

CARAL Promoting Reproductive Choices



February 10, 1998

Dear Candidate:

Enclosed please find a questionnaire from the California Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League-North's (CARAL) PAC.

Founded in 1978, CARAL is the political arm of the pro-choice movement in California and we use our grassroots strength to support a full range of reproductive rights for all women. CARAL is the California affiliate of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL).

The CARAL-North Choice PAC will be using the questionnaire responses to endorse pro-choice candidates who support a full range of reproductive rights for all women, and to educate our members and the public about candidates' positions on Choice.

Completed questionnaires should be returned by **Monday, March 2, 1998**, and the PAC Board will be making its decisions about the primary election endorsements shortly thereafter.

If you prefer to receive your questionnaire via e-mail, please let us know at caral@aol.com. Should you have any questions about the questionnaire, please feel free to contact me at 415-546-7211.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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CALIFORNIA ABORTION and REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE-NORTH CHOICE PAC CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

CARAL-North Choice PAC endorses and supports candidates who are pro-choice and who support a full range of reproductive rights for all women. Responses to the following questions will be used for purposes of endorsement and contribution decisions. The deadline is March 2, 1998 at 12:00 noon. If you prefer to receive a copy of this questionnaire by e-mail, please contact us at caral@aol.com.

Candidate's Name: GERALD KLAAS (Please see http://sacto.com/sen)

Committee Name: KLAAS for Senate I.D. #: _____

Campaign Address: 4711 El Camino Ave Suite #222

Campaign Phone Number: 916 482-0208 Fax: 916-972-8070

Campaign Manager: _____ I.D. #: _____

Office Sought and District Number: State Senate District 6

Current Office (If applicable): _____

Party: ___ Democrat ___ Republican Other (please specify) Libertarian

___ Incumbent ___ Challenger Open Seat

Type of request: Endorsement ___ Financial Support: _____

Primary Opponent(s): _____

General Opponent(s): Joan Barry (D), Mary Jane Popp (D)

Deborah Ortiz (D), Richard Davis (R), Michael McCollum (R), Chris Quakenbush (R)

Candidate's Signature Gerald J. Klaas Date 2-25-98

Position on Choice

1. Would you support maintaining a woman's fundamental right to choose a safe, legal abortion in California?

 Yes *In the first trimester* No

2. Would you oppose efforts, legislative or otherwise, to outlaw or restrict access to abortion in California?

 Yes No *Yes* *No*

3. Would you oppose legislation that would interfere with a physician's medical judgment and prohibit a specific abortion procedure?

Yes Yes No *Depends on circumstances*

If not, please explain.

4. Would you oppose other legislative or judicial restrictions on a woman's access to abortion such as spousal notification/consent, mandatory waiting periods, and specific counseling and propaganda requirements?

Yes No *minors*

If not, what restrictions do you support?

5. Would you oppose efforts to limit the use of biomedical research using fetal tissue?

Yes No

6. Do you support making available alternatives to surgical abortion, such as RU 486?

Yes No

Public Funding and Facilities

7. Would you support public funding of abortion services without restrictions for low income women who depend upon the state Medi-Cal Program for their health care?

Yes No

If not, please specify. (i.e., only in cases of rape or incest, or only when a woman's life or health is endangered)

8. Would you oppose any efforts to prohibit or restrict the availability of Medi-Cal funding for pre-natal care or abortion services for specific groups of women, including but not limited to undocumented women or minors?

Yes No

If not, what restrictions would you support?

I support pre-natal care but not for non-citizens.

I do not support general funding of abortion services.

9. Would you oppose efforts to prohibit public facilities, e.g. hospitals and clinics, from performing abortions?

Yes No

10. Would you oppose efforts to deny pregnant women information about abortion services?

Yes No

Insurance and Health Care

11. Many state employees and their dependents rely on the state government for their health care. Would you oppose legislation to prohibit or restrict the inclusion of abortion services in the health benefits of public employees?

Yes No

*abortion is a legal procedure
It should be covered.*

If what prohibitions or restrictions would you support?

12. Would you support including a full range of reproductive health care services, including contraception and abortion, as basic benefits in a state or national health care reform package?

Yes

No

I do not support state or federal health care.

Minors

13. CARAL encourages young women to involve their parents in their decision to choose whether to or not to have an abortion, but we recognize that family communication cannot be legislated where it does not already exist. Do you support the right of a minor to obtain abortion services confidentially, without her parents' consent, notification, or a court or agency order?

Yes

No

14. Would you support government funding for school-based health clinics that fully address the reproductive health needs of adolescents, including information about contraception and abortion?

Yes

No

15. CARAL supports comprehensive, age-appropriate sexuality education in schools that includes information about abstinence, contraceptives, and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. Abstinence-only programs are a simplistic "just say no" approach that does not work for many teens. Would you support comprehensive, age-appropriate sexuality education in the public schools, and oppose abstinence-only education?

Yes

No

Contraceptives

16. Currently, prescription contraceptives are the only FDA-approved drug that is specifically exempted from many health plans. Would you support legislation requiring insurance companies to cover prescription contraceptives in their insurance plans?

Yes

No

Other remarks:

I do not support government interference in the free-market.

Personal Background/History:

Please see <http://sacto.com/sen>

Political/Electoral Experience:

Describe any previous elected offices held or sought and dates:

Community/Volunteer Experience in relation to Choice:

e.g. Demonstrated community leadership; has appeared, spoken and/or organized at pro-choice events; affiliated with pro-choice organization; promotes pro-choice policies locally; etc.

Relationship to Pro-choice community:

e.g. Provided special assistance or has ties to pro-choice groups; previously endorsed by pro-choice organization; assists pro-choice organizations; pro-choice advocate with colleagues; credits pro-choice organizations for their political work; etc.

CANDIDATE ANALYSIS OF DISTRICT/ELECTORAL HISTORY

Demographic Information:

e.g. Party registration; economic indicators: ethnic composition; age demographics.

Relevant Polling Data:

Political/Issue Environment:

e.g. Other relevant races; other relevant issues.

Expenditures in Previous Cycles:

Dominant Media:

What other organized electoral activity can you tell us about in your district?

e.g. Labor; business; progressive; anti-choice; environment; party.

What is your campaign budget?

INFORMATION ABOUT OPPONENT(S)
(PLEASE ATTACH ONE PAGE FOR EACH OPPONENT)

Candidate's Name:

Candidate's Occupation:

Previous Offices Held:

Previous Candidacy:

Community/Volunteer Experience:

Voting Record/Position on Choice:
(Please provide any public statements, press releases or press articles on Choice that you have available.)

Other relevant information about your opponent: