

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES ON GUNS

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The Associated Press recently asked candidates for Illinois governor questions about gun-control legislation.

Here are highlights of their answers: *(Key at end of article)*

QUESTION: "Would you sign or veto legislation banning the sale and possession of semiautomatic assault-style weapons in Illinois?"

REPUBLICANS

-- Adam Andrzejewski: "Would veto a ban on semiautomatic 'assault weapons' in most circumstances. It comes down (to) law abiding citizens having the right to defend their life, liberty and property."

-- Bill Brady: "I am opposed to any further restrictions to the ownership of firearms as guaranteed in the Bill of Rights and would veto legislation banning the sale and possession of semiautomatic weapons."

-- Kirk Dillard: "Without having more sufficient detail, including the definition of an 'assault-style weapon,' and for what circumstances the use of these weapons would be approved, this question is difficult to answer." *(Wimpy answer...ldm)*

-- Andy McKenna: "I believe in the Second Amendment and law abiding citizen's right to own firearms to protect their families and for sporting purposes." *(This is not an answer...ldm)*

-- Dan Proft: "I would veto such legislation. ... I believe arbitrary gun bans are unconstitutional and would oppose such bans."

-- Jim Ryan: "I would sign it provided it was narrowly drawn and did not violate our 2nd Amendment rights." *(In other words, he doesn't want you to have semi-automatic firearms...ldm)*

-- Bob Schillerstrom: "I would sign constitutionally sound legislation banning assault weapons in Illinois." *(Find another candidate. This guy hasn't read the Constitution....ldm)*

DEMOCRATS

-- Dan Hynes: "I would sign legislation banning the sale and possession of semiautomatic assault-style weapons in Illinois."

-- Pat Quinn: "I would sign legislation banning the sale and possession of semiautomatic assault-style weapons."

-- William "Dock" Walls: "I would sign such legislation."

GREEN

-- Rich Whitney: "If it truly and accurately defines assault weapons in a manner that does not impair the rights of lawful gun owners to possess firearms for defensive purposes, and respects the rights of legitimate gun collectors, then yes, I would sign it." *(Vote "NO" on this guy...ldm)*

QUESTION: "Would you sign or veto legislation allowing concealed-carry for handguns?"

REPUBLICANS

-- Adam Andrzejewski: **"I would sign it. ... Law abiding citizens have this right."**

-- Bill Brady: **"Constitutional rights should be afforded to eligible, law-abiding Illinois citizens, and therefore concealed carry should be legalized."**

-- Kirk Dillard: "With proper training and thorough background checks, and dependent upon the exact language drafted in the legislation, I could support allowing concealed-carry for handguns as almost every other state in the nation has done." (*Wimpy answer...ldm*)

-- Andy McKenna: "I am opposed to concealed-carry legislation." (*I'm opposed to Andy McKenna...ldm*)

-- Dan Proft: **"I would sign right to carry legislation."**

-- Jim Ryan: "I would veto. I believe reasonable people can differ on this issue but on balance, drawing from my experience as a law enforcement official, I believe we are better off without concealed-carry."

-- Bob Schillerstrom: "I would veto legislation allowing concealed carry for handguns. I am a supporter of the Second Amendment; however, I do not believe that concealed carry is a solution for reducing crime in the State of Illinois."

DEMOCRATS

-- Dan Hynes: Hynes didn't take a position on concealed carry in general but did say he opposes a new law letting people bring concealed guns into someone else's home if they have permission.

-- Pat Quinn: "I would veto legislation allowing concealed-carry for handguns." (*Veto Pat Quinn...ldm*)

-- William "Dock" Walls: "I would veto conceal and carry legislation." (*Veto this guy too...ldm*)

GREEN

-- Rich Whitney: "I would sign legislation allowing concealed-carry or open carry -- although ... I would prefer that any such legislation allow individual counties to opt out if they so chose." (*Weak answer..ldm*)

Key: *Bold is good, underlined is bad.*

There you have it, in their own words.

If elected, these candidates will take an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution. The candidates whose names are underlined must, by virtue of their answers here, lie when they take that oath. One cannot abide by the original intent of the Constitution and deny the right of an individual to defend himself and his family with the most efficient tool available...a gun.

You have the responsibility and duty to vote for a candidate who'll abide by his oath.