support your candidacy, we may offer you a cash contribution and/or a list of MN NOW members who live in your district. The list would constitute an in-kind contribution to your campaign. The value of the list would depend on the number of members on the list. We will report both the cash and in-kind contributions to state and local reporting agencies.

**(NOTE:** Contributions to state legislative candidates cannot be given during legislative sessions.)

Please check the types of contributions you would like from the MN NOW PAC and sign below. Also indicate any upper limit in the amount of cash or in-kind contribution requested.

Cash contribution? Yes  No  Upper limit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In-kind contribution of list and mailing labels of MN NOW members in my district? Yes  No  Upper limit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

NOW is a multi-issue organization, so we need to be informed of your positions on the following issues.

Please type or print legibly.

Please give specific answers to questions and answer completely. Use additional sheets if necessary.

\* We have NOW position papers available on the starred questions. See our web site.

----- **REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS** -----

- \*1) A. Do you support any limitations on a woman's access to abortion services? Yes  No   
If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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How long have you held this position? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Do you support governmental funding for abortion services? Yes  No
- C. Will you work to repeal all laws that limit women's access to abortion services, including, but not limited to mandatory waiting periods, parental notification for minors, and mandating the use of non-scientific, ideologically based information to discourage women from having abortions? Yes  No   
If no, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2) Should pharmacists be allowed to refuse to fill birth control prescriptions based on personal conscience or moral belief? Yes  No   
If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 3) Do you think science based comprehensive sex education (including information on birth control, sexually transmitted diseases, disease prevention, and the full spectrum of human sexuality) should be taught in the public schools? Yes  No   
If yes, at what age should it begin; if no, please state reasons. \_\_\_\_\_  
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----- **EQUAL RIGHTS** -----

- 4) A. Do you support adding an Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the U. S. Constitution? Yes  No
- B. Do you support adding a Constitutional Amendment For Equality (C.A.F.E.), which is a state version of the ERA, to the MN Constitution? Yes  No
- C. Do you support ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) by the U.S. Senate? Yes  No
- \*5) A. What is your definition of affirmative action? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. Do you support repealing affirmative action programs? Yes  No   
If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 6) Should educational institutions that discriminate on the basis of sex, race, or sexual orientation lose their governmental accreditation, tax exempt status, and any other government endorsement / benefit? Yes  No   
If no, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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----- **LGBT RIGHTS** -----

- \*7) A. Do you support legal marriage for same-sex couples? Yes  No   
*If no, please explain.* \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. Do you support a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage? Yes  No   
*Please explain your reasons and your position in more depth.* \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 8) Do you support repealing all laws, which prohibit or discourage lesbians and gay men from serving openly in the military? Yes  No

----- **ELIMINATING RACISM** -----

- 9) How would you go about combating racism in your district and in Minnesota? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 10) A. Will you work for the decriminalization of undocumented immigrant workers? Yes  No   
B. Will you work to stop the deportation of undocumented immigrant workers? Yes  No
- 11) How would you work to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement? \_\_\_\_\_  
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----- **FREEDOM FROM VIOLENCE** -----

- 12) What approaches would you take to end violence against women, which includes, but is not limited to domestic violence, sexual assault, rape, modern slavery, honor killings, hate crimes, and murder? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 13) A. Do you support an increase in governmental funding for battered women's services such as emergency shelters, transitional housing, and family visitation centers? Yes  No   
B. Do you support funding public awareness programs designed to end the silence surrounding domestic violence, family violence, and dating violence? Yes  No   
C. Do you support the funding of violence prevention programs in public schools? Yes  No

----- **ECONOMIC JUSTICE** -----

- \*14) A. There is currently a five-year lifetime limit for a family to receive welfare benefits. Do you think this time limit should be eliminated or extended? Yes  No   
*Please explain.* \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. Do you support eliminating or waiving any of the welfare work requirements? Yes  No   
*Please explain.* \_\_\_\_\_  
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- C. Do you support allowing participation in education as a substitute for the work requirements? Yes  No   
*If yes, how much post-secondary education should a recipient be able to get before having to work at a job?* \_\_\_\_\_

D. What government policies and investments would you propose or support to alleviate poverty and increase opportunities for single parents and their families? \_\_\_\_\_

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15) A. Do you support laws banning discrimination in pay for jobs of equal skill, effort, responsibility and working conditions, even if the job titles are different? Yes  No

B. How would you assure women access to nontraditional jobs? \_\_\_\_\_

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16) Would you support giving Social Security credit for time spent care giving? Yes  No

17) A. Do you support enacting paid family leave for all workers regardless of how many employees their employers' have? Yes  No

*If no, please explain.* \_\_\_\_\_

B. What can government do to help parents balance job and family responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_

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18) Do you support increasing the minimum wage? Yes  No

*If yes, to what level?* \$8.00 - \$10.00  \$10.01 - \$15.00  >\$15.00

19) What approaches would you take to reduce the level of homelessness in our society, both immediately and in the long run? \_\_\_\_\_

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----- **HEALTH CARE** -----

20) Do you support universal single-payer health care? Yes  No

----- **LEADERSHIP** -----

21) What leadership have you taken on feminist issues, including but not limited to the issues addressed in this questionnaire? (Feel free to include volunteer work.) \_\_\_\_\_

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22) If elected, on what feminist issues will you take leadership? \_\_\_\_\_

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