



Candidate Survey

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Return survey by October 9, 2026 to: andvsa@andvsa.org

Complete each answer box and select one response where choices are provided.

Name

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Office/District Representation You Are Seeking

State House District 33

Please indicate whether you view domestic violence and sexual assault as an area of primary concern for you.

☐ Primary concern ☒ Secondary concern ☐ Not on my radar

Are you familiar with local programs that provide domestic violence and sexual assault services to victims across Alaska?

☐ Yes ☒ Somewhat ☐ No

If yes, how often do you interact with the domestic violence/sexual assault shelter or victim services program in your area?

☐ Quarterly ☒ Annually ☐ Other

If other, please specify

1. The Alaska Victimization Survey (AVS) found 57.7% of Alaskan women have experienced intimate partner violence (domestic violence), sexual violence, or both. What is your vision for Alaska when it comes to reducing sexual assault and domestic violence? What steps are you prepared to take to get there?

The Departments of Corrections, Public Safety, Health, Family Services, & Education, in conjunction with private organizations, are making a coordinated effort to reduce the incidences of intimate partner violence and sexual violence by achieving measurable goals and objectives established by the legislature.

I'd be happy to work with ANDVSA to establish more useful goals and objectives related to reducing sexual assault and domestic violence.

2. What responsibilities do you believe the Legislature and other elected officials hold in advancing efforts to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault?

Alaska's Executive Budget Act (AS 37.07) establishes the Legislature's responsibility over all departments "... to establish a comprehensive system for state program and financial management that furthers the capacity of the governor and legislature to plan and finance the services that they determine the state will provide for its citizens."

It appears to me that the legislature needs to pay more attention to discharging this responsibility.

What efforts have you made at the local, state, and federal level to address domestic violence and sexual assault?

I have served two terms on the Legislature's Education Committee and three terms on the Health and Social Services Committee including one of the terms as committee chair.
I have studied Judeo-Christian scripture and other literature to discern the wisdom of the guidelines our Creator asks us to follow.

3. Would you be willing to increase the current level of funding for victims' services?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Maybe

4. Would you be willing to increase the current level of funding for domestic violence/sexual assault prevention work?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Maybe

5. Would you be willing to increase the current level of funding for legal services for victims?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Maybe

6. Currently, the domestic violence response is largely a criminal justice response. Do you have ideas for other types of responses? What are they?

The Center for Disease Control's "Intimate Partner Violence Prevention" website lists several dozen underlying factors that increase the risk of someone committing acts of intimate partner violence. The Departments of Education, Health, Family Services, and Corrections are implementing programs that focus on prevention to address some of these risks.

I support repealing the section of Art. 7, Sec 1 of our State Constitution that prohibits appropriating state funds for "... for the direct benefit of any religious or other private educational institution." (often referred to as the "Blane" amendment).

7. Do you think the penalties for sexual violence crimes in Alaska are:

☒ Too harsh ☐ Too soft ☐ Just right

What are your reasons?

A 2022 paper published by Duke University: "Alaska's Lengthly Sentences Are Not the Answer To Sex Offenses" suggests that focusing on rehabilitation and prevention instead of harsh sentencing might be a more just and cost effective way to reduce the incidence of sexual violence in Alaska.
The Alaska Department of Public Safety's report: "Felony Level Sex Offenses" seems to confirm this thesis.

8. Do you think the penalties for domestic violence crimes in Alaska are:

☒ Too harsh ☐ Too soft ☐ Just right

What are your reasons?

Please see response to question 7 as applied to domestic violence offences.

9. Would you support funding through the Department of Corrections to engage individuals who choose to harm their partners/families through batterers intervention programming (BIPs)? Do you think this is the responsibility of the government? Why or why not?

Yes. Article 1, Section 12 of Alaska's Constitution establishes reformation as a goal of our corrections system.

What would be your ideas for providing services to people who choose to cause harm to their partners?

I would be happy to discuss the merits of providing services to people who choose to cause harm to their partners with ANDVSA, because I suspect providing these services would reduce the incidence of these offenses at less public expense than Alaska's current strategy.

10. Do you believe abortion access should be legally protected for survivors of rape or incest?

☐ Yes ☒ No

11. The state of Alaska is experiencing a housing shortage statewide. This is impacting domestic and sexual violence survivors' ability to move forward with their lives. What would be your ideas to address this?

I agree that survivors of domestic or sexual violence should be offered housing assistance when necessary,

12. Children are a particularly vulnerable population and may be traumatized by living with an abusive person and witnessing violence perpetrated against a parent or caretaker. What remedies might you suggest to provide protection for these children?

Child protection services are provided through the Department of Family Services. I would be happy to hear ANDVSA's ideas related to establishing measurable goals and objectives to improve this service.

13. A sunset review is a mandatory, periodic evaluation of an executive board or commission to determine if its public benefit justifies its continued existence, funding, and legal authority. The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) in the Department of Public Safety is scheduled to sunset June 30, 2028, and will be reviewed during the next Legislature. Would you support a bill to extend the Council?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Maybe

What are your reasons?

I have not seen the sunset review, so I cannot commit to extending the Council.

14. Please explain any solutions you would propose to support victims and hold offenders accountable for their actions.

I support establishing measurable goals and objectives for current departmental and judicial system efforts that are more closely aligned with Alaska's Executive Budget Act (AS 37.07).

This, I believe would help us identify specific areas that need improvement or alternative approaches to holding offenders accountable and supporting victims of domestic and sexual violence that might produce better results

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As to question 10: Current medical and biological research has convinced me that it's time for Alaska's Legislature to officially recognize that a new human being is created at the moment of conception. If we were to recognize that we are created individuals we'd be more inclined to treat one another with more compassion and respect, which is the purpose behind our Creator's second commandment.

I'd be happy to work with ANDVSA to develop more measurable (and useful) goals and objectives for victim support and holding offenders accountable.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey.
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