



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
Candidate Questionnaire Project



2018 CANDIDATE RESPONSE
Florida House of Representatives District 69

Ray Blacklidge (REP)

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 am a Pro-Life active 3rd Degree and 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus*

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

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *I believe allowing tele-medical access would assist in this problem. Also attracting more medical professionals to Florida and educating them here.*

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

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *I am a firm believer in providing affordable home ownership.*

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

OPPOSE

Optional Candidate Comment: *We have too many individuals who do not place value on life, taking away the seldom used death penalty may take away an inhibitor to some of those people. I do believe that the death penalty should only be used in the worst cases.*

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

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *The only exception I could see is if an individual is terminal without artificial assistance and in pain.*

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

SUPPORT

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

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *We tried in 1987 with the Amnesty Immigration Act. The laws are there, they just are not being enforced. That being said we could tighten up the laws and penalties and that should be done at the Federal Level.*

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

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *WE need to provide these youths with love and hope for these troubled youth to have any chance of a future.*

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

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *The more choices families and students have, the better.*

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

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