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2018 Nevada Candidate Questionnaire

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For further information on Nevada firearm laws,
please visit www.nraila.org and click on the "gun laws" feature located in the menu.

1. Do you agree that the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees a fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms that applies to all law-abiding Americans, regardless of where they live in the United States?

- ☒ a. Yes.
☐ b. No.

2. Considering Nevada firearms laws, would you support any additional restrictive state legislation regulating the sale, use or possession of firearms and/or ammunition?

- ☐ a. Yes, for all firearms and ammunition. Please explain: _____
☐ b. Yes, for certain firearms and/or ammunition. Please explain: _____
☐ c. No, current state firearm laws are sufficient.
☒ d. No, current state firearm laws should be improved to benefit law-abiding gun owners and sportsmen in Nevada.

3. Do you support state legislation banning the manufacture, possession, ownership, purchase, sale and/or transfer of any firearm?

- ☐ a. Yes, for all firearms. Please specify type of restriction(s): _____
☐ b. Yes, for all handguns. Please specify type of restriction(s): _____
☐ c. Yes, for some firearms. Please specify types of firearms/restriction(s): _____
☒ d. No, I oppose banning the manufacture, possession, ownership, purchase, sale and/or transfer of any firearm.

4. Do you support state legislation requiring firearm owners to register their firearm(s) for entry into a centralized state file or database?

- ☐ a. Yes, for all firearms.
☐ b. Yes, for all handguns.
☐ c. Yes, for some firearms. Please specify which firearms: _____
☒ d. No, I oppose state registration of firearms.

5. Do you support legislation requiring individuals to obtain a state license* in order to own, possess, or purchase firearms?

**Licensing, as used here, refers to state legislation requiring firearm owners to obtain a license from a government official or agency to own and possess a firearm. As a rule, firearm owner licensing laws generally require fingerprinting, photographing, and/or a background investigation of the applicant. Note: This is different from acquiring a "permit to carry" a handgun from that state.*

- ☐ a. Yes, for owners of all firearms.
☐ b. Yes, for owners of all handguns.
☐ c. Yes, for owners of some firearms. Please specify: _____
☒ d. No, I oppose state licensing of firearm owners.

6. Under current federal law, handgun purchases from a federally licensed dealer are restricted to individuals who have reached the age of 21. Some have argued this purchase restriction should be extended to all firearms, including rifles and shotguns, effectively denying them their Second Amendment rights. In addition, some lawmakers want to go even further and prohibit the possession and ownership of firearms by anyone under the age of 21. The NRA believes that 18-20 year old adults have the same constitutional rights as all Americans, and such restrictions would only limit the right of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves against violent attack while doing nothing to combat crime. **Do you believe law abiding adults 18-20 years of age should be prohibited from purchasing or possessing firearms?**

- ☐ a. I support extending the current handgun purchase prohibition by those under 21 to include all firearms.
- ☐ b. I support extending the current handgun purchase prohibition by those under 21 to also prohibit possession and ownership of handguns only.
- ☐ c. I support extending the current handgun purchase prohibition by those under 21 to also prohibit the purchase, possession, or ownership of any firearm.
- ☐ d. I support extending the current handgun purchase prohibition by those under 21 to also prohibit the purchase, possession, or ownership of semi-automatic rifles and shotguns.
- ☒ e. I oppose any effort to extend the current handgun purchase prohibition in any way. I believe 18-20 year olds have the same constitutional rights as all citizens.

7. In 1994, Congress imposed a 10-year ban on the manufacture, for sale to private individuals, of various semi-automatic* firearms it termed "assault weapons," and of ammunition magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition, which primarily affected handguns designed for self-defense. Congress' subsequent study of the ban, as well as state and local law enforcement agency reports, showed that contrary to the ban's supporters' claims, these firearms and magazines are misused in less than one percent of violent crime. Since the ban expired in 2004, the numbers of these firearms and magazines owned have risen to all-time highs while violent crime has fallen to an all-time low. **Would you support state legislation restricting the possession, ownership, purchase, sale, and/or transfer of semi-automatic firearms and/or limits on the capacity of magazines designed for self-defense?**

**Semi-automatic firearms have been commonly used for hunting, target shooting, and self-defense since their introduction in the late 1800s. All semi-automatics fire only one shot when the trigger is pulled. They are not fully-automatic machine guns, which have been strictly regulated under federal law since 1934.*

- ☐ a. Yes, I would support such legislation for semi-automatic firearms and magazines.
- ☐ b. Yes, I would support such legislation for semi-automatic firearms only.
- ☐ c. Yes, I would support such legislation for ammunition magazines only. Please specify magazine capacity limit: _____
- ☒ d. No, I would oppose such legislation.

