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CANDIDATE

2022

SURVEY

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Right to Life
of Louisville



October 9, 2022

Friends of Life,

I'm happy to share with you our 2022 General Election Candidate Survey. The importance of selecting candidates who share our values couldn't have been more apparent than it was this past year. At the local level, extreme liberal council members sided with the abortion industry to institute a "buffer zone" outside the EMW abortion mill, negatively impacting the ability of sidewalk counselors to offer a *true choice* for women at such a critical juncture. A local state senator caved under pressure from abortion supporting colleagues, despite years of advertising as "proud to always be a prolife vote." Then, unsurprisingly, Beshear 2.0 vetoed House Bill 3 - the 2022 prolife omnibus bill (thankfully legislators overrode that veto). And of course, at the federal level we witnessed the implication of not having the votes to stop a Supreme Court appointment. Yes, elections have consequences.

It is our hope the information contained in this survey will be helpful as you navigate the election season. Unfortunately, not every candidate found the survey worthy of his or her time. It is particularly disappointing when candidates run for office under the conservative brand, yet shy away from publicly affirming their prolife beliefs. I would urge extreme caution in supporting *any* candidate who is unwilling to articulate his or her prolife credentials during the campaign...lest they be unwilling to stand for life when the need arises.

The final two pages are the endorsements from the KY Right to Life Victory PAC. This information targets candidates for state office (State Representative, State Senator, etc.) and select judicial races. I know, it's a lot of information - but it's important.

For *LIFE*,



Corey Koellner
Executive Director

Jefferson County Attorney



incumbent

Mike O'Connell

Party: Democratic

Prolife Experience:

none provided

Survey Score: n/a

Additional Info: It should be noted Mike is defending the Louisville buffer zone ordinance in court as Right to Life seeks legal remedies.

**NO
RESPONSE**

Jefferson County Clerk



incumbent

Barbara "Bobbie" Holsclaw

Party: Republican

Prolife Experience:

I have been an event attendee and supporter of RTL Louisville for 26 years.

Survey Score: 100%



	Yes	No
1) If you were in a position to do so, would you support a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution that would, with respect to the right to life, treat as "persons" all human beings, born & unborn, regardless of age, health or condition of dependency?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) If you were in a position to do so, would you support the repeal of the ordinance (O-179-21) establishing the "buffer zone" utilized outside the EMW abortion facility?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) Do you support the complete removal of federal, state and local tax funds from the abortion industry?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) Would you decline supporting any candidate for legislative or political office, regardless of party, because of his/her pro-abortion ("pro-choice") position?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5) Do you oppose punishing the child by opposing abortion in cases of rape or incest?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6) Are you opposed to chemical abortions known to prevent the newly created human from attaching (implantation) to his/her mother's womb or medications that cause the woman's body to expel her developing child in the early stages of life?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7) Would you support a legal prohibition on all human cloning, which is the cloning of human embryos either for reproduction or research?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8) Would you support measures to protect living human embryos (e.g. in-vitro fertilization) from being used for medical experiments?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9) Do you believe that cognitively disabled people in a persistent vegetative state have the right to receive nutrition and hydration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10) Would you reject any attempt to overturn current Kentucky law prohibiting assisted suicide and oppose efforts to legalize euthanasia?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Jefferson County Clerk



Tina Ward-Pugh

Party: Democratic

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

Additional Info: Tina responded to our email requesting she complete the survey by indicating, "I will not be seeking your endorsement."

**NO
RESPONSE**

Jefferson County Sheriff



incumbent

John Aubrey

Party: Democratic

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

**NO
RESPONSE**

Metro Council - District 1



Tammy Hawkins

Party: Democratic

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

**NO
RESPONSE**

Metro Council - District 3



incumbent

Keisha Dorsey

Party: Democratic

Prolife Experience:

none provided

Survey Score: n/a

Additional Info: It should be noted Keisha voted in favor of the buffer zone established in 2021.

**NO
RESPONSE**

Metro Council - District 5



incumbent

Donna Purvis

Party: Democratic

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

Additional Info: It should be noted Donna voted in favor of the buffer zone established in 2021.

