

Primary Election 2002 Voter Guide Inside

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"The dogmas of the quiet past, are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise -- with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country."

*Abraham Lincoln,
December 1, 1862*

Important Reminders:

- ☉ Pray for the upcoming elections.
- ☉ Ask your Pastor to schedule a Salt & Light Training at your church.
- ☉ Distribute copies of the 2002 Primary Voter Guides. Call us at (808) 230-2100 for more information.

Asking questions that other election surveys might not consider, the Hawaii Family Forum and the Hawaii Catholic Conference last month polled candidates running in the Sept. 21st Hawaii primary election on topics both groups consider important to the social well being, health and dignity of the people of Hawaii.

The 2002 surveys, both Primary and General, will be published in the Hawaii Catholic Herald in October and made available to the wider community as well. This effort is the third such joint endeavor since 1998 of the Family Forum and Catholic Conference.

Some questions hit the hot topics of physician-assisted suicide, Hawaii's age of sexual consent for minors, gambling, school vouchers and same-sex domestic partnerships. Other questions address the concerns of Hawaii most vulnerable citizens -- the abused, the orphaned, the elderly, the working poor, and pregnant girls.

A couple of questions involve the bread and butter issues of housing and rent assistance.

The response rate from candidates has increased each year. This year, more than half of the 249 candidates -- 52.6 percent -- are reported in the

available survey. A few other candidates responded after the deadline bringing our response total up to 53%. With virtually every elected position in the running, this is a good return. (For a more detailed listing of responses from the candidates, see page three of this issue.)

The general election response, with fewer candidates, will be significantly higher.

The purpose of this survey is to tell Hawaii voters where their candidates stand on the issues. Neither the Hawaii Catholic Conference nor the Hawaii Family Forum are endorsing any candidate or party. The law prevents that. But this survey provides information you may not find anywhere else. We encourage everyone to study it carefully and make informed choices.

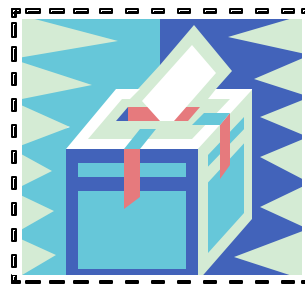
■ DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE

This analysis will focus on one particular survey question because of its high stakes and its particular impact in the primary -- question #1 on doctor-assisted suicide.

On this issue, the most important races are not those for governor or lieutenant governor, but for the

state senate.

It was the state senate that four months ago defeated, by only three votes, a bill that would have made Hawaii the second state in the nation, after Oregon, to legalize doctor-assisted suicide. The senate races almost certainly will determine how the issue will be decided in next year's session -----Be sure to vote on September 21, 2002!



The 2002 primary election candidate survey has been a huge undertaking on the part of the limited staff of the Hawaii Family Forum

and the Hawaii Catholic Conference. I want to thank Family Forum administration and communications director Eva Simmons, formerly of the Catholic Conference, for her terrific work on this important project.

As always, we urge you to carefully review the results of the whole survey for each of the races in which you will cast your vote. Ask questions. Consider the importance of your decision and **vote on Sept. 21st**. Even if you missed the voter registration deadline for this primary, you may still register for the Nov. 5th general election. The deadline is Oct. 7th.

"Gambling a Bad Bet for Hawaii's Families" Educational Opportunity

Outside gambling promoters are still pushing to legalize gambling in Hawaii. Just because the legislature is out of session doesn't mean they're not working hard. We must stay vigilant!

In an effort to reach out to the people of Hawaii who may not be aware of the havoc that gambling could wreak on our community, Hawaii Coalition of Legalized Gambling (HCALG) is offering an educational training seminar that is open to the public. Information on the event is as follows:

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION

"Gambling: A Bad Bet for Hawaii"

Saturday - September 28, 2002

8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Central Union Church Social Hall

Cost for Registration and luncheon \$10.00

Call (808) 536-3811 to register.

SPEAKER INFORMATION

Speakers include University of Hawaii Professors Ira Rohter (Political Science) and Jack Karbens (Accounting), both members of the HCALG Board; Poka Lai Nui, a native organization that will share a Hawaiian point of view; a psychiatrist who deals with women's health problems, addiction, abuse, alcoholism, etc.; and a Military counselor who runs a program that helps people beat addictions.

TOPICS

- "I moved to Hawaii to escape legalized gambling."
- Gambling's effect on the family
- "A Hawaiian perspective on legalized gambling"
- "Gambling addiction—a growth industry"
- "Would legalized gambling solve Hawaii's economic woes?"
- If government promotes gambling, who polices the government?
- "How can we prevent gambling from being legalized in Hawaii?"