8. **Would you support state legislation to require a background check on every sale or transfer of a firearm, even between private individuals or family members (so-called "universal" background checks)?** **Transfer includes loans, leases and gifts.*

- ☐ a. Yes, I would support requiring background checks on all private sales or transfers, **including those to family members.**
- ☐ b. Yes, I would support requiring background checks on private sales or transfers, **excluding those to immediate family members.**
- ☐ c. Yes, I would support requiring background checks on private sales **at gun shows only.**
- ☒ d. No, I **would oppose** requiring background checks on **all private sales.**

9. In some states, gun control supporters have promoted legislation that would require all new firearms to be equipped with "smart" gun features supposedly designed to prevent a firearm from being fired by someone other than its owner. Their proposals range from utilizing fingerprint technology designed to limit functionality to only one authorized user, to placing tracking and disabling devices in the firearm, which functionally allow the government to track and remotely disable any "smart" gun which could be used to the gun owner's disadvantage. "Smart" gun technologies are still in the developmental stage and studies have found that they are not technically reliable. Even law enforcement has expressed concerns about its reliability. Gun control advocates never mention the fact that these technologies completely disregard the practicalities of defensive firearm use, are commercially unavailable, are proven unreliable, would constitute a significant invasion of privacy, and will substantially increase the cost of new firearms. **Would you support legislation mandating the sale of "smart" guns?**

- ☐ a. Yes, I would support such legislation.
- ☒ b. No, I would oppose such legislation.

10. Nevada law generally prohibits a person from possessing or carrying a firearm on the property of a school without written permission. **Would you support legislation allowing a concealed carry permit holder to possess a firearm inside an occupied vehicle while on school property or keep a firearm secured in their automobile while parked on school property?**

- ☒ a. Yes.
- ☐ b. No. Please explain: _____

11. Nevada state law prohibits concealed carry permit holders from carrying on college and university campuses without written permission from the administration. The NRA believes a person with a permit to carry a concealed firearm should be able to carry that firearm concealed anywhere he or she has a legal right to be, except in certain "sterile" high-security locations. Assuming each classification of individuals listed below possessed a concealed handgun permit recognized by the state, **who do you believe should legally be allowed to carry a concealed handgun on state college and university campuses?**

- ☒ a. All law-abiding persons, including visitors, faculty, staff and students.
- ☐ b. Visitors, faculty, staff and some students. Please explain: _____
- ☐ c. Faculty, staff and students.
- ☐ d. Visitors, faculty and staff.
- ☐ e. Faculty and staff.
- ☐ f. Each college or university should determine the policy for its campus.
- ☐ g. No one should be allowed to carry a concealed handgun on state college and university campuses.

12. Nevada recognizes out-of-state concealed carry weapons (CCW) permits as long as the state to be recognized requires training before issuing the permit and provides 24 hour access to its' database of permit holders through the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS). This allows permit holders from 30 states to lawfully carry in Nevada. **Would you support legislation that recognizes any valid out of state concealed carry permit?**

- ☒ a. Yes, I would support recognizing every state with a CCW permit system in place.
- ☐ b. Yes, I would support recognizing some states with CCW permit systems in place. Please explain: _____
- ☐ c. No, I oppose recognizing every state with a CCW permit system in place and feel that Nevada's current recognition procedures are fine.
- ☐ d. No, I completely oppose recognizing CCW permits from other states.

13. Nevada law currently bans concealed but not open carrying of a firearm without a license. **Would you support state legislation that would – without diminishing the enforceability of any other firearm laws concerning prohibited persons, prohibited places, or prohibited conduct – treat open and concealed carriers alike by repealing the license requirement for the carrying of a concealed firearm?** This legislation would not repeal the current licensing system, which would still benefit those who wish to take advantage of carry license reciprocity agreements when traveling out of state.

