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

Senator Peter Micciche, Re-election for District O

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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?

I discuss with everyone that will listen that we are #1 in the US when it comes to domestic violence and sexual assault (DV and SA), as well as other negative statistics directly related to ACES associated with a myriad of similar social issues. My vision is living in a state where we look back and shudder at the rates of the past when one day when we can celebrate having one of the lowest DV and SA rates in the country. I have been and continue to be prepared to take extraordinary action to assist victims, force strict consequences on perpetrators and provide educational funding for young men and women to dramatically reduce DV and SA in Alaska. I have been active in the DVSA community for many years, have served on the Leeshore Center board and continue to financially support such organizations annually by directly contributing and assisting in fundraising activities. I worked tirelessly to pass Bree and Erin's laws and continue to support the budget for CDVSA as the DPS budget chair in the Senate.

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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?

Yes. I visit and contribute regularly and will continue to do so. The local folks at the Leeshore Center know that they can call me anytime they need essentially anything from manual labor to funding. I believe that everyone should feel safe at home and my family and I continue to actively support Anri-DVSA efforts.

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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?

Officials should support CDVSA efforts locally and statewide in all aspects from awareness to funding, including all aspects in between. This is not a partisan issue. This is about Alaskans making a firm statement that DVDA will not be tolerated in our state...ever.

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## 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?

Absolutely. I have supported and Co-sponsored bills requiring such educational modules and will continue to do so. We all share the responsibility. Until all of us make our demands clear that DVSA will not be tolerated there will be perpetrators willing to put others at risk due to their own dysfunction. I support your efforts and I hope you know by now (after decades of support) that I will always be there to push other legislators and the public when necessary to continue the progress toward a DVSA-free Alaska.

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