EDUCATIONAL NEED

Legalized gambling opponents need to attend this seminar so when the legislature once again introduces bills related to gambling, there will be some new voices calling, writing letters, and speaking out against it.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Hawaii is among only two (2) states in the nation where all forms of gambling remain illegal. (Utah is the other).

Proponents of legalized gambling in Hawaii boast of its promise of economic revitalization and prosperity. While there is an element of truth to their claims, greater scrutiny reveals a far different story.

The widespread proliferation of gambling on the mainland has produced very troubling consequences for the people and communities most closely associated with it. Those consequences include: increased violent crime, property crime, and drug-related crime; an increased influence of organized crime; increased addiction and family deterioration; a disproportionately adverse impact on youth and the poor; and, a net negative economic impact. For more information on the negative impact of legalized gambling, please contact Hawaii Family Forum at (808) 230-2100.

The workshop sponsored by HCALG will provide participants with the educational tools necessary to help defeat pro-gambling legislation. We encourage people to attend this educational event and become better equipped to make a difference for Hawaii's families.

Registration forms and training brochures are available through HCALG. Don't hesitate to contact them directly if you have questions or need any additional information.

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Website: www.hcalg.org

Doctor-Assisted Suicide Training Day—October 5, 2002

In a joint educational effort, on October 5, Hawaii Family Forum, along with the Hawaii Catholic Conference, is sponsoring a doctor-assisted suicide workshop. Its purpose is to equip you with the tools necessary to protect and defend the lives of Hawaii's most vulnerable people. We strongly urge you to participate.

Many of you may remember, just four short months ago, the Hawaii state senate fell only three votes short of making Hawaii only the second state in the nation, after Oregon, to legalize doctor-assisted suicide. Advocates of legal doctor-assisted suicide advocates are working harder than ever to press their cause and the 2003 legislative session will

bring with it an even bigger battle on this issue. We must be prepared. The workshop is open to the public and we anticipate a great turnout of people from various faith backgrounds dedicated to stopping doctor-assisted suicide in Hawaii.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- **Ken Zeri**, RN, MS, CRNH, *Chair, Hawaii Cancer Pain Initiative and Corporate Compliance Officer for Hospice Hawaii*
- **Professor Richard Radtke**, PhD., - *CEO, Sea of Dreams Foundation, Inc.*
- **Patricia A. Lee**, MPH, APN, *Member, Governor Cayetano's Blue Ribbon*

Panel on Living and Dying with Dignity (Author Dissenting Report)

- **Rev. Dr. Marc R. Alexander**, STD, *Member, Ethics Committee, St. Francis Medical Center and Systems Ethics Committee*
- **William "Bud" Stonebraker**, *State Representative—District 17*
- **Kelly M. Rosati**, JD, *Executive Director, Hawaii Family Forum*
- **Deacon Richard Port**, *Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church*

Participants must register in advance. Contact Eva Simmons at (808) 230-2100 for a registration form.

2002 Primary Survey—Return Analysis

The primary election survey returns are in! Our tally shows a 53.0% return. That's up from 43% last time we conducted the survey! Of the total 132 respondents, 43.9% were Democrats and 44.7% were Republican. The results are following.

■ Question #1—Would you vote to legalize physician-assisted suicide in Hawaii?

63.4% (No) 18.3% (Undecided) 14.5% (Yes) 4.6% (Unanswered).

Of the gubernatorial candidates who voted No, 53.3% say they will veto any legislation passed narrowly by the legislature.

■ Question #2—When the recently enacted age of consent legislation comes up for renewal during the 2003 legislature, would you vote to keep Hawaii's age of sexual consent for minors at a minimum of 16 years of age?

85.5% (Yes) 8.4% (Undecided) 4.6% (No) 2.3% (Unanswered)

A number of candidates noted on their survey that they would like to see the age of consent increased from 16 to 18.

■ Question #3—Would you vote to legalize any form of commercial gambling in Hawaii?

74.8% (No) 13.0% (Yes) 9.9% (Undecided) 3.1% (Unanswered)

Of the candidates who voted yes, 76.5 want some form of lottery, 47.1% want shipboard gambling, and 17.6% want casinos. One respondent would like to see legal cock-fighting.

■ Question #4—Would you vote to increase funding for domestic violence programs statewide?

83.2 (Yes) 13.0% (Undecided) 2.3% (Unanswered) 2.3% (No)

■ Question #5—Would you vote to increase funding for the Department of Human Services to promote the welfare of infants and children in foster care and to increase adoption awareness among Hawaii's citizens?

