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LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate name _____

Office sought: _____ Political Party _____

1. Constitutional Carry legislation recognizes that every citizen has the right to carry a gun, openly or concealed, except to commit a crime. Thus, with no government bureaucracy or license, citizens can more adequately defend themselves, and criminals who use arms are severely punished. If passed in Colorado, it would leave the existing permit system in place. Twenty-five states have enacted similar laws, including neighboring Arizona, Oklahoma, Utah, Kansas, and Wyoming, which has freed over 115 million law-abiding gun owners from having to 'buy back' their right to lawfully carry concealed.

Would you vote for Constitutional Carry legislation which would simply allow law-abiding citizens to carry a concealed handgun for any reason except for the commission of a crime?

Yes _____ No _____

2. In 2021, the Colorado Legislature passed SB21-256, which was a repeal of the 2003 preemption law. This law allows localities to enact firearms restrictions, such as banning concealed carry (even with a valid permit), bans on commonly owned sporting rifles (so-called "Assault Weapons"), raising the age to purchase a firearm, requiring firearm liability insurance, and even mandatory gun buy-back programs.

Would you vote for legislation prohibiting Colorado localities from placing limitations on the rights of citizens to purchase, possess, or carry firearms (including the open carrying of firearms), otherwise known as full preemption?

Yes _____ No _____

3. During the 2013 Legislative Session, the Colorado Legislature passed HB 13-1229, which forces background checks on all firearm transfers, regardless of if they were private or commercial, and also passed HB 13-1228, which imposes a tax on all gun purchases, essentially forcing citizens to pay to exercise their Second Amendment rights. Again in 2021, the legislature passed HB21-1298 which added additional prohibitors to the background check system.

Would you vote for legislation to repeal laws that force citizens to undergo a background check to obtain a firearm?

Yes _____ No _____

Would you vote for legislation to repeal the tax on all gun purchases?

Yes _____ No _____

4. During the 2013 Legislative Session, the Colorado Legislature passed HB 13-1224, which banned certain magazines with an arbitrary limit of 15 rounds.

Will you vote for legislation to fully repeal the ban on the sale of certain magazines, opposing all legislation subjecting magazine size to any arbitrary limits?

Yes _____ No _____

5. During the 2013 Legislative Session, the Colorado House passed HB 13-1226, which banned citizens from carrying concealed handguns on a college campus. While the bill died in the Colorado Senate, it will likely reappear in future legislative sessions.

Will you vote against all legislation that attempts to limit the right of citizens to carry on college campuses?

Yes _____ No _____

6. During the 2021 Legislative Session, the Colorado Legislature passed HB21-1106 under the guise of "children's safety". The law requires citizens to lock up their firearms, making them (and their household, including their children) defenseless. The institutional gun lobbies have pursued this gimmick as well, proposing bills that create new crimes called "negligent storage of a firearm." All these schemes will force citizens to lock up their means of safety.

Will you vote for legislation to fully repeal the government-mandated use of trigger locks or other so-called "safe storage" laws (including negligent storage laws) that have the effect of making it difficult, if not impossible, to have a firearm available to defend your home and family?

Yes _____ No _____

7. Under the Lautenberg Amendment, a citizen can be stripped of his Second Amendment rights simply by being accused of domestic violence – in some cases including spanking a child or grabbing a spouse's wrist. Violent criminals do not take the time to check and see if it is legal for them to carry a firearm; this is yet another law affecting only those who obey the law.

Would you vote for the repeal of Colorado's "Baby Lautenberg Law," which takes away gun rights for misdemeanor offenses as simple as spanking your child?

Yes _____ No _____

8. According to statistics from the FBI Crime Report of 2007, states with right-to-carry laws have a 30% lower homicide rate, 46% lower robbery, and 22% lower overall violent crime rate than do states without such laws. Further, so-called "no carry - criminal safe zones" create a target-rich environment for criminals, since they're the only people carrying weapons.

Would you vote for legislation to repeal Colorado statutes that create so-called "gun-free zones" in places like many government buildings and schools?

Yes _____ No _____

9. Mental health data should be controlled and have oversight by those who are experts in the field of mental illness - i.e., not local Sheriffs, but trained psychiatrists. The idea of giving mental health data to a national background check system calls into question both the doctor/patient privacy right as well as the ability of non-professionals to determine what is, in fact, mental health data. The term is ambiguous and one that is not even agreed upon by professionals.

