

RI ACLU 2010 CANDIDATE SURVEY – ATTORNEY GENERAL

CANDIDATE: Christopher H. Little

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 do support legislation authorizing same sex marriage and have been on the record saying that for many months. Having said that, however, as Attorney General I would have a duty to seek to uphold existing law, if challenged.

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 do support legislation that would reduce from ten to seven days the time for state agencies to respond to public records request. I do not believe the reduction in time is onerous for the agencies and it protects the public right to know.

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

Yes _____ No _____

I support the Massachusetts model with respect to marijuana possession.

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 _____

I do not support current implementation of Section 287(g) in light of the recent Inspector General’s report from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. I do not disagree with the intent of 287(g) – if illegal aliens are engaged in serious crimes, they should be subject to coordinated legal action by ICE and the State. But I do not support the program if the regulation compromises the integrity of our law enforcement, which the Office of Inspector General suggests has been the case.

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 _____

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 _____

9. If implemented at the state level, the federal Adam Walsh Act would require the posting of the names and city of residence of juvenile sex offenders on the Internet. Do you support this practice?

Yes _____ No _____