



Candidate Questionnaire 2011
JUDICIAL POSITIONS

Name: Catherine Ramsey Office sought: NLV Municipal Court

1. Please rate your judicial philosophy on a scale of 1 to 10, with "strict constructionism"¹ being a "1" and "noninterpretivism"² being a "10". 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
2. Which of the current justices of the United States Supreme Court most closely reflects your judicial philosophy?
Alito Breyer Ginsburg Kennedy Roberts Scalia Sotomayor Kagan Thomas
3. Do you believe that few, if any restrictions should be placed on a citizen's right to engage in peaceful political and religious free speech activities in public places such as sidewalks?
SO NOT TO INTERFERE WITH RIGHTS OF OTHERS. Yes No Undecided
4. Do you believe that there is a constitutional right to assisted suicide, euthanasia, or other affirmative or deliberate acts or omissions, which end life, other than to permit the natural process of dying?
 Yes No Undecided
5. Do you believe that a judge has the right to display the Ten Commandments in his or her courtroom?
 Yes No Undecided
6. The Declaration of Independence states that, "all men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life..." Do you believe that it is the proper role of government and the courts to protect the life of the weaker among us including the pre-born, the handicapped, and the elderly?
 Yes No Undecided

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7. In *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), the United States Supreme Court recognized a right to abortion under the United States Constitution. Do you agree with the *Roe* decision, which recognizes a constitutional right to abortion? Yes No Undecided
8. Do you believe that police traffic stops for purposes such as checking insurance is a proper means of enforcing the law.
only if done to everyone at a checkpoint and not target a group. Yes No Undecided
9. In *Lawrence v. Texas*, 539 U.S. 558 (2003), the United States Supreme Court recognized a right to homosexual sexual relations under the United States Constitution. Do you agree with the *Lawrence* decision, which recognizes a constitutional right to homosexual sexual relationships?
 Yes No Undecided
10. In *Kelo v. City of New London*, 126 S. Ct. 2655 (2005), the United States Supreme Court ruled that a governmental entity's use of eminent domain powers to take private property for economic development purposes did not violate the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Do you agree with the *Kelo* decision, which recognizes that governmental entities can constitutionally take private property for economic development purposes?
 Yes No Undecided
11. Should a standard of decency be established that would limit sexually explicit displays in outdoor advertising?
 Yes No Undecided
12. Do you believe that "Hate Crime" legislation is fundamentally unfair to victims as it deems some victims more important than others and that "Hate Crime" laws penalize thoughts instead of actions, leaving a chilling effect on free speech by making unpopular ideas a basis for harsher treatment in criminal proceedings?
 Yes No Undecided
13. Should Islamic Sharia Law be allowed to be considered when applying local, state or federal statutes to parties who are Muslim?
 Yes No Undecided

In addition to endorsements, NCC will be publishing a voter guide, which will include your answers to the above questions. agree do not agree to have my answers published.

Questionnaire completed by candidate. Questionnaire completed by staff.

Catherine Ramsey
 Signature

Feb 18, 2011
 Date

¹ "strict constructionism, n. The doctrinal view of judicial construction holding that judges should interpret a document or statute according to its literal terms, without looking to other sources to ascertain the meaning." *Blacks Law Dictionary* (8th ed. 2004).

² "noninterpretivism, n. In constitutional interpretation, the doctrine holding that judges are not confined to the constitutions text or preratification history but may instead look to evolving social norms and values as the basis for constitutional judgements." *Blacks Law Dictionary* (8th ed. 2004).