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

Lyn Franks HD15 Candidate

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**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?

Prompt police protection and mandatory education must be implemented into our state laws. Stricter sentencing laws must be addressed and followed to protect families including family pets. As with other violent crimes, victims must have full protection and feel safe to live lives free from fear. Sexual offenders and domestic criminals are in need of rehabilitation as originally provided for in SB91 and must be implemented according to the law's original intent.

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**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 am familiar with AWAIC shelter here in Anchorage. Yes, I have visited this facility many times to make donations. As a state legislator, I would increase state funding for these shelters as needed.

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**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 that as an elected official, it is my sworn duty to protect Alaskans from violence. Each Alaskan deserves to live a life full of liberty and to have the ability to pursue happiness. As stated previously, I would increase state funding for shelters as needed.

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**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?

I think that mandatory sexual abuse/violence education in the schools is an excellent idea. This particular subject can be blended into different school content. In this current political climate, it is imperative that Alaska Schools step up and make it clear that such behavior is not only unacceptable but illegal and will be prosecuted. Schools are not the only ones who should bear responsibility for this education. Communities, families, and organizations must work jointly to educate our youth on this important topic.

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