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Q1 What is your name? Which office are you running for and which district do you hope to represent?

House District 37

Q2 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?

My belief is we need to do everything possible to eliminate assault and domestic violence in Alaska. Collectively, inside the halls of Juneau and beyond, we must make take action in a manner that demands resolution. However, in reality, the problem will not be solved through legislative action alone. It must be an "all hands on deck" effort with local efforts partnering side-by-side with state and federal counterparts.

Specific steps include ensuring the Council is sufficiently funded through the Department of Public Safety along with additional programs that reside in the Health and Social Services agency and elsewhere in the state budget. I've always been supportive of any policy matters that contribute to a safer environment for our women and children, in particular.

Q3 Are you familiar with local programs that provide domestic violence and sexual assault services to victims across Alaska? Have you recently visited your local domestic violence/sexual assault shelter or victim services program? What is your plan to support these programs?

I have some familiarity but know I could be better informed on local programs. I have not visited the local shelter in Dillingham this year but would very much welcome the opportunity to do so.

Q4 What responsibilities do you believe the Legislature and our elected officials hold in advancing efforts to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault? Would you be willing to maintain or increase the current level of funding for prevention and victims services?

From a broader standpoint, the legislature needs to continuing prioritizing the issue and keep working to increase public awareness of a problem that in many respects is more pronounced than ever in the past.

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA)

Q5 Alaska's 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey reports that 1 in 10 Alaskan students had experienced sexual violence (being forced by anyone to do sexual acts) during the past year. Do you feel that sexual assault, sexual abuse, and dating violence prevention education should take place in our schools and in what way would you suggest enhancing efforts to educate Alaska's youth on these important subjects? Who do you think shares this responsibility?

One in ten is too much. I fully support efforts to educate our youth on the issue of sexual violence. Every student deserves the right to feel safe and to be fully protected in school. I'm an advocate of doing whatever necessary to promote a culture of zero tolerance as the only acceptable standard of conduct when it comes to combatting violence in the school environment. I believe the responsibility to achieve this goal is shared and should take place at all levels, including at home and beyond.
