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

Carolyn "Care" Clift for Alaska Lt. Governor (Toien-Clift, Libertarian ticket)

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?

Education and self-respect are the keys to reducing sexual assault and domestic violence. Victims need to be taken seriously by law enforcement, and offered temporary shelter. We need more safe houses and more group counseling programs, which will be encouraged as a way to prevent crime.

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 not visited a shelter or program recently, but I have contributed, financially, to programs in the past.

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 would maintain the current level of funding. see below (next question.)

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?

Yes, prevention education should be part of a public education, along with many other responsibilities of citizenship. The high rate of these assaults are based, partially, on cultural norms that accept this violence and an attitude of disrespect between sexual partners. The whole community shares in this responsibility.
