

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Job description: The states chief legal and law enforcement office, heads up the State Department of Justice

Q Do you think that Montana's Human Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination based on gender, would apply to pharmacies that refuse to fill lawful prescriptions for contraception?

Steve Bullock (D): NO RESPONSE

Support Oppose

One could argue discrimination in public accommodations on the basis of gender or religion. I cannot offer my opinion, however, because it could involve a future AG Opinion or lawsuit.

Tim Fox (R): No

Support Oppose

The Montana Board of Pharmacy has concluded that a pharmacist cannot be forced to fill prescriptions, and that a pharmacist who refuses to dispense contraceptives does not violate any Montana law.

Q Do you support or oppose the following? Increasing state funding for domestic and sexual violence intervention and prevention

Steve Bullock (D): Support

Support Oppose

Preventing and prosecuting domestic and sexual violence must be a priority. We must also fund intervention and prevention programs, at the state level and through actively seeking grants.

Tim Fox (R): Support

Support Oppose

We must do more to prevent domestic and sexual violence in Montana, and more to help victims of such violence. Subject to the availability of resources and the effectiveness of proposed programs, I would support additional funding.

Q What would you do as an elected official to improve the lives of Montana low-income women and families?

Steve Bullock (D): *I have already worked to do so with the minimum wage initiative. I will work for wage equity, programs/services for children, stopping predatory lending, and other initiatives consistent with the office.*

Tim Fox (R): *I will work toward gender fairness and equality in the workplace, promote cooperation between state, local & tribal governments to keep all Montanans safer, advocate stronger enforcement of child support laws...(over word limit, see web site)*

SECRETARY OF STATE

Job description: Montana's Chief Elections Officer

Sieglinde Sharbono (C) DID NOT RESPOND

Q Would you support accessible voting policies such as: Same-day voter registration

Brad Johnson (R): NO RESPONSE

Support Oppose

Late registration includes all 30 days prior to an election, not just Election Day. I support keeping late registration, but also support closing it three days before the election.

Linda McCulloch (D): Support

Support Oppose

Montanans supported and used same-day voter registration in the 2006 election. It is here to stay! I would work to ensure our elections process is open, accessible and fair.

Q Continuing to allow multiple forms of ID including drivers licenses

Brad Johnson (R): Support

Support Oppose

Linda McCulloch (D): Support

Support Oppose

Requiring ID at the election polls was a solution in search of a problem that didn't exist in Montana. If ID is required then multiple forms of ID must be continued.

Q How could your office improve access to voting and election information for all Montana citizens?

Brad Johnson (R): *Our record of improving polling place accessibility and increasing voter turnout represents real progress toward the most accessible elections in Montana history – progress which will continue in a second Johnson administration.*

Linda McCulloch (D): *Information is power! I would utilize current funding to increase public information to voters. I will insist upon real, factual information, NOT for self promotion, as the current Secretary of State has done.*