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Office/District Representation You Are Seeking HD17

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 (I talk with Randi @AWAIC pretty frequently, very much appreciate her being a resource whenever I have questions or need guidance) 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?

All Alaskans should feel safe in their home and their neighborhood. While there's obviously not an acceptable level of % of the population that's experienced assault, it's equally obvious that over half of all women is an insane, horrifying reality. So I think we should start with the goal of making steady, significant progress to reduce assault rates. For me, it starts with a) supporting shelters & organizations on the ground, and I have supported this with legislative resources and will continue to do so, and b) greatly increased support for early intervention programs so kids are safe in their homes and we break the intergenerational cycles of trauma that drive our outrageously high rates of violence. I've also supported these in terms of law and appropriations. Finally, we have to crack down on new vectors of abuse, such as AI and revenge porn, and I've fought for that including with legislation and amendments on the House floor.



2. What responsibilities do you believe the Legislature and other elected officials hold in advancing efforts to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault? Our budget represents our values. If we care then we will put funding where it's needed, and resources behind any necessary legislative changes, and be willing to take on the big tech special interests that profit from digital sexual abuse.

What efforts have you made at the local, state, and federal level to address domestic violence and sexual assault? Funding and policy at the state level, including policy cracking down on big tech, and funding for programs ranging from early intervention (child care to ILP to Head Start) to funding for shelters, shelter expansion in rural communities, and funding for Child Advocacy Centers.

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 And I'm proud we finally got the Dunbar/Hannan bill for ALSC across the finish line. I've also fought hard for ALSC funding in the budget; in some years it was our caucus' highest priority as we fought to reverse Dunleavy vetoes.



6. Currently, the domestic violence response is largely a criminal justice response. Do you have ideas for other types of responses? What are they? We need greatly expanded early intervention to reduce victimization of kids; that complements but does not supplant penalties for offenders and support for survivors.

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

Too harsh Too soft Just right Sentences are very long, which is appropriate, but that's not sufficient if we aren't tackling child abuse and neglect upstream.

What are your reasons?

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

Too harsh Too soft Just right I don't know; if there are legislative fixes that are needed I'd value your input.

What are your reasons?



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? I'm not familiar with this and would need to learn more.

What would be your ideas for providing services to people who choose to cause harm to their partners? To the extent addiction and mental health are among the risk factors, clearly having functional behavioral health services is part of the solution, and I've fought hard and successfully to increase behavioral health care funding appropriations. I'm not familiar with current science on treating abusive behavior beyond that.

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? The main thing we can do is aggressively use AIDEA funding to expand multi family housing development, which they have statutory authority for right now.



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? Comprehensive funding for child care, Infant Learning Program, Head Start, and staff up and fund OCS and DOH functions that support kids.

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?



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

Beyond what we've discussed below, lack of a retirement for public employees is a major contributor to understaffing at local police departments, OCS and other front line agencies, which in turn results in harm to children. That is a structural problem we simply must fix.

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