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**California National Organization for Women PAC
2010 Endorsement Questionnaire**

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Thank you for your interest in being considered for an endorsement by the California NOW PAC. Please complete this questionnaire and return it as soon as possible.

California NOW is a multi-issue organization. We realize that our questionnaire is more extensive than those used by most endorsing organizations. Some questions may be relevant to federal and not state law, and we ask these questions because it is our assumption that a candidate we endorse may someday run for higher office.

All questionnaires are for internal decision-making. Be honest and direct when you state your positions. Brief answers are satisfactory. If you would like to elaborate upon your position in any area, feel free to attach additional pages. If you are running for federal office, your responses to this questionnaire will be used by CA NOW PAC to make a recommendation on your endorsement to the National NOW PAC. Please feel free to inquire with the California NOW President, Patricia Bellasalma, at (213) 393-1785, if you need further information to answer a question.

CANDIDATE AND CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Candidate Name _____

Permanent Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Office Being Sought _____ District _____

Are you the incumbent? () Yes () No For how long?

Date of Election _____

Your Political Party _____

Your District's Registration (%): Democrat _____% Republican _____% Other
_____%

Campaign ID # _____ Committee Name _____

Campaign Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

Campaign Manager: Phone (_____) _____ e-mail _____

Campaign Consultant: Phone (_____) _____ e-mail _____

Please list all opponents in this race (Name & Party)

Estimate Campaign Costs _____ Primary: _____ General: _____

Are you adhering to campaign limits? _____

Amount Raised to Date _____

Are you aware of any independent expenditure campaigns that will impact your race?

Yes No

If yes, please list: _____

Please list the "top" three women and "top" three men on your staff and their positions. This can include paid and unpaid staff (Please include compensation, if any, as this is public information):

	Name	Position	Compensation
Women:	1. _____		
	2. _____		
	3. _____		
Men:	1. _____		
	2. _____		
	3. _____		

Endorsements Received: _____

Why are you running?

What are the three priority issues of your campaign? _____

Have you run for office before? Describe result(s): _____

Are you a NOW member? () Yes () No If yes, in what ways have you been active? If you are not a member, why not, and have you ever been asked to join?

To what other organizations do you belong? _____

Short Answer Questions: Please write your answers to the following questions on the back side of this sheet, or on a separate sheet of paper.

1. What is feminism? Are you a feminist?
2. How would you attempt to secure women's reproductive choices when religious hospitals merge with non-religious hospitals?
3. How would you propose moving women and children out of poverty?
4. To what degree should programs that serve women be cut in a budget shortfall? Which programs would you fight to protect?
5. What would you do to ensure that every Californian has access to medical care?
6. Considering 1 in 5 women/girls will suffer some form of sexual trauma, how would you work towards ending violence against women.

To indicate where you stand on these issues, please circle the number that best describes your opinion.

Answer Key	
1 Strongly Oppose	will take leadership role against this issue
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The following questions are grouped in several different issue areas, each representing priorities of the CA NOW agenda. Please note that many questions may appropriately fit into more than one category, but are listed only once for simplification.

EQUALITY

- 1. Passing a federal Constitutional Equality Amendment (also known as the Equal Rights Amendment)? 1 2 3 4 5

- 2. Advocating support for CEDAW (the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women)? 1 2 3 4 5

- 3. Allowing public funding for non-profit groups which discriminate against people based on their race, gender, sexuality, ability and/or religion? 1 2 3 4 5

ENDING RACISM

- 4. Addressing immigration by:
 - a. eliminating social services for undocumented immigrants? 1 2 3 4 5
 - b. denying citizenship to native-born children of undocumented immigrants? 1 2 3 4 5
 - c. denying education to children of undocumented immigrants? 1 2 3 4 5
 - d. assuring legal immigration for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender individuals? 1 2 3 4 5
 - e. assuring legal immigration for individuals who are HIV positive? 1 2 3 4 5

- 5. Supporting legislation to put an end to the practice of racial profiling in law enforcement? 1 2 3 4 5

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6. Encouraging alternatives to incarceration, including long-term treatment programs that offer drug rehabilitation, parenting and other counseling services? 1 2 3 4 5

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

7. Strengthening current family leave policies by allowing an employee to take protected leave to care for his or her adult child suffering from a serious health condition? 1 2 3 4 5

8. Requiring all companies to provide sick leave benefits for their employees? 1 2 3 4 5

9. Enacting measures to provide a reasonable standard of living by:
 a. raising the minimum wage 1 2 3 4 5
 b. adopting comparable worth compensation policies 1 2 3 4 5
 c. increasing the provider rates for subsidized child care 1 2 3 4 5
 d. increasing the number of child care openings 1 2 3 4 5

