

## RI ACLU 2010 CANDIDATE SURVEY

**CANDIDATE: Kenneth J. Block**

Please respond to the following questions. If you wish to offer explanatory comments to any of the questions, please limit them to 50 words or less.

**1. Do you support legislation authorizing same sex marriage?**

Yes  No

*I believe marriage equality is an issue of basic civil rights. If a heterosexual couple can be married and as a result obtain specific rights from the state, the state has no business denying those same rights to homosexual couples.*

**2. Do you support amending the state's anti-racial profiling law to prohibit law enforcement agencies from extending routine traffic stops by asking motor vehicle passengers for identification in the absence of reasonable suspicion of criminal activity?**

Yes  No

**3. Do you support legislation that would generally reduce from ten (10) to seven (7) days the time for state agencies to respond to public records requests?**

Yes  No

*I would even suggest it be reduced to 3 business days. In this day and age with the technology available to us, it shouldn't take any longer.*

**4. Do you support decriminalizing the simple possession of small amounts of marijuana?**

Yes  No

*Until federal law decriminalizes marijuana, state law should not decriminalize this drug.*

**5. Gov. Carcieri's executive order of March 27, 2008, instructed the RI State Police to enter into a 287(g) agreement with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, to enable State Police to investigate violations of federal immigration law. Many police superintendents around the country have spoken out against 287(g) agreements, citing the dissolution of trust and cooperation between the police and immigrant communities that results when local police are seen as enforcers of civil immigration law. Do you support a rescission of that part of Gov. Carcieri's executive order relating to 287(g) agreements?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ *Partial Revision* X\_\_\_\_\_

*I believe that in cases where a law enforcement officer is performing background checks (past records, etc) on a criminal suspect, that it is appropriate to also check immigration status. I am opposed to any language that encourages profiling.*

**6. The same executive order requires all companies doing business with the State to use the federal government's E-Verify program despite estimates from the Congressional Budget Office that mandatory nationwide participation in E-Verify could cost businesses billions of dollars in implementation expenses. Do you believe that employers who wish to do business with the State should be required to participate in the E-Verify program?**

Yes X\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*E-Verify is the only sure method of solving the immigration problem in a humane way. Not only will this stop people from working illegally, but it will also prevent unscrupulous employers from taking advantage of individuals.*

**7. The new national health care reform law requires women who participate in health exchanges to pay their insurers separately for abortion-related coverage, creating potential financial disincentives for insurers to offer such coverage. Do you support ensuring that Rhode Islanders will have the option**

**to obtain abortion coverage through health plans in the State's health exchanges?**

Yes  No

**8. Do you support giving public funds in the form of vouchers to students attending private/religious sponsored schools?**

Yes  No