

## National Women's Law Center: Why Women Should Vote Fact Sheets<sup>i</sup> Questions for Candidates created by Vision 2020

### Education:

1. What do you believe will help to lower the current drop-out rate of girls in high school, which is now over 25%?
2. Do you support funding programs designed to keep pregnant and parenting students enrolled in school?
3. College loan interest rates are currently at an all-time high. What policy proposals, if any, do you support in order to address this issue?

### Economy:

1. The current minimum wage for tipped workers is \$2.13 and hasn't been raised in 20 years. Do you think it should be?
2. What is your stance on equal pay for equal work?
3. The pay gap between men and women in the same profession widens over the course of a career and negatively impacts a family's income. What policy issues, if any, do you support to address this issue and why?
4. Would you support or help create a bipartisan plan for closing the wage gap? What elements would the plan include?
5. Some legislators advocate giving employees the right to share information anonymously about their wages. What is your position on this and why?
6. What policies do you support on the prevention of pay discrimination? Or, do you support policies on the prevention of pay discrimination?
7. What is your position on requiring places of employment to have family leave policies?
8. What is your position on paid sick days for lower wage public employees and private sector employees?
9. What is your opinion on the current laws on sexual harassment in the workplace? Do you believe they are sufficient?
10. Is Social Security reform necessary and if so what changes would you support? Is there an alternative to Social Security and if so, what would the alternative be?
11. Do you support privatizing social security? If so, how do you plan to go about enacting this change?
12. If privatized, how will this change impact women specifically?
13. Do you believe the full retirement age should be raised? If so, what effects will this have on the economy and the future of social security overall?
14. What approach to job creation do you take and what is the specific impact it will have on women?
15. Over several years, services that provide child care assistance for women have been significantly reduced due to the slowing economy. What policies do you support to address the need of working parents for affordable child care? Or, do you support policies to address the need of working parents for affordable child care?

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