84.7% (Yes) 10.7% (Undecided) 3.8% (No) 1.5% (Unanswered)

■ Question #6—Would you vote to support earned income tax credits for low-income residents?

90.17% (Yes) .8% (No) 9.9% (Undecided)

■ Question #7—Would you vote to increase funding for rent supplements for those in need?

72.5% (Yes) 20.6% (Undecided) 6.1% (No) 1.5% (Unanswered)

■ Question #8—Would you vote to increase funding for affordable housing in Hawaii?

76.3% (Yes) 17.6% (Undecided) 5.3% (No) 1.5% (Unanswered)

■ Question #9—Would you vote for a state-assisted long-term care program in Hawaii?

57.3% (Yes) 26% (Undecided) 16% (No) 1.5% (Unanswered)

■ Question #10—Would you vote to use public school buses to transport private school students in rural areas for a nominal fee?

58% (Yes) 28.2% (Undecided) 11.5% (No) 3.1% (Unanswered)

■ Question #11—Do you support a school voucher system in Hawaii?

41.2% (No) 29% (Undecided) 27.5% (Yes) 3.1% (Unanswered)

■ Question #12—Would you vote for the creation of local boards of education to govern separate, smaller local school districts?

73.3% (Yes) 15.3% (Undecided) 11.5% (No) .8% (Unanswered)

■ Question #13—Would you vote to grant marriage-like benefits to same-sex domestic partners?

55.0% (No) 22.1% (Undecided) 21.4% (Yes) 2.3% (Unanswered)

■ Question #14—Would you vote to require parental notification before a minor obtained an abortion?

80.2% (Yes) 10.7% (No) 6.9% (Undecided) 3.1% (Unanswered)

FOR A COPY OF THE VOTER GUIDE CALL 230-2100 or download it (PDF) from the web at: <http://www.hawaiiifamilyforum.org> or <http://www.catholicahawaii.com!>

"See You At the Pole" on Wednesday, September 18, 2002!

Students and teachers, join other prayer warriors at your school, along with thousands of other students across the country, as they stand in unity, prayer, and intercession for our nation's schools, government, and people. This time of community prayer allows participants to seek God's face and cry out for the healing touch of God. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says that *'...if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.'*

GET YOUR SCHOOL INVOLVED! Contact Hawaii Youth for Christ at (808) 946-1300 for more information on how to make it happen.

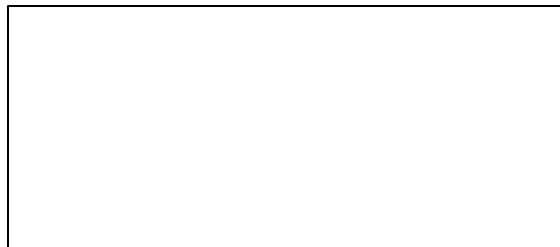
Prayer Corner

- ◆ For the upcoming elections—that the Lord will be present throughout the primary guiding people to make the right choice.
- ◆ On Wednesday, September 11, 2002, pray that the Lord would bless the families of the victims who died during the terrorist attacks and in the clean-up efforts.

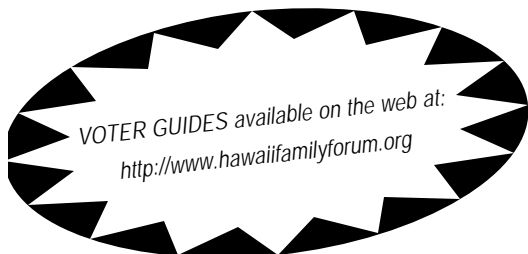


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Facing the issues that face Hawaii's families.

Calendar of Events

Important Election Dates and Deadlines to Remember

- Sept. 9** Walk-in absentee polling places open for Primary Election. They close Sept. 19.
- Sept. 13** Last day to request absentee mail-in ballots for Primary Election
- Sept. 21** Primary Election
- Oct. 7** Last day to register to vote for General Election
- Oct. 22** Walk-in absentee polling place open for General Election. Polling places close Nov. 2
- Oct. 29** Last day to request absentee mail-in ballots for General Election
- Nov. 5** General Election

September 18, 2002 (Wednesday)

"See You at the Poles" 2002 Rally
SCHOOL FLAGPOLLS
Call (808) 946-1300 for more information.

September 28, 2002 (Saturday)

GAMBLING: A BAD BET FOR HAWAII
8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
Central Union Church, Social Hall
Call (808) 536-3811 for more information.

October 5, 2002 (Saturday)

DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE: PRESCRIPTION FOR DISASTER
8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Kaimuki Christian Church
There is no cost to attend, but participants must register in advance.
Call (808) 230-2100 for more information.