



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
2020 Candidate Questionnaire Project



Laura Novosad (DEM)

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DISTRICT 80

DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE...

ABORTION LIMITS: Prohibiting abortion when a fetus has reached 20 weeks gestation and has the capacity to feel pain?

**NO
RESPONSE**

Optional Comments: I believe in choice, and if a woman is faced with a choice it should be deeply weighed. That decision is unique to the woman and her situation. My mother suffered with post-partum psychosis. After 5 children she was never well again. So because of medical issues and the different issues of each case, I cannot answer this question which does not take into account the health of the mother.

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE: Increasing health coverage options for uninsured Floridians, especially the unemployed and the working poor?

SUPPORT

Optional Comments: We must expand Medicaid in Fla. Simple and easy, and in this pandemic, it would protect many families from hardships.

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

SUPPORT

Optional Comments: We must get more families out of poverty! Homeownership has historically been a path to stability within families. Let's start using the Sadowski Fund as intended.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Authorizing courts to impose a sentence less than the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for nonviolent crimes?

SUPPORT

Optional Comments: We should revisit the mandatory guidelines, and abolish for profit prisons.

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

SUPPORT

Optional Comments: The only way to punish for crime is removal of personal freedoms. Too many mistaken and innocent lives behind bars. How can we kill someone.

END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION: Preserving Florida law that bans doctor-prescribed suicide?

**NO
RESPONSE**

Optional Comments: I would support in specific circumstances

FREEDOM TO SERVE: Allowing health care providers and workers the freedom to serve in accord with their conscience?

OPPOSE

Optional Comments: The patient is 1st in any service. So you should give service in accordance their needs.

PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT: Eliminating the requirement to attend public school the year prior to receiving a state scholarship for K-12 non-public schools?

OPPOSE

PROTECTING WORKERS: Requiring drinking water, shade, and annual heat illness training be provided for farmworkers and other outdoor workers?

SUPPORT

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: Respecting the autonomy of non-public schools to maintain policies that distinguish dress codes and other aspects of student life on the biological basis of sex?

SUPPORT

Optional Comments: As long as they don't take state fund to pay for them.