



NARAL Pro-Choice Texas

Houston Candidate Questionnaire On Reproductive Rights



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Legality of Abortion

I believe abortion is part of comprehensive reproductive health care and support the right to choose abortion as fundamental to each person's autonomy.

Agree

I support the enshrinement of the fundamental right to abortion in law and oppose legislation that makes abortion and other reproductive health services harder to access.

Agree

Policies That Affect Access to Abortion

Insurance coverage for abortion services, including government-provided health insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, etc.

Support

Comments: Insurance for these services shouldn't be considered as optional as a cosmetic enhancement should. These services can be as necessary as breast exams.

Laws that prevent local governments and jurisdictions from providing funding for abortion services to indigent residents

Oppose

State law that requires doctors to provide information unsupported by medical and scientific evidence, such as the claim included in the "Women's Right to Know" Act that asserts that abortion increases the risk of breast cancer



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Oppose

State law that that imposes a medically unnecessary 24-hour waiting period on abortion patients, necessitating at least two separate visits to the same provider

Oppose

Policies that require pregnant minors to obtain parental consent or seek a judicial bypass in order to receive an abortion

Oppose

Comments: I've been on the fence on this matter. As a mother, i would want my child to feel comfortable enough to let me know about what she is about to put her body through. Although i understand not all households operate this way, some being abusive, I feel that ADULT consent should be given for this service to a minor in the event that a minor undergoes complications. I do not believe PARENTAL consent is necessary due to lack of knowledge on the mental or physical environment each household upholds.

Policies, including local clinic safety ordinances, that protect patients, doctors, and other health care professionals at reproductive health clinics from violence, harassment, threats, and intimidation

Support

Proposals ensuring that “crisis pregnancy centers” (CPCs, fake women’s health clinics, of which there are more than 10 in Houston) do not mislead or intimidate people facing unintended pregnancy by misrepresenting themselves as sources of unbiased health information, and local ordinances that limit false advertising and other deceptive practices of CPCs

Support

Non-coercive, comprehensive access to the full range of reproductive health care, including abortion, for incarcerated people

Support

Local funding for organizations that provide logistical assistance, doula services, and other wrap-around support for people seeking abortion care

Support



Policies That Support Access to Comprehensive Reproductive Health Care and Support Healthy Communities

State law that prevents local government from partnering with abortion providers or their affiliates (such as, but not only, Planned Parenthood) for services like sexual health education, family planning initiatives and STI prevention

Oppose

Proposals that allow certain individuals or corporations (such as HMOs, pharmacists, and health insurance companies) to refuse to provide specific reproductive health services, information, or referrals, including under claim of "religious liberty"

Oppose

Emergency contraception (EC) should be accessible to all people – including ER patients and people who seek services because of rape or sexual assault. (EC is an FDA-approved contraceptive, taken after sex, which greatly reduces the likelihood of pregnancy. EC is not abortion and cannot harm a pregnancy if one is already established.)

Agree

All Houston workers should have a living wage of at least \$15 per hour.

Agree

Comments: personally i feel that it should be \$17-\$19/hr bc of the rapid increase in cost of living in our city

All employers, including the City of Houston, should provide paid family and medical leave so that people aren't forced to make a choice between earning an income and caring for themselves and their families.

Agree

Pregnant individuals should be able to work, be protected from discrimination, and be provided with any reasonable accommodations they need.

Agree



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The City of Houston should protect its employees, public housing residents, and HHA voucher recipients from discrimination based on gender identity and reproductive decisions.

Agree

The City of Houston has a role to play in helping school districts provide age-appropriate and medically accurate sexual health education that is not limited to teaching only abstinence.

Agree

Undocumented people should be able to access reproductive health care without fear of being reported or shamed. The City of Houston should implement programs to help undocumented residents feel safe when seeking these services, such as municipal identification and cultural competency and “Know Your Rights” trainings for healthcare providers and clinic staff.

Agree

Municipal courts should abolish cash bail such that people do not face pre-trial incarceration — and, therefore, the risk of losing their homes, jobs, and ability to care for their families — for being too poor to post bond.

Agree

Getting to Know the Candidate and How They View Reproductive Freedom

Please describe your stance on access to reproductive health care, including family planning, contraception, and access to abortion.

Access to these should always be accessible. Not all girls/women have guidance to prevent pregnancy or disease. It is actually a great benefit for the public to ensure its safety from continued disadvantage and overall health of our communities to thrive and progress!

Where does it fall on your list of priorities?

This is one of the issues i am highly passionate about.

Do you see a connection between reproductive rights and other issues, such as racial, economic, and migrant justice?



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Absolutely. These are MAJOR decisions in a woman's life. Women create the population. If we want to progress as a city full of productive individuals, we should want people to have every advantage possible. It is our duty to ensure that.

How will that impact your service if elected to office? Do you intend to proactively seek out opportunities to champion action for reproductive rights, including by drafting and sponsoring creative items to increase gender equity and access to reproductive health for all Houston residents?

I intend to protect women and girls of Houston by any means necessary.

How do you feel about preemption of local government on progressive issues? Specifically, are you willing to champion, support, and vote for legislation that may ultimately be preempted if you feel it's the right thing to do, including on issues of abortion access? Will you, subsequent to passage of progressive legislation, work to stop potential preemption, including actively opposing state legislative overreach and providing resources to defend city laws in court?

My whole campaign is running on true integrity and complete transparency. I will make it MY priority as Mayor of Houston to ensure women have every resource they need at their disposal, I will do everything in my power to leave these matters in the hands of local government.