**NO
RESPONSE**

Metro Council - District 7



Michael Parrino

Party: Republican

Prolife Experience:

Sister Visitor Center, St. Albert the Great, 40 Days for Life, Derby City Sailing Club

Survey Score: 100%



	Yes	No
1) If you were in a position to do so, would you support a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution that would, with respect to the right to life, treat as "persons" all human beings, born & unborn, regardless of age, health or condition of dependency?	✓	
2) If you were in a position to do so, would you support the repeal of the ordinance (O-179-21) establishing the "buffer zone" utilized outside the EMW abortion facility?	✓	
3) Do you support the complete removal of federal, state and local tax funds from the abortion industry?	✓	
4) Would you decline supporting any candidate for legislative or political office, regardless of party, because of his/her pro-abortion ("pro-choice") position?	✓	
5) Do you oppose punishing the child by opposing abortion in cases of rape or incest?	✓	
6) Are you opposed to chemical abortions known to prevent the newly created human from attaching (implantation) to his/her mother's womb or medications that cause the woman's body to expel her developing child in the early stages of life?	✓	
7) Would you support a legal prohibition on all human cloning, which is the cloning of human embryos either for reproduction or research?	✓	
8) Would you support measures to protect living human embryos (e.g. in-vitro fertilization) from being used for medical experiments?	✓	
9) Do you believe that cognitively disabled people in a persistent vegetative state have the right to receive nutrition and hydration?	✓	
10) Would you reject any attempt to overturn current Kentucky law prohibiting assisted suicide and oppose efforts to legalize euthanasia?	✓	

Metro Council - District 7



incumbent

Paula McCraney

Party: Democratic

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

Additional Info: It should be noted Paula voted in favor of the buffer zone established in 2021.

**NO
RESPONSE**



Christopher Thieneman

Party: Independent

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

**NO
RESPONSE**

Metro Council - District 9



Alexandra Martindale

Party: Republican

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

**NO
RESPONSE**



Andrew Owen

Party: Democratic

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

**NO
RESPONSE**

Metro Council - District 11



incumbent

Kevin Kramer

Party: Republican

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

Additional Info: It should be noted Kevin voted against the buffer zone established in 2021. He faces no opposition this election cycle.

**NO
RESPONSE**

Metro Council - District 13



Dan Seum, Jr.

Party: Republican

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: 100%



	Yes	No
1) If you were in a position to do so, would you support a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution that would, with respect to the right to life, treat as "persons" all human beings, born & unborn, regardless of age, health or condition of dependency?	✓	
2) If you were in a position to do so, would you support the repeal of the ordinance (O-179-21) establishing the "buffer zone" utilized outside the EMW abortion facility?	✓	
3) Do you support the complete removal of federal, state and local tax funds from the abortion industry?	✓	
4) Would you decline supporting any candidate for legislative or political office, regardless of party, because of his/her pro-abortion ("pro-choice") position?	✓	
5) Do you oppose punishing the child by opposing abortion in cases of rape or incest?	✓	
6) Are you opposed to chemical abortions known to prevent the newly created human from attaching (implantation) to his/her mother's womb or medications that cause the woman's body to expel her developing child in the early stages of life?	✓	
7) Would you support a legal prohibition on all human cloning, which is the cloning of human embryos either for reproduction or research?	✓	
8) Would you support measures to protect living human embryos (e.g. in-vitro fertilization) from being used for medical experiments?	✓	
9) Do you believe that cognitively disabled people in a persistent vegetative state have the right to receive nutrition and hydration?	✓	
10) Would you reject any attempt to overturn current Kentucky law prohibiting assisted suicide and oppose efforts to legalize euthanasia?	✓	

Metro Council - District 13



incumbent

Mark Fox

Party: Democratic

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

Additional Info: It should be noted Mark voted against the buffer zone established in 2021.

**NO
RESPONSE**

Metro Council - District 15



Jennifer Chappell

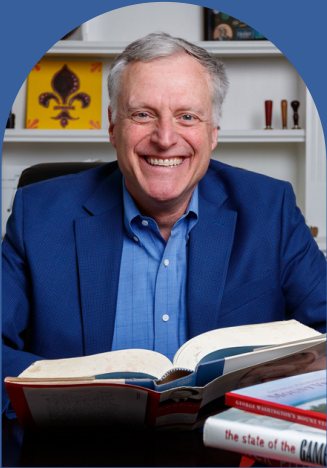
Party: Democratic

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

**NO
RESPONSE**

Metro Council - District 17



Kent Hall

Party: Republican

Prolife Experience:

