



## iVoterGuide Questionnaire Review

### Right to Life

1. Abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, should not receive taxpayer funds from federal, state, or local governments (including Title X grants).

Strongly Agree - We do not need to use taxpayer dollars for abortions.

2. Under what circumstances should an elective abortion be allowed?

Abortion should only be considered in those very rare cases when there is a real threat to the life of the mother, but these cases are extremely rare. The goal should always be to preserve ALL life.

3. Human life deserves legal protection from conception until natural death.

Strongly Agree .

4. The lives of human embryos created through artificial methods ought to be protected from purposeful destruction.

Strongly Agree -

5. The Comstock Act, which bans interstate transportation of abortion-inducing drugs, should be enforced.

Strongly Agree -

### Economy

1. What is your position on the minimum wage?

The minimum wage in the long run does a disservice to workers because it makes it harder for entry level workers to get paid what they are truly worth. The market place - not government - should determine wages.

2. Free enterprise and the right to private property are essential elements of a productive economic system.

Strongly Agree - We must preserve the right to own private property. This march to socialism will end very badly for our nation.

3. List your top 3-5 priorities to eliminate government waste.

Reduce government regulations and lower workers' compensation costs.

Eliminate funding to non-governmental organizations

Lower taxes - particularly property taxes

Enact meaningful pension reforms

## Religious Liberty

1. What does "separation of church and state" mean to you?

Separation of Church and State is a phrase not found in the Constitution. It is a phrase that refers to the state picking sides between various Christian denominations. In today's world, it does not mean the state cannot acknowledge God or the Christian faith. What the state cannot do is violate the rights of people to worship freely.

2. Individuals and businesses should be required to provide services even if it would violate their moral and/or religious beliefs.

Strongly Disagree - The state should not force people to violate their conscience.

## Healthcare

1. What most closely matches your view on healthcare:

A) Healthcare for all should be guaranteed and funded by the government with no private healthcare option. (includes "universal healthcare," "medicare for all," etc.)

B) Healthcare insurance funded by the government should be available for all who want it, along with private healthcare options.

C) Medicaid and Medicare should remain available, but no other taxpayer-funded programs are necessary.

D) Taxpayer funded health care should be abolished in all forms, and Medicaid and Medicare should be defunded.

C. We need a safety net in our society.

2. The government should keep a database of people with various ongoing medical illnesses to assess the economic burden of treatment.

Strongly Disagree - We have to look no further than Canada to see what happens when people's health is viewed through the prism of economics. This kind of thinking will lead to more physician assisted suicides and will inevitably devalue human life.

## National Security

1. The Chinese Communist Party poses serious military, cyber security, intellectual property, and global economic threats to the United States.

Strongly Agree - China is a serious threat and we must pay attention to what they are doing to undermine our nation.

2. Is the United States' relationship with Israel important, and if so why?

The place where Jesus walked is important to me as a Christian. A secular Jewish state is preferable to a Muslim state. Our alliance with Israel is important to preserving the history that is so important to both Jews and Christians. I strongly support the nation of Israel.

## Immigration

1. I support the existence of sanctuary cities to protect undocumented persons.

Strongly Disagree - Borders matter. We must preserve our national sovereignty. The most basic thing a nation can do is protect its borders. Sanctuary state and city laws undermine the laws of our land and make us less safe. We must end these policies.

## Education

1. I support eliminating the U.S. Department of Education and giving control back to states and communities.

Strongly Agree -

2. Foreign governments should be prohibited from funding American education.

Strongly Agree -

## Values

1. Government should recognize and support the fundamental right and essential duty of parents to direct their child's health and educational well-being.

Strongly Agree -

2. Attempts to physically or socially transition a child to the opposite sex constitute child abuse.

Strongly Agree -

3. Marriage is a God-ordained, sacred and legal union of one man and one woman. No government has the authority to alter this definition.

Strongly Agree -

4. I support the expansion of gambling in my state.

Neutral - Gaming issues in Springfield are complicated as most of the bills that come up for a vote address several gaming issues all at once. My focus is on protecting the interests of the local businesses in my districts - many of whom have come to rely on gaming to pay their bills. We have to allow these businesses to make money to offset the high tax burden in our state.

5. Briefly describe your spiritual beliefs and values.

I am a Christian. My faith is deeply personal and important to me.

## Elections and Voting

1. People should be able to vote without photo identification.

Strongly Disagree - You need a photo ID to get on a plane, buy alcohol, or cash a check at a bank. What is more important than voting? We should have photo ID requirements to vote.

## Equality

1. Reparations should be given to people on the basis of race.

Strongly Disagree -

2. Biological males should not be allowed to participate in women's sports or occupy biological women's spaces whether it be bathrooms, locker rooms, sorority houses, women's shelters, or prison.

Strongly Agree - A sane and sober society is one that protects women and girls.

## Energy & Environment

1. Man-made climate change is a global threat and requires urgent political action.

Strongly Disagree -

2. What do you believe is the most reliable energy source that will supply the growing demand for electricity?

Illinois is home to one of the richest coal deposits in the country. We also have the cleanest burning coal power plant in the nation. Instead of closing this facility - we need to expand this technology and put Illinois back to work.

## About You

1. When you consider your views on a wide range of issues from economic and social matters to foreign policy and religious liberty, which of the following best describes you overall?

Very Conservative -

2. Have you ever been penalized for sexual misconduct in either civil or criminal court? If so, please explain.

No.

3. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If so, please explain.

No.

## Criminal Justice & Public Safety

1. What should be the goal of the criminal justice system?

The goal should be to punish the guilty and protect the innocent.

2. Government has a responsibility to protect children from sexual exploitation during online activities.

Strongly Agree -

3. Sharia law should not be accepted or incorporated in any form within the legal framework of the United States.

Strongly Agree -

## 2nd Amendment

1. What restrictions on gun ownership are needed to protect public safety?

I strongly support the Second Amendment. We must end the FOID card in Illinois. We must punish criminals who commit crimes with guns and lock them up for a very long time. What we don't need to do is put restrictions on a right guaranteed to us in our Constitution.

# Background Information

## Education

Southern College of Optometry - OD

Prince George's Community College (Largo, Md.) - Associates of Arts

## Political Offices Sought

Position Sought: State Representative in the 115th District - Elected in 2020  
State Representative, 118th District - Elected in 2022 and re-elected in 2024  
Currently running for State Senate in the 59th District as a Republican

## ABOUT

Paul Jacobs (R-Pomona) was first elected to serve as the 115th district State Representative in 2020. Because of redistricting, Rep. Jacobs is now the elected representative for all of Alexander, Pulaski, and Union Counties and portions of Jackson and Williamson Counties, which is currently the 118th District.

Paul is well known from his optometry practice and his successful winery, Von Jakob in Alto Pass in rural Jackson County. Rep. Jacobs served in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1971. For the last 43 years, Dr. Jacobs has practiced optometry in several communities throughout Southern Illinois. Paul and his wife Rhoda opened Von Jakob Vineyard in Alto Pass 27 years ago. They have four grown children and ten grandchildren.

Paul is a lifelong Christian conservative who seeks to bring fiscal responsibility and ethical reform to Springfield. As State Representative, Dr. Jacobs has served on the House Higher Education Appropriations, Health Care Availability and Access, Health Care Licenses, Higher Education, Tourism, and Veterans' Affairs Committees.