



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
Candidate Questionnaire Project



2018 CANDIDATE RESPONSE
Florida House of Representatives District 85

Rick Roth (REP)

Do you support or oppose...

ABORTION REGULATION: Requiring parental consent before a minor child's abortion, notwithstanding previous judicial concerns?

SUPPORT

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE: Increasing access to care for uninsured Floridians, especially the working poor?

NO RESPONSE

Optional Candidate Comment: Medicaid funding is 20% of our State Budget, and growing faster than any other category. Assuming Florida remains the #1 low tax state in top 10 populated states, and 4th nationally, we have record tax revenues due to business and population growth, we could experience significant budget surpluses. In that scenario, we could increase access to Health Care for the working poor, after providing additional funds for education, infrastructure, and environmental protection.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: Living expenses are high in Palm Beach County and going up. The Sadowski Trust Fund must be protected, so funds are only used as intended, to provide more affordable housing for our local employees. Currently, many live in other counties. Business owners want to buy local and HIRE local. We can build more "affordable housing" by giving property tax incentives to builders.

DEATH PENALTY REPEAL: Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole?

OPPOSE

END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION: Preserving Florida law that bans physician-assisted suicide?

SUPPORT

FREEDOM TO SERVE: Allowing individuals and organizations the freedom to serve the public in accord with reasoned conscientious beliefs related to sexuality and marriage?

SUPPORT

IMMIGRATION: Urging Congress to undertake extensive immigration reform, rather than adopting piecemeal state policies?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *Congress should pass Comprehensive Immigration Reform similar to the legislation the US Senate passed in 2012. I believe this will only happen in conjunction with securing our southern border with a Wall. Immigrants who have a significant history of working and being productive residents in our country should have a pathway to citizenship.*

JUVENILE JUSTICE: Establishing that children under 14 shall not be transferred to the adult criminal justice system?

SUPPORT

PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT: Creating education savings accounts to use for nonpublic school tuition?

SUPPORT

SAFETY OF SCHOOLCHILDREN: Expanding existing legislative initiatives to harden the physical security of nonpublic schools?

NO RESPONSE