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

Matt Claman, State House, House District 21

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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?

We must continue to work together to address sexual assault and domestic violence and make Alaska a safe place for all. I have and will continue to support legislation and appropriations that will help prevent domestic violence and sexual assault and make services more readily available to survivors. When possible, I plan to continue to volunteer (pro bono) as an attorney in divorce cases for individuals who are victims of domestic violence. In 2016, I received the Bryan P. Timbers Pro Bono award from the Alaska Bar Association for my work with ANDVSA representing victims of domestic violence in divorce cases.

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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 very familiar with local programs and will continue to support them. I have visited several times over the years.

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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?

Public safety is one of the core functions of government. We must make sure we adequately fund our efforts to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault and provide services to victims.

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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?

The State should support efforts to prevent ACEs, including sexual assault, sexual abuse, and dating violence and support those who have experienced them. This past session, I introduced a bill to raise the minimum marriage age in Alaska to 18 and supported the passage of Bree's Law. I will continue to support efforts to educate youth on these important subjects.

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