

ACLU OF RHODE ISLAND CANDIDATE SURVEY 2022

PROVIDENCE MAYOR

Thank you in advance for participating in our candidate survey. Please respond to the 12 questions below. If you wish to offer explanatory comments to any of the questions, space is available at the end of this questionnaire. If you would like clarification about the ACLU's position on any of these issues, we encourage you to contact our office or visit our web site at www.riaclu.org for more information.

*You can return the survey by email to riaclu@riaclu.org, by fax to (401) 831-7175, or by mail to ACLU of RI – 128 Dorrance St., Suite 400 – Providence, RI 02903. **Please return by Monday, August 15, 2022.***

Name Brett Smiley

1. Do you support restricting the City's participation in efforts by states that criminalize abortion to obtain information about individuals who travel to Providence seeking abortion care?

YES X NO _____

2. Do you support legislative passage of a state constitutional amendment that would establish a legal right to an adequate, equitable and meaningful public education?

YES X NO _____

3. Do you support reinstatement of a law mandating police collection of traffic stop and search data and an independent analysis of that data to examine racial disparities?

YES X NO _____

4. Do you support repeal of the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights?

YES _____ NO X

5. Do you support the reduction of state and city funding for school resource officers and a focus instead on increased counseling and mental health support services in schools?

YES _____ NO X

6. Do you support the passage of legislation or school district policy that would ban, except in very limited circumstances, the use of out-of-school suspensions on elementary school students?

YES X NO _____

7. Do you support the passage of legislation or school district policy that would generally bar school administrators from accessing the camera and microphone of school-loaned computers when students are outside of school?

YES NO

8. Do you support the passage of an ordinance that would set limits on the use of “automated license plate readers” by the police department?

YES NO

9. Do you believe businesses should have the right to refuse goods or services to the public on religious grounds if it conflicts with state or municipal laws banning discrimination in public accommodations?

YES NO

10. Do you support restricting police access to harm reduction centers as an integral part of the public health service of these centers?

YES NO

11. Do you support the creation of mental health or crisis hotlines that would bypass police involvement in relevant circumstances?

YES NO

12. Please note any police reform at the municipal level that you would actively support.

Every 9-1-1 call does not require a response from an officer with a gun and we know that by providing evidence-based and immediate crisis response, we can improve outcomes while allowing officers to focus on violent crimes. Just last year, the city established a Behavioral Health Crisis Response Program which I will work to expand as Mayor. I believe that by better investing in mental health and substance use supports, we can better serve residents and reduce the burden on our first responders. The City has already established strong partnerships with organizations like Family Service of Rhode Island, the Nonviolence Institute, Tides Family Services and other community-based organizations. By increasing and expanding partnerships like these with a prevention-first policy and health-based approach, we can reduce violence in our community and better support our youth and families.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS