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

Harriet Drummond, State House, District 18

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?

I'd like to see Alaska with NO sexual assault or domestic violence. Children need to be taught to report inappropriate touching to trusted adults, and I've supported the Alaska Safe Children's Act, including Erin's Law and funding so schools can teach it, and Bree's Law, which teaches teens about healthy relationships. Until we drive those rates down, shelters for abused women need to be well supported.

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'm familiar with both STAR and AWAIC and have supported both over the years as well as visited AWAIC.

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?

I believe the current levels of funding need to be maintained if not increased. I also think we need to make sure public safety is adequately funded and victims get the services they need.

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?

See response to first question: I supported Erin's Law and Bree's Law under the Alaska Safe Children's Act. Parents could also be educated on these issues and we need to provide funding to make sure teachers are trained effectively to deliver this curriculum to our youth. The Green Dot program also helps community members be aware of and assist in cases of potential sexual assault and violence. Education, education, education!
