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MEMORANDUM

April 2, 1998

TO: All Legislative Candidates
FR: Bill Saracino, Executive Director
RE: 1998 Candidate Questionnaire

Please find attached the Gun Owners of California 1998 Candidate Questionnaire. As the primary election date draws near, it is very important that these forms be filled out and returned to us so we may evaluate your position on these most important firearms issues. The deadline for questionnaire response is Friday, April 24th.

We will assign each candidate a grade based upon the survey answers, and combined with research gathered from our members in each district, disseminate that information throughout the state. It is important that you fill out and sign the survey. If there is a signature other than yours on the form, it will be considered invalid and will result in a poor grade.

If you have any questions regarding the Gun Owners of California Candidate Questionnaire, please do not hesitate to call or write. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to your response.

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1998 Candidate Questionnaire

Name: GERALD KLAAS

Address: 4811 El Camino Ave Suite #222

City: Carmichael **State:** CA **Zip Code:** 95608

Phone: (916) 482-0208

Campaign Contact: http://sacto.com/sen/

Office Being Sought: STATE SENATE

District: 06 **Party Affiliation:** Libertarian

Note: Failure to answer a question will be graded as an incorrect answer

1. Do you believe the Second Amendment in the United States Constitution guarantees an individual's right to own firearms?

YES X NO _____

2. A Justice Department survey of criminals who use handguns showed that 93% had obtained their guns in ways other than buying them at stores where waiting periods are imposed. Waiting periods do not stop criminals access to guns.

Do you support a "waiting period" before the purchase of a handgun?

YES _____ NO X

Do you support a "waiting period" before the purchase of a rifle?

YES _____ NO X

3. Do you support establishing a centralized government record keeping system which would allow government agencies to maintain a list of all citizens who own firearms?

YES _____ NO X

4. Fully automatic weapons have been illegal since the 1930's. "Semi-automatic" weapons are those requiring you to pull the trigger each time you fire, but not reload after each shot. Semi-automatic guns labeled as "assault weapons" function exactly the same as those not so labeled. The differences are cosmetic features, not in how the gun fires.

Do you support legislation banning "assault weapons?"

YES _____ NO X

5. Many hunting and sporting rifles have magazines which hold more than 10 cartridges.

Do you support legislation banning magazines with a capacity of more than 10?

YES _____ NO X

6. "Strict liability" laws hold uninvolved third parties guilty for negligent or criminal acts of others.

Do you support legislation allowing a person injured by a properly working firearm to sue firearms manufacturers or sellers?

YES _____ NO X

7. The anti-gun community has tried several different ways to ban handguns. Their current efforts are to ban what they call "junk guns" with their definition based mainly on the cost or size of the weapon. Many women who choose guns for self-defense prefer the smaller (and therefore less expensive) handguns, since they are easier to use and handle.

Do you support outlawing handguns based on price?

YES _____ NO X

Question 7 continued

Do you support outlawing handguns based on size?

YES _____ NO X

Do you support outlawing handguns under any circumstance?

YES _____ NO X

If yes, please explain _____

8. Do you support legislation making it illegal for a law-abiding citizen to purchase more than one firearm a month?

YES _____ NO X

9. Many county fairgrounds, convention centers and other public facilities are used for guns and sporting shows.

Do you support banning gun shows from publicly owned property?

YES _____ NO X

10. Over thirty states in the U.S. A. allow law-abiding citizens to obtain a concealed carry weapons permit. Two of the largest cities, Florida and Texas, have tracked the CCW statistics and report that virtually zero crime is committed by these permittees. In California, the issuance of a permit is left solely to local law enforcement, a system that often results in political favoritism to political contributors.

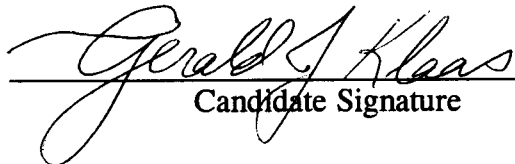
Do you support moving California's concealed carry reform laws in the direction of the thirty-three states who now issue permits to law-abiding citizens?

YES X NO _____

Please feel free to use the space below to add any additional comments you might have.

-CANDIDATE AUTHORIZATION-

My signature affirms that the answers given above accurately represent my beliefs as a candidate for elective office and will reflect the way I vote if elected.


Candidate Signature

4-10-98
Date

***Failure to return with candidate signature will result in an invalid grade.**