



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS  
*Candidate Questionnaire Project*

2018 CANDIDATE RESPONSE  
Florida House of Representatives District 52

**SEETA DURJAN BEGUI (DEM)**

*Do you support or oppose...*

**ABORTION REGULATION:** Requiring parental consent before a minor child's abortion, notwithstanding previous judicial concerns?

**SUPPORT**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I strongly believe in comprehensive sex education at appropriate ages as well as an academic, vocational and trade to move our nation forward.*

**ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:** Increasing access to care for uninsured Floridians, especially the working poor?

**SUPPORT**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I believe healthcare is a right not a privilege, wish to see our nation move towards a single payer system.*

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida?

**SUPPORT**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *In order to have a society that thrives, we must address socioeconomic issues facing Floridians.*

**DEATH PENALTY REPEAL:** Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole?

**SUPPORT**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I do not support the death penalty but I do support life in prison without parole depending on severity of crime. There is no scientific data that shows the death penalty deters criminals from committing crime.*

**END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION:** Preserving Florida law that bans physician-assisted suicide?

**SUPPORT**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I am an advocate of hospice programs, in a pain free environment and dying with dignity surrounded by loved ones when appropriate.*

**FREEDOM TO SERVE:** Allowing individuals and organizations the freedom to serve the public in accord with reasoned conscientious beliefs related to sexuality and marriage?

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *Treat all people with respect, at the end of every day, people wish to be loved and appreciated all over God's magnificent universe. We cannot impose our beliefs on others.*

**IMMIGRATION:** Urging Congress to undertake extensive immigration reform, rather than adopting piecemeal state policies?

**SUPPORT**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I support immigration reform that is fair and just. We need extensive immigration reforms. The DACA kids and 12 million undocumented living in the shadows are counting on us. Heaven has no borders, when a person dies, folks say "rest in peace". I wish to see people rest in peace and live in peace while alive as well.*

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** Establishing that children under 14 shall not be transferred to the adult criminal justice system?

**SUPPORT**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *The bigger question is: Are we all as a nation asking why so many young people are incarcerated? What can we do about second chances, and stopping the high school to prison pipeline.*

**PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT:** Creating education savings accounts to use for nonpublic school tuition?

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I believe tax payers should not fund private schools, if a parent chooses to send a child to private religious schools, they should pay for it. I support the separation of church and state. I do believe the foundation for a child starts in the home with guidance from parents, clergy, mentors and family. We must fix our communities and our public schools.*

**SAFETY OF SCHOOLCHILDREN:** Expanding existing legislative initiatives to harden the physical security of nonpublic schools?

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *All children must be protected in schools as well as in our communities, all lives are precious.*