

## RI ACLU 2010 CANDIDATE SURVEY

**CANDIDATE: Robert J. Healey, Jr.**

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

*While I can support state recognized marital equality, I cannot support any provisions which would require religious acceptance.*

**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

*Routine traffic stops should not extend to passengers without a reasonable suspicion of criminal activity.*

**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, however, consider extension request revision as well.*

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

Yes  No

**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

*"Trust and cooperation" do not seem a convincing argument.*

**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

*The cost is not overly convincing as an argument. I would consider it as one of several factors, but that is not presented in this question.*

**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

*While I believe in individual freedom and lean pro-choice, I have a problem with the State mandating contents of private contracts.*

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

Yes  No

*I support public school voucher programs and therefore, I logically support private school vouchers as well.*

*\*As a footnote I wish to clearly state that while I will gladly answer your questions, the Office of Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island has no authority to act, re-act or enact. As such, I am not really sure of the value of these answers.*