

RI ACLU 2010 CANDIDATE SURVEY

CANDIDATE: Lincoln D. Chafee

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

This is a question of basic fairness. Our gay and lesbian friends and family members deserve the same liberties and freedoms as everyone else. In keeping with Rhode Island's proud progressive history of inclusion and religious liberty, I look forward to signing same sex marriage into law.

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

Generally, unless there is a special individual circumstance precluding such (i.e. the requested information is sequestered in the judicial system).

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

Yes No

I've recently clarified my position on this issue. As governor, I would work with the National Governors Association on this issue of decriminalizing marijuana and look into the taxation of marijuana sales.

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

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 No

In fact, one of my very first acts as governor will be to repeal the executive order on E-Verify.

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

*In the Senate, I was consistently a strong supporter of a woman's right to choose.
I will continue to defend abortion rights as governor.*

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

Yes No

Not at this time.