10. Ensuring continued funding for domestic violence services for CalWORKs participants who are or have been victims of domestic violence? 1 2 3 4 5

11. Maintain increasing opportunities for education and employment training for CalWORKS participants? 1 2 3 4 5

12. Imposing higher state taxes for CEO's (or their corporations) whose salary amounts to more than 200% of that of the lowest paid employee in the company? 1 2 3 4 5

13. Supporting a majority vote for passage of the state budget? 1 2 3 4 5

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FAMILY LAW

14. Amending existing family law by:

- a. requiring custodial parents to relinquish custody of their children when moving out of the county in order to obtain a job, pursue educational opportunities, or live near family members? 1 2 3 4 5
- b. creating a presumption that primary child custody should be awarded to the parent who was the primary caretaker, unless the other parent presents evidence demonstrating that the presumption would not be in the child's best interests? 1 2 3 4 5

WOMEN'S HEALTH & REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

15. Limiting abortion rights by imposing:

- a. waiting periods 1 2 3 4 5
- b. spousal notification 1 2 3 4 5
- c. parental notification 1 2 3 4 5
- d. second trimester bans 1 2 3 4 5
- e. bans on termination of catastrophic pregnancies 1 2 3 4 5
- f. restrictions on services based on legal residency status 1 2 3 4 5
- g. prohibitions on state and federal funding 1 2 3 4 5

16. Guaranteeing access to full reproductive health services, including abortion, birth control, emergency contraception, and preventative health care:

- a. in any federal or state-administered health care plan 1 2 3 4 5
- b. in private health care plans 1 2 3 4 5
- c. for undocumented residents 1 2 3 4 5
- d. for legal, non-citizen residents 1 2 3 4 5
- e. in religious health care facilities 1 2 3 4 5
- f. by making non-surgical abortions (RU486) accessible 1 2 3 4 5
- g. by requiring health care plans to cover infertility treatments 1 2 3 4 5
- h. by requiring pharmacies to offer emergency contraception 1 2 3 4 5

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17. Responding to the rising incidence of breast cancer among women of all ages by:
- a. supporting increased funding for research 1 2 3 4 5
 - b. providing free/affordable mammograms to all women, regardless of age 1 2 3 4 5
 - c. banning the use of cancer-causing chemicals in all personal care products 1 2 3 4 5

18. Responding to the rising incidence of HIV infection among women and people of color by:
- a. making condoms available through schools 1 2 3 4 5
 - b. increasing accessibility of public health HIV information and safer sex practices 1 2 3 4 5
 - c. providing access to current treatment options regardless of ability to pay 1 2 3 4 5

19. Mandating gender equity in medical research? 1 2 3 4 5

20. Using state funds to supplement Medicare drug costs for low-income persons, in order to remedy the so-called “donut hole,” or gap in coverage of prescription drug costs? 1 2 3 4 5

ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

21. Supporting increased state funding for rape crisis centers and domestic violence shelters? 1 2 3 4 5

22. Supporting age-appropriate programs to educate students about sexual assault and rape? 1 2 3 4 5

23. Increasing funding to train judges, law enforcement and medical personnel to effectively address domestic violence (including spousal rape, battery, incest and child abuse), rape and sexual assault? 1 2 3 4 5

24. Eliminating the deportation of victims of sex trafficking? 1 2 3 4 5

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25. Supporting the establishment of a US Department of Peace and Nonviolence charged with decreasing violence against women and girls? 1 2 3 4 5

LGBT RIGHTS

26. Oppose a constitutional amendment to prohibit equal marriage rights and repeal domestic partnership benefits? 1 2 3 4 5

27. Establishing equal marriage rights for same sex couples? 1 2 3 4 5

28. Supporting enforcement of hate crimes legislation? 1 2 3 4 5

EDUCATION

29. Supporting school vouchers 1 2 3 4 5

a. supporting public charter schools that allow non-governmental entities to run schools without having to comply with all state regulations? 1 2 3 4 5

30. Strengthening enforcement of Title IX and California's gender equity laws by:
a. requiring gender equity training for all teachers and school personnel 1 2 3 4 5

b. increasing athletic opportunities for female students to achieve parity 1 2 3 4 5

31. Supporting minors' access through the school systems to:

a. comprehensive sex and health education programs, K-12 1 2 3 4 5

b. school-based health clinics 1 2 3 4 5

c. non-judgmental information on sexuality, including sexual orientation and gender identity 1 2 3 4 5

d. birth control referral/service and counseling 1 2 3 4 5

e. continuing education for teen parents 1 2 3 4 5

f. on-site child care for teen parents 1 2 3 4 5