

# RI ACLU 2010 CANDIDATE SURVEY – ATTORNEY GENERAL

**CANDIDATE: Robert E. Rainville**

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

*As Rhode Island's next Attorney General, I will not tolerate any form of discrimination, including that against same sex 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

*While I do not believe law enforcement should engage in any form of racial profiling, or "extend" routine traffic stops if no criminal activity is suspected, I believe in their ability to ask for identification if they deem it necessary.*

**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 yes, if the agency has the personnel and ability to produce the records, I'd like to see it produced as quickly as possible according to state law.*

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

Yes  No

*I do not support its decriminalization, BUT I WILL NOT oppose its enactment if the General Assembly takes up such legislation. I will not oppose the possession of a small amount only. Law enforcement should concentrate on the more severe crimes committed against others. But I will be very tough on any possession WITH intent to deliver.*

**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

*Immigration issues and any possible violations is a federal issue that should not be placed upon local and state police. We need comprehensive federal immigration reform and enforcement.*

**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 certain areas I believe E-Verify could be a useful tool to make sure employers are paying their workers appropriate wages and are taxed accordingly. This also*

*will ensure more employees are on the record. The costs need to be looked at more closely though.*

**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

*Although I am not in full support of the national health care reform bill due to possible increased costs to the state. I want all Rhode Islanders to have access to SAFE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE. Abortion services are certainly health care for women.*

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

Yes  No

*But only on a limited basis, and depending on funding availability. Education is a major focus of my life and administration, and I'd support all ways to provide a proper education to all children that may not have it available to them.*

**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

*Yes, only after all avenues of appeal such a conviction have been exhausted, and there is no chance ever overturning the conviction on appeal. Those kinds of criminals having their names posted is a small piece of the punishment during their probation.*