Northeast Christian Church, Bethany Baptist Church

Survey Score: 90%

	Yes	No
1) If you were in a position to do so, would you support a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution that would, with respect to the right to life, treat as "persons" all human beings, born & unborn, regardless of age, health or condition of dependency?	✓	
2) If you were in a position to do so, would you support the repeal of the ordinance (O-179-21) establishing the "buffer zone" utilized outside the EMW abortion facility?	✓	
3) Do you support the complete removal of federal, state and local tax funds from the abortion industry?	✓	
4) Would you decline supporting any candidate for legislative or political office, regardless of party, because of his/her pro-abortion ("pro-choice") position?		✗
5) Do you oppose punishing the child by opposing abortion in cases of rape or incest?	✓	
6) Are you opposed to chemical abortions known to prevent the newly created human from attaching (implantation) to his/her mother's womb or medications that cause the woman's body to expel her developing child in the early stages of life?	✓	
7) Would you support a legal prohibition on all human cloning, which is the cloning of human embryos either for reproduction or research?	✓	
8) Would you support measures to protect living human embryos (e.g. in-vitro fertilization) from being used for medical experiments?	✓	
9) Do you believe that cognitively disabled people in a persistent vegetative state have the right to receive nutrition and hydration?	✓	
10) Would you reject any attempt to overturn current Kentucky law prohibiting assisted suicide and oppose efforts to legalize euthanasia?	✓	

Metro Council - District 17



William Bezoenik

Party: Independent

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: 60%

	Yes	No
1) If you were in a position to do so, would you support a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution that would, with respect to the right to life, treat as "persons" all human beings, born & unborn, regardless of age, health or condition of dependency?	✓	
2) If you were in a position to do so, would you support the repeal of the ordinance (O-179-21) establishing the "buffer zone" utilized outside the EMW abortion facility?		✗
3) Do you support the complete removal of federal, state and local tax funds from the abortion industry?	✓	
4) Would you decline supporting any candidate for legislative or political office, regardless of party, because of his/her pro-abortion ("pro-choice") position?	✓	
5) Do you oppose punishing the child by opposing abortion in cases of rape or incest?		✗
6) Are you opposed to chemical abortions known to prevent the newly created human from attaching (implantation) to his/her mother's womb or medications that cause the woman's body to expel her developing child in the early stages of life?		✗
7) Would you support a legal prohibition on all human cloning, which is the cloning of human embryos either for reproduction or research?	✓	
8) Would you support measures to protect living human embryos (e.g. in-vitro fertilization) from being used for medical experiments?	✓	
9) Do you believe that cognitively disabled people in a persistent vegetative state have the right to receive nutrition and hydration?	✓	
10) Would you reject any attempt to overturn current Kentucky law prohibiting assisted suicide and oppose efforts to legalize euthanasia?		✗

Metro Council - District 17



incumbent

Markus Winkler

Party: Democratic

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

Additional Info: It should be noted Markus voted in favor of the buffer zone established in 2021. He faces no primary opposition.

**NO
RESPONSE**

Metro Council - District 19



incumbent

Anthony Piagentini

Party: Republican

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

Additional Info: It should be noted Anthony voted against the buffer zone established in 2021. He faces no opposition this election cycle.

**NO
RESPONSE**

Metro Council - District 21



Betsy Ruhe

Party: Democratic

Prolife Experience:
none

Survey Score: 10%

	Yes	No
1) If you were in a position to do so, would you support a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution that would, with respect to the right to life, treat as "persons" all human beings, born & unborn, regardless of age, health or condition of dependency?		X
2) If you were in a position to do so, would you support the repeal of the ordinance (O-179-21) establishing the "buffer zone" utilized outside the EMW abortion facility?		X
3) Do you support the complete removal of federal, state and local tax funds from the abortion industry?		X
4) Would you decline supporting any candidate for legislative or political office, regardless of party, because of his/her pro-abortion ("pro-choice") position?		X
5) Do you oppose punishing the child by opposing abortion in cases of rape or incest?		X
6) Are you opposed to chemical abortions known to prevent the newly created human from attaching (implantation) to his/her mother's womb or medications that cause the woman's body to expel her developing child in the early stages of life?		X
7) Would you support a legal prohibition on all human cloning, which is the cloning of human embryos either for reproduction or research?		X
8) Would you support measures to protect living human embryos (e.g. in-vitro fertilization) from being used for medical experiments?		X
9) Do you believe that cognitively disabled people in a persistent vegetative state have the right to receive nutrition and hydration?	✓	
10) Would you reject any attempt to overturn current Kentucky law prohibiting assisted suicide and oppose efforts to legalize euthanasia?		X

Metro Council - District 21



Stephen Dattilo

Party: Republican

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

**NO
RESPONSE**



John Witt

Party: Independent

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

**NO
RESPONSE**

Metro Council - District 23



Jeff Hudson

Party: Republican

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

Additional Info: It should be noted Jeff had no primary opposition, and his opposition in November has withdrawn.

