

Regarding the Previously Posted Completed Candidate Questionnaire from Planned Parenthood

As a candidate, we get inundated with questionnaires and surveys from numerous special interest groups. I was attempting to answer most of them and post them here on my website. One of those I completed was from Planned Parenthood. It was one of several in which I knew my answers would not agree with the positions of the organization sponsoring the questionnaire, but I felt it was important for voters to be able to see what and how I thought beyond the normal campaign buzzwords and 30-second sound bites.

However, my posting the Planned Parenthood questionnaire raised questions among some prolife supporters. They interpreted the fact that I had even bothered to respond meant that I was seeking the endorsement from Planned Parenthood. I assure you that I was not seeking their endorsement, and in fact would not accept their endorsement. The essential thrust of Planned Parenthood is the woman's right to have an abortion, which is against my beliefs.

What may have confused some website visitors is the fact that I did not check the box on the questionnaire that, "Please check here if you do NOT want Planned Parenthood's endorsement." I did not check the box as I perceived that would be perceived as antagonistic, and that is not my style at all. I seek to listen to all, evaluate their input and make my independent decisions from there. I seek to bring people together, rather than to drive people apart. I felt that even if I did not check that box, I would not be offered their endorsement based on my answers, so there was no need to be confrontational by checking the box.

To avoid the misimpression of seeking their endorsement, I have now removed the questionnaire from this website.

"Upon my honor, as your elected Representative, I pledge to cast my vote in union with the Prolife Caucus of the Michigan State Legislature, for all legislation regarding the sanctity and dignity of the human person, from conception to natural death."