- ☒ a. Yes, I would support such legislation.
- ☐ b. No, I would oppose such legislation. Please explain: _____

14. Nevada is one of 49 states with some form of firearms preemption. This law guarantees that the state has sole responsibility in the field of firearm regulations, keeping counties and municipalities from passing a patchwork of confusing and conflicting local laws throughout the state. **Do you support Nevada's firearm preemption law?**

- ☒ a. Yes, I support Nevada's firearm preemption law.
- ☐ b. No, I do not support Nevada's firearm preemption law.

15. In the United States, the number of privately owned firearms is at an all-time high and rises by more than 10 million annually. Meanwhile, the firearm accident death rate has decreased more than 90 percent over the last century. Accidents have declined in part due to NRA firearm safety training programs used by over 100,000 NRA Certified Instructors as well as hundreds of schools, civic groups, and law enforcement agencies. Nevertheless, several states have recently considered legislation to require that locking devices be placed on firearms kept in the home. A lock severely limits the ability to use a firearm for self-defense purposes and potentially increases the risk of a firearm accident. **Would you support state legislation mandating the use of locking devices (safes, trigger locks, cable locks, lock boxes, etc.) or other locking procedures for firearms stored in the home?**

- ☐ a. Yes.
- ☐ b. No.
- ☒ c. No, I would not support such legislation and would instead support a resolution encouraging Nevada public schools to adopt NRA's Eddie Eagle GunSafe® program as part of its curriculum.

16. **Do you agree that an individual should be entitled to judicial due process – including notice of the relevant accusations, opportunity to appear at a hearing before a neutral judge and to present evidence in his or her favor, and access to legal representation – before the individual is declared legally ineligible to possess firearms or forced to surrender any firearms the individual owns?**

- ☒ a. Yes, the Second Amendment is an important liberty interest for all Americans, and it should not be denied without stringent due process.
- ☐ b. No, it's always better to err on the side of safety where firearms are concerned, even if that results in a person being denied Second Amendment rights without due process.
- ☐ c. Other. Please explain: _____

17. Do you support state legislation imposing a statewide "waiting period" between the purchase and the delivery of firearms?

- ☐ a. Yes, for all firearms. How long? _____
- ☐ b. Yes, for all handguns. How long? _____
- ☐ c. Yes for some firearms. Please specify: _____
- ☒ d. No, I oppose a statewide "waiting period" for firearms purchase.

18. Would you support state legislation imposing an additional tax specifically targeted at the retail sale of firearms or ammunition? All firearm and ammunition sales are currently subject to an 11% federal excise tax known as the Pittman Robertson Act and applicable state and local taxes.

- ☐ a. Yes, I would support such a tax.
- ☒ b. No, I would oppose such a tax.

19. Which of the following best describes your attitude toward hunting?

- ☒ a. Hunting is a valuable tool for wildlife management, a positive use of natural resources, and an American tradition.
- ☐ b. Hunting should be made illegal. Please explain: _____

20. Twenty-one states have passed constitutional amendments recognizing the citizens' right to hunt and fish in an effort to protect these essential American traditions from relentless attacks by animal "rights" activists. Nevada's population is changing in a way that is threatening the future of the right to hunt and fish. In order to protect this important heritage from unreasonable regulations and prohibitions, would you support a meaningful constitutional amendment protecting the Right to Hunt and Fish in the future stating: "The citizens of Nevada have a right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife, including the use of traditional means and methods, subject only to laws and regulations as prescribed by the Legislature and a wildlife commission to promote sound wildlife conservation and management and preserve the future of hunting and fishing. Public hunting and fishing shall be a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife. Nothing herein shall be construed to modify any provision of common law or statutes relating to trespass or property rights?"

- ☒ a. Yes, I would support a meaningful Right to Hunt and Fish amendment in Nevada.
- ☐ b. No. Please explain: _____

21. Are you a member of the National Rifle Association, the Nevada Firearms Coalition or any other shooting/sportsmen's/gun rights organization(s)?

- ☒ a. Yes. Please specify: NRA AND NVFAC
- ☐ b. No. (If NRA member, please list membership number)

22. Have you ever run for or held an elected office?

- ☒ a. Yes. Please specify: RAN FOR ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 36 IN 2016
- ☐ b. No.

Please use a separate sheet of paper for additional comments.
If your campaign has released a position paper on firearms issues, please feel free to include it as well.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

--AUTHORIZATION--

This signature attests that the above information accurately represents the views of the candidate.

Candidates Signature: _____ Date: _____