

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 Sabina Matos

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 NO

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

YES NO

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

YES 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 NO

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

YES 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 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 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 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 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 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

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

I support reforms to the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights consistent with the recommendations of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association.

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

I have spent my entire career fighting for the rights of those who have not historically had representation or an equal voice in the decisions that impact their lives. I came to this country as a young woman without knowing English. I put myself through school while also working full time. I spent years navigating the systems where most people do not look like me or know the challenges faced in my community. I know that it's those whose circumstances do not fit the mold, whose challenges are not well understood, whose needs are not always part of the discussion, who are the most vulnerable and in need of the protection that organizations like the ACLU work to protect.

As Lieutenant Governor, I have brought a fresh perspective to the office and given a voice to those who have not previously had a seat at the table. As LG, I lead the state's Equity Council, where we work to address racism and injustice throughout the state.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Since I was sworn in as Lt. Governor a year and a half ago, I have revitalized the office of the Lt. Governor. I played a key role to secure \$250 million in housing and worked closely with the Governor to eliminate the car tax and strengthen Rhode Island's gun law. And while my opponents have mixed records on reproductive rights, I used the full force of my office and my decades of work fighting for women's healthcare to get Governor McKee to support an expansion of abortion rights after the disastrous Supreme Court ruling. Serving as your Lt. Governor is a true honor and a huge responsibility.