

## Lenny McAllister's Responses

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Please provide short answers to the following:

- 1.) Do you support the right of citizens to own firearms?

Yes, I do. It is an Amendment listed in the Bill of Rights. Self-protection is vital to the "pursuit of happiness" listed in the Declaration of Independence. Our founding fathers clearly saw how these two items were tied together, as do I.

- 2.) Do you support the actions of the EPA in trying to stop climate change?

No. The EPA will not be as successful at producing cleaner industry as industry itself will do. The EPA is over-regulating many Americans out of work and many landowners from their rights as taxpayers.

- 3.) Do you believe the US Supreme Court ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges* was constitutionally sound? Do you view it as the law of the land?

The Constitution does not have an inherent right to marry encumbered in its text. Secular equality for Americans did not necessitate the re-definition of marriage as understood for centuries throughout our Judeo-Christian background. Although the Supreme Court has designated *Obergefell v. Hodges* as the law of the land, we know from American legal history that other rulings were deemed "the law of the land" until political momentum, social mores, and moral willpower shifted the course.

- 4.) The Equality Act has been introduced in both the House and Senate. This bill would extend the same rights to gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders as afforded to other protected groups under the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Would you support this legislation?

I support the civil rights of all Americans, regardless of race, religion, background, or orientation. Discrimination is wrong. However, just as I would not create laws to force Lutherans or Jews to accept the practices and beliefs of Catholicism as status quo and mandated dogma for our society, any law that does the same in regards to alternative lifestyles towards those living within traditional societal roles would be one that I would stand against.

- 5.) Do you support increased federal prosecution of obscenity?

I am a supporter of the 1st Amendment, but do understand that the spread of pornography and other deviant materials have become too accessible to our youth at younger ages than ever before. Therefore, there should be avenues through which we address this, especially as we focus

on the scourge of sex trafficking and child abuse that continues to plague our communities.

6.) Do you support federal funding of organizations which provide abortions?

I absolutely do not. The roughly \$600 million that goes to Planned Parenthood - a private organization with questionable methods at best and fiendish motivations at worst since its inception with founder Margaret Sanger - should be reallocated to other health organizations as well as programs that facilitate health in the communities that Planned Parenthood targets the most: areas in need of more education funding, more job development, and more community building.

7.) Do you support overturning *Roe v Wade*?

I do believe that abortion is a sin. The "abortion-on-demand" industry that was created by *Roe v. Wade* must be cut off in a moral and just society.

8.) Do you support efforts to cut federal spending?

I do. I believe that the formula of "smaller government (spending and regulation), bigger people (e.g., the role of the individual in creating a better America)" is the key to turning around our nation. That will not occur if we continue the bloating budgets and bureaucracies that have harmed too many Americans over the past decades.

9.) Do you support efforts to repeal and replace Obamacare?

Yes, I do. The premiums are spiking, the insurers are starting to bail, and the system will not be sustained at this rate - all brought into law by way of political circus tricks in Congress and 100% partisan votes. There is a better way to make sure that Americans have access to health care regardless of their economic lot in life.

10.) Has the federal government overreached its role in education?

Yes. Education works best with the parents, teachers and students that interact regularly on the path to enlightenment. That works best at the local level.