



## *Special Election Candidate Survey*

We asked the 12 questions below of candidates in the Feb. 14 Special Election for state Senate Districts 20 and 46, and state House District 71. The most important question is No. 1, and answers to that question are in capital letters. The initial after a candidate's name represents party affiliation (Republican, Democrat, or Independent). On each question, a "yes" answer indicates agreement with the position of Oklahomans For Life.

- 1) Upon reversal of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, will you vote for a law that would protect the lives of unborn children and prohibit abortion except to prevent the death of the mother?
- 2) If efforts to enact such a law failed, will you vote for a law that would prohibit abortion except when necessary to prevent the death of the mother, or when the pregnancy is the result of forcible rape (reported to law enforcement authorities within seven days), or when the pregnancy resulted from an act of incest committed against a minor (with the perpetrator reported to law enforcement authorities)?
- 3) Will you support the Oklahoma legislature's enactment of the Personhood Act, which affirms that "The life of each human being begins at conception," and that "The laws of this State shall be interpreted and construed to acknowledge on behalf of the unborn child at every stage of development, all the rights, privileges, and immunities available to other persons, citizens, and residents of this State."
- 4) On about the twenty-first day after fertilization, the heart of an unborn child begins to beat. The heartbeat of an unborn child can be made audible by eight weeks after fertilization by use of a Doppler fetal heart rate monitor. Ensuring full informed consent for an abortion is imperative because of the profound physical and psychological risks of an abortion. Will you support legislation requiring that, prior to a woman giving informed consent to having an abortion performed or induced, if the pregnancy is at least eight weeks after fertilization, the abortion provider who is to perform or induce the abortion or an agent of the abortion provider shall, using a Doppler fetal heart rate monitor, make the embryonic or fetal heartbeat of the unborn child audible for the pregnant woman to hear?
- 5) Some abortion providers have begun doing long-distance web-cam abortions using RU-486 or other drugs or chemicals while talking to the mother who is a long distance away via a computer screen. In such instances, the abortion doctor does not even perform a hands-on examination of the pregnant woman. Would you support legislation requiring that, when RU-486 or some other drug or chemical is used for the purpose of performing or inducing an abortion, the physician who is prescribing, dispensing, or otherwise providing the drug or chemical shall be physically present, in person, in the same room as the pregnant woman when the drug or chemical is first provided to her?
- 6) Recently, there have been attempts in several states to pass a state Equal Rights Amendment which would amend the state Constitution to invalidate any law or government policy that discriminates "on account of sex." In some of the states that have already added this or similar provisions to their state constitutions, courts have used them to invalidate limits on abortion. The New Mexico Supreme Court, e.g., in 1998 unanimously ruled that the New Mexico ERA required state funding of abortion. We oppose the ERA unless an "abortion neutralization" amendment is added to ensure that the ERA will not change abortion policy in any way. The amendment would read: "Nothing in this article [the ERA] shall be construed to grant, secure, or deny any right relating to abortion or the funding thereof." Would you vote against any proposed ERA if it does not contain this "abortion neutralization" amendment?
- 7) Will you oppose the establishing or funding of school-based "health" clinics, unless they are explicitly prohibited from doing abortion counseling or making abortion referrals or referring students to any other entity which counsels for, refers for, or performs abortions?
- 8) There is currently an aggressive drive underway to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide across the United States. Causing the starvation or dehydration deaths of persons with disabilities and of incompetent patients who are deemed to be a burden on others or to have a diminished "quality of life" is the euthanasia movement's interim goal while they seek eventual public acceptance of killing by lethal injection or by lethal overdose of controlled substances/dangerous drugs. Oklahoma's Hydration and Nutrition for Incompetent Patients Act protects incompetent persons who have not directed that they be deprived of food and water so they will not be victims of death by starvation or dehydration. Will you oppose any attempt to repeal or weaken this protective law?
- 9) Oklahoma law protects against the involuntary denial of life-saving medical treatment by requiring that if a health-care provider's refusal to comply with a decision made by or on behalf of a patient to receive life-saving medical treatment would, in reasonable medical judgment, be likely to result in the patient's death, then the health-care provider must provide the life-saving treatment pending transfer of the patient to a willing provider. Will you oppose any attempt to repeal or weaken this protective law?
- 10) Will you support legislation requiring that a health care provider shall not deny to a patient a life-preserving health care service the provider provides to other patients, and the provision of which is directed by the patient or a person authorized to make health care decisions for the patient:  
1) On the basis of a view that treats extending the life of an elderly, disabled, or terminally ill individual as of lower value than extending the life of an individual who is younger, nondisabled, or not terminally ill; or  
2) On the basis of disagreement with how the patient or person authorized to make health care decisions for the patient values the tradeoff between extending the length of the patient's life and the risk of disability?
- 11) Oklahoma's advance directive (living will) law recognizes the particular importance of food and water. In order to ensure truly informed consent, our law requires a separately-initialed paragraph in an advance directive in order for artificial administration of food and water to be rejected. Some proposals have been made that would, instead, combine food and water with "medical treatment" such as respirators or surgery, so that choosing to forego life-sustaining medical treatment would be assumed to mean the individual wanted to die by starvation and dehydration. In order to avoid confusion and protect individuals who expect to die from their underlying illness or injury, not from starvation or dehydration, will you vote against any bill that would repeal or weaken the existing requirement for a separately-initialed provision in an advance directive to indicate the rejection of food and water?
- 12) Will you oppose the legalization of lethal prescriptions or lethal injections to intentionally kill an innocent person or to "assist" someone in committing suicide ("active euthanasia")?

## Oklahoma State Senate Candidates

(For your state Senate District number, go to our website, [www.OkForLife.org](http://www.OkForLife.org). Click on "Find Your Legislators," or phone your County Election Board.)

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### DISTRICT 20 –Alfalfa, \*Garfield, Grant, \*Kav, Noble

Phil Berkenbile	R	YES	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Ann AJ Griffin	R	YES	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Chris Humphreys	R	YES	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Wayne Murphey	R	YES	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Magnus W.T. Scott Sr.	D	Survey not returned to us											

### DISTRICT 46 – \*Oklahoma

Jason Reese	R	YES	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Al McAffrey	D	Survey not returned to us											

## Oklahoma State House of Representatives Candidates

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### DISTRICT 71 - \*Tulsa

Katie Henke	R	YES	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Gerald J. Lovoi	R	YES	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Evelyn L. Rogers	R	YES	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Bonnie Huffines	R	YES	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	-	-	yes
Lydia M. D’Ross	R	Survey not returned to us											
Dan Arthrell	D	Survey not returned to us											
Robert J. Walpole	D	Survey not returned to us											