**NO
RESPONSE**

Metro Council - District 25



Khalil "Charlie" Batshon

Party: Republican

Prolife Experience:

First Church of the Nazarene, Southeast
Christian Church

Survey Score: 80%

	Yes	No
1) If you were in a position to do so, would you support a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution that would, with respect to the right to life, treat as "persons" all human beings, born & unborn, regardless of age, health or condition of dependency?	✓	
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6) Are you opposed to chemical abortions known to prevent the newly created human from attaching (implantation) to his/her mother's womb or medications that cause the woman's body to expel her developing child in the early stages of life?	✓	
7) Would you support a legal prohibition on all human cloning, which is the cloning of human embryos either for reproduction or research?		✗
8) Would you support measures to protect living human embryos (e.g. in-vitro fertilization) from being used for medical experiments?	✓	
9) Do you believe that cognitively disabled people in a persistent vegetative state have the right to receive nutrition and hydration?	✓	
10) Would you reject any attempt to overturn current Kentucky law prohibiting assisted suicide and oppose efforts to legalize euthanasia?	✓	

Metro Council - District 25



incumbent

Amy Stewart

Party: Democratic

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

Additional Info: It should be noted Amy voted in favor of the buffer zone established in 2021.

**NO
RESPONSE**

Mayor of Louisville



Bill Dieruf

Party: Republican

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

**NO
RESPONSE**



Craig Greenberg

Party: Democratic

Prolife Experience:
none provided

Survey Score: n/a

Additional Info: Craig is running a negative TV ad calling prolife individuals who have contributed to Dieruf's campaign "extremists."

**NO
RESPONSE**

Response Summary

Office Sought	Candidate	Party	Score
Jefferson County Clerk	Barbara "Bobbie" Holsclaw	Republican	100%
Metro Council - 7th District	Michael Parrino	Republican	100%
Metro Council - 13th District	Dan Seum Jr.	Republican	100%
Metro Council - 17th District	Kent Hall	Republican	90%
Metro Council - 17th District	William Bezoenik	Independent	60%
Metro Council - 21st District	Betsy Ruhe	Democratic	10%
Metro Council - 25th District	Khalil "Charlie" Batshon	Republican	80%

The *Candidate Survey* is a new project of Right to Life of Louisville. Its goal is to inform the electorate on where our local candidates stand on a range of life issues. While the survey is an important educational resource before the election, it's an equally important accountability tool *after* the election.



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CANDIDATES LISTED BELOW ARE THOSE ENDORSED BY KY RTL VICTORY PAC

U.S. SENATE

Sen. Rand Paul*

U.S. HOUSE House District

- 1 – Rep. James Comer*
- 2 – Rep. Brett Guthrie*
- 4 – Rep. Thomas Massie*
- 5 – Rep. Harold Rogers*
- 6 – Rep. Andy Barr*

KY SENATE Senate District

- 4 – Robert Mills*
- 6 – Lindsey Tichenor
- 12 – Amanda Bledsoe
- 20 – Gex Williams
- 22 – Donald Douglas*
- 24 – Shelley Frommeyer
- 28 – Ralph Alvarado*
- 32 – Mike Wilson*
- 34 – Jared Carpenter*

