

ACLU OF RHODE ISLAND CANDIDATE SURVEY 2022

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Thank you in advance for participating in our candidate survey. Please respond to the 13 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: **Rep. Deborah Ruggiero, Candidate for Lt. Governor**

1. Do you support passage of the Equality in Abortion Coverage Act, which would provide Medicaid funding and state employee health insurance coverage for abortion?

YES __XXX__ NO _____

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

YES __XXX__ NO _____

3. Do you support repeal of the state's photo "Voter ID" law?

YES __XXX__ NO _____

4. Do you support requiring a fiscal impact statement for any legislation that establishes new criminal offenses or increases prison sentences for existing criminal offenses?

YES __XXX__ NO _____

5. Do you support passage of legislation eliminating the sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole?

YES __XXX__ NO _____

6. Do you support reinstatement of a law mandating that police collect data on traffic stops and searches and having an independent analysis of that data to examine racial disparities?

YES XXX NO

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

YES XXX NO

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

YES XXX NO

9. Do you support the passage of legislation that would set limits on the use of “automated license plate reader” surveillance technology by law enforcement?

YES XXX NO

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

YES XXX NO

11. Do you believe businesses should have the right to refuse goods or services to the public on religious grounds if it conflicts with state anti-discrimination laws?

YES NO XXX

12. Please note any police reform legislation you would actively support.

The state needs to reform LEBOR. I agree with civilians being on the panel-- RI Human Rights Commission and Dean of RWU Law School. Police should be treated like other municipal employees who ask for a hearing and after the decision/punishment request an appeal.

13. Please indicate any ways you would use your role as Lieutenant Governor to promote civil rights and civil liberties.

The office plays an important leadership role in ensuring that ALL citizens are heard and protected under our laws on human rights, gay rights, and civil rights. I've been a champion for women's reproductive choice for decades. As co-sponsor of the Reproductive Privacy Act, which we passed into law in 2019, it is a back stop so women will have access to safe and affordable abortion despite our worst fear with the U.S. Supreme Court repealing a 50 year constitutional right for women's reproductive health. As Lt. Governor, I will ensure that the EACA is in the Governor's budget next year when it's introduced in January 2023.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS