

Responses to League of Women Voters of Collier County / American Association of University Women Greater Naples Branch Survey
Candidates for School Board District 1
July 2010

	QUESTION	Patricia Carroll		Eric Cox		Roseanne Winter	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Do you support the formation of the Diversity Committee with broad community participation?	x		x		x	
2	Do you support affirmative action programs as a means of achieving equal opportunities for women and minorities in Collier County public school Administration?		x	1		1	
3	Should special efforts be made to encourage female students to enroll in math, science, and technology courses in which they have been traditionally underrepresented?	x		x		x	
4	Do you support legislative efforts to promote the teaching of more civics education in public schools?	x		x		x	
5	Do you support policies that prohibit school prayer and the distribution of non-academic religious materials during the school day and at school-sponsored athletic activities (excluding student clubs)?		x	n/a		1	
6	Do you support the teaching of Intelligent Design in science classes?		x	2		1	
7	Do you support the teaching of man-made climate change as fact in science classes?		x	x		1	
8	Do you support the practice of religious invocations at the start of School Board meetings?	x		3		1	
9	Do you agree with the new School Board policy that mandates the teaching of comprehensive sex education from the 6th grade and up, and which includes information about contraception, condoms and abstinence?		x	x		1	
10	Are you in favor of the School Board Education Subcommittee's recommendation to develop a special public high school that would offer specialized instruction in orchestra, chorus, music composition, dance, theatre and visual arts?	x		4		1	
11	Would you support something similar to a yearly Anti Defamation League (ADL)-run Multicultural Diversity Awareness Day for students, as well as an ADL-run Classroom of Difference Teacher Training program, in order to avoid incidents such as "Kick-a-Jew Day?"		x	x		1	
12	Are you in favor of legislation that provides public funds for tuition tax credits, vouchers, or scholarships for non-public schools?	x			x	1	
13	Do you support mandatory diversity training for:						
a	All school personnel?		x	x		x	
b	All students?		x	x			x
c	School Board members?		x	x		x	
14	Do you support mandatory training on sexual harassment and bullying for:						
a	All school personnel?	x		x		x	
b	All students?		x	x			x
c	School Board members?		x	x		x	
15	Should female and male students be ensured equal athletic opportunities, including team participation?		x	x		x	
16	Do you support the extension of the school year?	x		x		1	
17	Do you support the extension of the school day?	x		x		1	
18	Do you think High School should start later in the day, e.g., 9:00 AM?	x			x	1	
19	Do you support using the federal standard of 3 years and a day for non-English speaking children to attain proficiency in English rather than the Florida Department of Education standard of 1 year and one day?	x		x		1	

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20	Do you support the following proposed constitutional amendments that were sponsored by the Florida Legislature:			n/a			
a	Repeal of public campaign financing requirement (#1)?	1					
b	Homestead Ad Valorem tax credit for deployed military personnel (#2)?	1					
c	Property tax limit for non-homestead property: additional homestead exemption for new homestead owners (#3)?	1					
d	Standards for Legislature to follow in Legislative and congressional redistricting (#7)?	1					
e	Revision of the class size requirements for public schools (#8)?	x					
f	Health care services (#9)?	1					
21	The Florida Legislature also proposed Balancing the Federal Budget -- a non-binding referendum calling for an amendment to the United States Constitution. Do you support this referendum?	1		n/a			1
22	Do you support amending the Florida Constitution to eliminate "No revenue of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof shall ever be taken from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution"?	1			x		1
23	Do you support constitutional amendment #4 - Hometown Democracy?		x		x		1
24	Do you support constitutional amendments #5 & #6 - Fair Districts?	1		x			1
PAT CARROLL COMMENTS							
1. Constitutional amendments were not attached.							
ERIC COX COMMENTS							
1. I believe we have an excellent selection of both female employees and minorities in our school system; if this were not true then I would of course support such action.							
2. I am not familiar with Intelligent Design and cannot make a qualified statement on this subject without further investigation.							
3. Yes, they need all the help they can get!							
4. There are other counties that have schools such as this that are designated to the fine arts. If it were not for these typed of schools, some students would drop out of high school. I am in favor of this type of program if monies are available to support such.							
ROSANNE L. WINTER COMMENTS							
1. Dear League of Women Voters:							
Competent, thoughtful leaders understand that there rarely are easy and clear-cut answers to complex questions. Rather, decision-making on such issues requires careful study and analysis, consultation with involved parties, and due consideration of the subtle elements involved.							
While I greatly appreciate having been invited to respond to your questionnaire, I find that – as a leader who prides herself in being thoughtful and considering all elements of a given problem before deciding where I stand on it – I cannot respond to most of the items with a simple “yes” or “no” answer, unaccompanied by amplification and explanation of my thinking. The vast majority of the items have important shadings of gray, and sensible responses to each would require explanation of the factors I would take into consideration as a School Board member in deciding how to respond. Frankly, as a person who once belonged to the League and who respects its mission and operations, I am disappointed in the simplistic approach taken in the questionnaire, an approach certainly not designed to elicit any truly useful and/or insightful information about candidate positions.							
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	During my campaign for the Collier County School Board, I have visited with numerous groups and spoken with scores of individuals about key issues in the county's schools and in the operations of its School Board. I always am delighted to have such opportunities to speak directly with engaged citizens, and I invite your members to contact me directly through my campaign's website: www.rosannewinter.com . Citizens can send an e-mail to me (rwinter@rosannewinter.com) via that site, or they can call me directly at 239-216-6037 to discuss any of the issues noted on your questionnaire, or any other school-related concerns.						
	I request that you print this explanation, along with the responses I have checked on your questionnaire, in the material you distribute to your membership before the League's July 22 Forum.						
	Respectfully,						
	Rosanne L. Winter, Ph.D.						