***Denotes Incumbent**

KY HOUSE HOUSE DISTRICT

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 – Steven Rudy* | 26 – Russell Webber* | 59 – David Osborne* | 86 – Tom Smith* |
| 2 – Richard Heath* | 27 – Nancy Tate* | 60 – Marianne Proctor | 87 – Adam Bowling* |
| 3 – Randy Bridges* | 28 – Jared Bauman | 61 – Savannah Maddox* | 88 – Jim Coleman |
| 4 – D. Wade Williams | 29 – Kevin Bratcher* | 62 – Phillip Pratt* | 89 – Timothy Truett* |
| 5 – Mary Beth Imes* | 31 – Susan Witten | 63 – Kimberly Banta* | 90 – Derek Lewis* |
| 6 – Chris Freeland* | 33 – Jason Nemes* | 64 – Kimberly Moser* | 91 – Bill Wesley* |
| 7 – Suzanne Miles* | 36 – John Hodgson | 65 – Stephanie Dietz | 92 – Don Blanton* |
| 8 – Walker Thomas* | 37 – Emily Callaway | 66 – Steve Rawlings | 93 – Kyle Whalen |
| 9 – Myron Dossett* | 39 – Matt Lockett* | 67 – Jerry Gearding | 94 – Jacob Justice |
| 11 – Jonathan Dixon* | 41 – Carrie McKeehan | 68 – Mike Clines | 95 – Brandon Spencer |
| 13 – D. J. Johnson* | 46 – Ginny Mulvey-Woolridge | 69 – Steven Doan | 96 – Patrick Flannery* |
| 14 – Scott Lewis* | 47 – Felicia Rabourn* | 70 – William Lawrence* | 97 – Bobby McCool* |
| 15 – Rebecca Raymer | 48 – Ken Fleming* | 71 – Josh Bray* | 98 – Danny Bentley* |
| 17 – Robert Duvall | 49 – Thomas Huff* | 72 – Matthew Koch* | 99 – Richard White* |
| 18 – Samara Heavrin* | 51 – Michael "Sarge" Pollock* | 73 – Ryan Dotson* | |
| 20 – Kevin Jackson | 52 – Ken Upchurch* | 74 – David Hale* | |
| 21 – Amy Neighbors | 53 – James Tipton* | 78 – Mark Hart* | |
| 22 – Shawn McPherson* | 54 – Daniel Elliott* | 81 – Deanna Frazier* | |
| 23 – Steve Riley* | 55 – Kim King* | 83 – Joshua Branscum* | |
| 24 – Brandon Reed* | 56 – Daniel Fister* | 84 – Chris Fugate* | |
| 25 – Steve Bratcher | 58 – Jennifer Decker* | 85 – Shane Baker* | |

THE BELOW CANDIDATES HAVE A 100% PROLIFE VOTING RECORD, BUT DID NOT RETURN THEIR QUESTIONNAIRE.

KY SENATE RECOMMENDED

- 2 – Danny Carroll*
- 14 – Jimmy Higdon*
- 16 – Max Wise*
- 30 – Brandon Smith*
- 38 – Mike Nemes*

KY HOUSE RECOMMENDED

- 10 – Josh Calloway*
- 16 – Jason Petrie*
- 19 – Michael Meredith*
- 45 – Killian Timoney*
- 80 – David Meade*
- 100 – Scott Sharp*
- 12 – Jim Gooch*-75% pro-life answers



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JUDICIAL RACES

Judge candidates are non-partisan. Party affiliation is informational.

	DISTRICT	DIVISION
KY SUPREME COURT Joseph M. Fischer (R) <i>(Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Henry, Kenton, Oldham, Owen, Pendleton, Shelby, Trimble)</i>	6	
KY COURT OF APPEALS (Northern Kentucky) Robert A. Winter (R) <i>(Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Henry, Kenton, Oldham, Owen, Pendleton, Shelby, Trimble)</i>	6	2
**FRANKLIN CIRCUIT COURT Joe Bilby (R)	48	1
JESSAMINE/GARRARD CIRCUIT COURT John Reynolds (R)	13	1
RUSSELL/WAYNE CIRCUIT COURT Sara Beth Gregory (R)	57	1
KNOX/LAUREL CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT Harold Dyche (R)	27	4
KENTON CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT Donna Bloemer (R)	16	6
BOONE/GALLATIN CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT Keith A. McMaim (R)	54	2
<p>**Franklin Circuit Judge Incumbent Phillip Shepherd's effect on public policy has proven to be unquestionably hostile to all ProLife laws.</p>		

COUNTY RACES - ENDORSED

Boone County Judge Executive – Gary Moore

Boyle County Judge Executive – Howard Hunt

Bracken County Judge Executive – James Johnson

Bullitt County Judge Executive – Jerry Summers

Meade County Judge Executive – Troy Kok

Shelby County Judge Executive – Dan Ison

Warren County Judge Executive – Doug Gorman

Fayette County Clerk – Brystin Denguessi Kwin

Kenton County Clerk – Gabrielle Summe

Louisville Metro Council – District 7 - Mike Parrino