

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 Nirva LaFortune

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 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 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 NO _____

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

YES NO _____

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 _____

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 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.

I will begin working with Healthy Communities and the Department of Public Safety to begin drafting a comprehensive, citywide public safety plan that will begin to be executed on day one and that incorporates and supports the expansion of the crisis response initiative. I led the effort to lead the first behavioral health crisis program in Providence, and as Mayor, I will work towards the expansion of that program so that 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, when you call

9-1-1, people are connected to the type of response that they need. Oftentimes, people need help and not handcuffs. I have also advocated for the removal of school resource officers from our schools, working alongside youth advocates in our community, and as Mayor, I will continue to push for more social-emotional supports in our schools.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS