

Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, Inc.

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"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

United States Declaration of Independence

CANDIDATES POSITIONS ON LIFE ISSUES

Knowing the position of each candidate regarding pro-life legislation is of utmost importance. We therefore publish the candidates answers to the following questions for your information. Due to limited space, we are publishing contested races only and candidates' responses may be edited. **For full responses, responses of unopposed candidates, or responses received after the publication deadline, see www.cincinnatirighttolife.org or call 513/728-7870 for a copy.**

* indicates a comment (which may be included here or on the website), — indicates no answer, YX indicates YES with exceptions

US REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

The 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* did more than just "legalize" abortion-on-demand; they prohibited virtually any federal, state or local laws from protecting pre-born children from death by abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

1. Do you support reversal of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*?
2. Do you support federal legislation to ban abortion-on-demand from fertilization to birth?
3. Do you support legislation prohibiting use of tax money for organizations that promote or perform abortions domestically and in foreign countries?
4. Do you support legislation prohibiting the killing of human embryos by extracting their stem cells for scientific research?
5. Do you support legislation prohibiting all cloning of human beings?
6. Do you support legislation prohibiting assisted suicide?
7. Will you oppose any legislation or regulation (e.g., campaign finance reform) that has the purpose or effect of restricting, penalizing, chilling, discouraging, or prohibiting citizens from contacting their elected representatives or urging others to do so on issues of importance to them?
8. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.

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2nd Congressional District									
Nathan Bailey (R)	YES*	YX*	YES*	YES*	YES*	YES*	YES*	*	#2-"While the decision to take the pregnancy to term was made at conception. If 2 doctors concur that doing so will endanger the mother's life, then she should be allowed to choose her life or the child's." #3-"...tax money can & should be used for better options." #4-"We can not create life, just to eliminate life..."
Tom Brinkman (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	*	"I am 100% pro life!"
Jean Schmidt (R)	YES	YES	YES*	YES	YES	YES	YES	*	#3-"I support the Hyde Amendment & the Mexico City Amendment which prohibit federal tax dollars to be used for abortions."
Stephen L. Black (D)	Refused to Respond								
William R. Smith (D)	Refused to Respond								
Victoria Wulsin (D)	Refused to Respond								
8th Congressional District									
Morton Meier (D)	Refused to Respond								
Nicholas A. Vonstein (D)	Refused to Respond								

Candidate responses continued on next page.

To make democracy work, we must be a nation of participants, not simply observers. One who does not vote has no right to complain. (Author, Louis L'Amour)

STATE RACES

1. same as above
2. Do you support state legislation to ban abortion-on-demand from fertilization to birth?
3. Do you support legislation prohibiting use of tax money for organizations that promote or perform abortions?
4. Do you support medical standards, regulations, and inspection of abortion facilities?
5. Do you support legislation prohibiting the killing of human embryos by extracting their stem cells for scientific research?
6. Do you support legislation prohibiting all cloning of human beings?
7. Do you support legislation prohibiting assisted suicide?
8. Will you oppose any legislation or regulation(e.g., campaign finance reform) that has the purpose or effect of restricting, penalizing, chilling, discouraging, or prohibiting citizens from contacting their elected representatives or urging others to do so on issues of importance to them?
9. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.

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OHIO SENATE

4th District

L.Kathryn Bridgeman (D) REFUSED TO RESPOND
 Victor Erik Rivera (D) REFUSED TO RESPOND

OHIO REPRESENTATIVE

30th District

Richard Hammersmith(R) YES* YES* YES* YES* YES YES YES YES* * #2-"I have no exceptions..."
 #3-"I would...work to prohibit this funding..." #4-"Abortion facilities...should be strictly monitored & be made to follow the laws of Ohio..." #8-"...groups must have the ability to educate the public & support pro-life candidates."
 Bob Mecklenborg (R) YES* YX* YES* YES* YES* YES YES YES* * #2-"I support state legislation to ban abortion on demand from fertilization to birth with the exception of the life of the mother." #5-"...I am opposed to the killing of human embryos...It further promotes the culture of abortion in our society..."

34th District

Greg Delev (R) YES YES* YES* YES* YES* YES* YES* YES* * #2-"I would vote to outlaw abortion in Ohio...I would consider exception for medical emergency such as...life of the mother or a twin..."
 #6-"Cloning creates moral dilemmas and we need to understand the future of cloning.." #8-"Our right to petition our government is essential to democracy..."
 Russ Jackson (R) YES YES YES YES YES YES YES YES *
 Peter Stautberg (R) YES YES YES YES YES YES YES YES *

35th District

Grace L. Kendrick (R) REFUSED TO RESPOND
 Ron Maag (R) YES YES YES YES YES YES YES YES *
 John Rabenold (R) YES YES YES YES YES YES YES YES *

53rd District

Timothy Derickson (R) YES YES* YES* YES* YES* YES YES YES* * #3-"Our tax dollars should be used to protect the unborn, not kill them." #5-"The killing of babies for...harvesting stem cells (and other reasons) is purely murder. ...is not necessary when other means are available and effective."
 Terri Sue King (R) YES YX* YES YES YES YES YES YES * #2-"Only if its' in the case of the life of the mother...But with the medical procedures and technology we have now I believe it would be very rare for a woman's life to be at risk where she would have to have an abortion."
 Paul Nenni (R) YES* YES* YES* YES* YES* YES* YES* YES* * #1-"...I believe life begins at conception." #2-"Sometimes terrible things happen...the unborn child must be protected in all cases..."
 #5-"I believe in using existing stem cell lines...Creating life for the purpose of destroying it is wrong." #7-"I oppose all acts that end in the destruction of human life, including capital punishment and unjust wars."

54th District

Arnold Engel (D) REFUSED TO RESPOND
 Kenneth D. Keith Jr. (D) REFUSED TO RESPOND

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COUNTY OFFICES

1. same as above
2. Do you support federal and state legislation to ban abortion-on-demand from fertilization to birth?
3. same as above
4. Do you support removal or prevention of county-provided health insurance benefits from including abortion coverage?
5. Do you support exclusion of abortion coverage from indigent care and other countywide tax levies?
6. Do you support legislation prohibiting the killing of human embryos by extracting their stem cells for scientific research?
7. Do you support legislation prohibiting all cloning of human beings?
8. Do you support legislation prohibiting assisted suicide in Ohio?
9. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.

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Butler County Commissioner - seat A

Rawnica Dillingham (R) YES* YES* YES* YES* YES* YES* YES* YES* * #2-"no exceptions." #5-"No tax money to be used for such purposes. no exceptions." #6-"I oppose the practice of killing human embryos without exception." #7-"I will never support cloning of human beings."

Charles R. Furmon (R) YES YES YES YES YES YES YES *

Clermont County Commissioner - seat A

Melvin Dean (R) YES YES YES YES YES YES YES YES* — "I am against abortion in any shape or form."

Ed Humphrey (R) YES YES* YES YES YES YES YES YES * #2-"No exceptions"

Mary Walker (R) YES YES YES YES YES YES YES YES *

Archie Wilson (R) YES YES YES YES YES YES YES YES *

Clermont County Commissioner - seat B

Thomas J. Auxier (D) REFUSED TO RESPOND

Alex A. Lambros (D) REFUSED TO RESPOND

JUDICIAL RACES

1. Which former U.S. president's political philosophy best matches your own?
2. Which U.S. Supreme Court Justices' legal philosophy best matches your own?
3. Rate your judicial philosophy regarding the U.S. Constitution on a scale of 1-10 with "living/evolving document" being 1 and "strict constructionist" being a 10:
4. In *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), the U.S. Supreme Court recognized a "right to privacy" under the Constitution that includes abortion. The Constitution does not include this right. Agree, disagree, undecided.
5. Judges should refrain from "legislating from the bench." The translation of public policy into law and the creation, extension, modification or limitation of citizens' rights (and governmental authority) are properly within the province of the legislative, not judicial, branch of government. Agree, disagree, undecided.
6. An unborn child is biologically human at every stage of his or her biological development, beginning at fertilization. Agree, disagree, undecided.
7. The law should be applied to pro-life demonstrators in the same manner as is applied to environmental, anti-war and labor demonstrators. Agree, disagree, undecided.
8. There is no provision in the current Ohio Constitution intended to require the use of public funds for abortion. Agree, disagree, undecided.
9. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.

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Butler, Clermont, and Warren Counties - 12th District Court of Appeals

Robert A. Hendrickson (R) Ronald Reagan Scalia 10 Agree Agree Agree Agree Agree *

Mary H. McElwee (R) Ronald Reagan Roberts 8 —* Agree Agree* Agree* Agree* *

#3-"The Constitution does not expressly include a "right to privacy". As a Judge, in every case I must follow the law and legal precedent as it applies to the facts of the case before me."

Hamilton County - Court of Common Pleas

Pat DeWine (R) Ronald Reagan — 9 Agree Agree Agree Agree Agree *

Kathy King (R) — — 9* —* Agree* —* Agree* —* —*

#3-"I consider myself to be a strict constructionist and do not believe it is proper to make "constitutional rights" that do not actually exist...I believe there is a POSSIBILITY that issues regarding such things as free speech MAY need interpretation..." #4,6,8 & 9-"Do not consider proper to answer."

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Upcoming Events

Helpers of God's Precious Infants'

Prayer Vigil for Life

February 2, 9, 16 & 23, March 1, 8, 15 & 22;
8:00 a.m., Holy Name Church, Cincinnati
(513/984-6742)

Pro-Life Mass

February 15, Noon; Our Lady of the Holy
Spirit Center, Holy Rosary Chapel
(513/351-9800, ext. 329)

Way of Love Prayer Walk

March 2, 9 & 16; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Burnet Woods, (www.thewayoflove.org)

Right to Life Poster & Poetry Contests

Now-March 15 (go to www.cincinnati.righ
tolife.org or call 513.728.7870)

Ohio Primary Election

Tuesday, March 4 - **VOTE**

Right to Life Oratory Contest

March 15 (go to www.cincinnati.righ
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Rita Marker - Euthanasia Seminar

March 29, 9 a.m. - noon, Our Lady of the
Holy Spirit Center, Open to everyone.
(513/772-7757)

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