Will you vote against legislation that seeks to add the private mental health records of law-abiding citizens -- who have NOT been adjudicated mentally ill by a court -- into the National Instant Check System or Colorado's Brady Check System (thereby stripping them of their Second Amendment rights without due process)?

Yes _____ No _____

10. Gun control advocates have routinely assailed firearms for their looks. They attempt to ban whole classes of firearms, accessories, and components because of these aesthetic characteristics.

Will you vote against legislation that in any way further limits or restricts the manufacture, importation, sale, purchase, and possession of rifles, shotguns, handguns, magazines, firearms components, or firearms accessories (including semi-automatic firearms)?

Yes _____

No _____

11. During the 2019 Legislative Session, the Colorado Legislature passed HB 19-117, better known as the “Red Flag” Gun Confiscation law. This measure allows a court to deprive a person of their right to keep and bear arms based upon a claim that the person is a danger to their self or others. These proposals call for this court order to be issued without notice to the person who is being deprived of his rights. Further, these proposals call for the court order to include a requirement that the person be forcibly relieved of any firearms he might already own, again without notice.

Would you vote for legislation to repeal Colorado’s “Red Flag” Gun Confiscation law?

Yes _____

No _____

12. During the 2021 Legislative Session, the Colorado Legislature passed HB21-1299 which establishes an “Office of Gun Violence Prevention.” The purpose of this office is to conduct studies on gun violence and make recommendations to the Colorado Legislature, effectively using tax dollars (\$3 million/year) to lobby for gun control in Colorado.

Would you vote for legislation to abolish the “Office of Gun Violence Prevention?”

Yes _____

No _____

13. Are you a member of Rocky Mountain Gun Owners?

Yes _____

No _____

Written Questions:

What is the role of government?

What is the purpose of the Second Amendment?

If elected, do you plan on sponsoring pro-gun legislation? If so, what?

Are there any current or potential gun control laws that you support? If so, what and why?

CONFIRMATION

It is inappropriate for a campaign worker, volunteer, or anyone other than the candidate, to fill out answers or sign this questionnaire. This signature is the signature of the candidate and attests that their responses on this questionnaire are the honest views of the **CANDIDATE** and accurately reflect positions that will be taken if elected.

Please note: Questions that are not answered will be graded as a response **AGAINST** Second Amendment rights.

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE

Date

Please return this questionnaire to: Rocky Mountain Gun Owners Survey Department
P.O. Box 329, Denver, CO 80201

*Feel free to attach additional comments to this survey but know that we cannot publish them.
No endorsement will be provided to any candidate who fails to return the questionnaire.*

**All questions should be directed to RMGO's Executive Director, Taylor Rhodes.
He may be reached at (888) 874-3006 or by e-mail at Office@RMGO.org.**



April 19, 2022

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Enclosed is your **OFFICIAL** 2022 Rocky Mountain Gun Owners Legislative Candidate Questionnaire, which we hope you will read carefully, complete, and return to our office via USPS **NO LATER** than **Friday, May 6, 2022**.

Our questionnaire covers a wide range of topics related to our Constitutionally-protected right to keep and bear arms. Though we cannot ask every question pertaining to gun rights that could face the legislature, this survey is meant to inform citizens about your general views on their Second Amendment rights.

We expect State Legislators to live up to their word and defend the constitution, as you can surely understand. Many lobbying groups, especially the large, institutional gun lobby, keep their surveys private and fail to hold 'bad acting' politicians accountable. I promise you that will NOT be your experience with Rocky Mountain Gun Owners.

Failure to return the survey by the deadline will be reported to our members. Our experience suggests that a non-response is usually a sign of hostility to -- or a poor record on -- Second Amendment issues.

If you care to e-mail the survey back to us, feel free to do so, but your questionnaire results are not considered official until we receive the original, signed copy through regular mail.

Again, your completed survey is due NO LATER than Friday, May 6, 2022.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding your questionnaire, please feel free to contact our office toll-free at (888) 874-3006 or by e-mail at Office@RMGO.org.

Thank you, in advance, for your prompt return of our questionnaire.

For Freedom,

Taylor D. Rhodes
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Rocky Mountain Gun Owners