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- f. Please provide a link to a headshot of the candidate. [Or email a jpeg or other image to Aliya Khan, akhan@aclu-mn.org.]
- g. (Optional) Please provide a link to a video clip (no longer than 60 seconds) of the candidate answering this question from Rock the Vote: "How would you be a champion for young people, particularly those of color?" [Questions? Contact Jana Kooren at [jkooren@aclu-mn.org](mailto:jkooren@aclu-mn.org).]

**Ending Mass Incarceration**

- 1. Do you agree that prosecutors' practices have contributed significantly to mass incarceration?

Please select:

- Yes
- No

Please elaborate:

After working as a judicial law clerk and public defender, it is clear that mass incarceration is the result of prosecutors improperly charging people with varying degrees and stacking offenses so that they are able to coerce plea agreements. An American citizen is most vulnerable when they are on the roadways in a vehicle.

2. Will you commit to implementing practices aimed at reducing the jail and prison populations by a specific percentage by the end of your upcoming four-year term?

Please select:

- Yes  
 No

Please elaborate:

I will create/facilitate diversion programs for non-violent offenders; I will reinforce individual rights by ferreting out police misconduct prior to making a charging decision. I believe jail and prison are not conducive to rehabilitation or individual progress.

If "Yes," please identify your goal and what specific combination of reforms you anticipate will help realize this goal.

I would like to reduce the prison/jail population by a significant margin. In MN, this includes supervised or unsupervised probation.

- requiring warrants for breath tests
- ensuring warrants are only used where probable cause exists.
- diversion programs for drug offenders - not just 1st time drug offenders, but all drug offenders.

3. Will you commit to decreasing prosecutions of drug offenders and instead promote the use of diversion and/or treatment programs?

Please select:

- Yes  
 No

Please elaborate:

See above: I believe in full legalization as well as redistributing tax funds used for law enforcement to diversion programs for drug offenders. I will work with defense counsel to hammer out tailored plans for specific individuals in my county. I want to help people, not break their lives.

## Standing Up to Police Misconduct

4. Will you swiftly, thoroughly, and transparently investigate officer-involved shootings and claims of police brutality, and make your findings publicly available?

Please select:

- Yes  
 No

Please elaborate:

Police misconduct, including less severe violations of individual rights, will be made publicly available. I will not tolerate mistreatment of citizens in my county. Law enforcement is granted a plethora of rights but the general public does not have and a high degree of responsibility comes with it.

5. Because prosecutors need to work closely with law enforcement personnel, officer-involved shootings and claims of police brutality necessarily create conflicts of interest for prosecutors. Will your office recuse itself and call for an independent investigation by the Attorney General of Minnesota in such cases?

Please select:

- Yes  
 No

Please elaborate:

I don't believe that anyone, especially the attorney general of MN, cares more about this issue than myself. I will be militant about police conduct. If they do not conduct themselves with civility and show each and every individual respect, the case will be considered for dismissal.

## Combatting Racial Disparities

6. Will you commit to implementing internal ongoing anti-bias training and examining bias in charging, hiring decisions, bail recommendations, diversionary-program placements, and plea bargains.

Please select:

- Yes  
 No

Please elaborate:

I will work to ensure that all policies are geared toward understanding the particular circumstances of each individual.

7. Will you decline to file charges against an individual where evidence indicates racial profiling or other racial bias in stopping, searching, or arresting the individual, or investigating the crime?

Please select:

- Yes  
 No

Please elaborate:

I will decline to charge or prosecute any individual where the investigation, suspicion, or probable cause is improperly arrived at. This includes considerations of race, sexuality, gender, etc..

## Ending Poverty Penalties and Money Bail

8. Minnesota's Constitution prohibits excessive bail but does not require individuals to post money bail at all. Thus, prosecutors have the discretion to refrain from asking courts to require money bail. Would you commit to starting a system that ends in release without cash bail in most circumstances?

Please select:

- Yes  
 No

Please elaborate:

I believe that in most cases bail is imposed as a tool to coerce plea agreements. I will never ask the court for a bail where public safety is not endangered.

## Ensuring Accessibility, Transparency, and Accountability

9. Will you commit to developing and implementing a plan to personally, regularly, and meaningfully engage and communicate with all constituencies in your county in the first 100 days of your term (especially communities of color, immigrant communities, community-based organizations, and criminal-justice-reform advocates) and to involve them in determining the priorities of your office?

Please select:

- Yes  
 No

Please elaborate:

I have lived in my community for the majority of my life. I want my community to prosper and succeed.

10. Will you commit to post on your office's website all policies, protocols, and MOUs dealing with prosecution guidelines, police-involved incidents, bail recommendations, fines and fees, diversion programs, plea bargains, civil asset forfeiture, immigration considerations, and indigent determinations?

Please select:

- Yes  
 No

Please elaborate:

I will evaluate all policies for a period of 6 months. At that time, I will issue my new standing policies.

11. Will you commit to collect and post on your office's website quarterly statistical information disaggregated by race and gender on felony-charging decisions, convictions, declinations to charge, and diversion-program placements?

Please select:

- Yes  
 No

Please elaborate:

If the office has the capability, this will be tracked.

## Protecting Immigrant Communities

12. Will you commit to adopt a written policy and a training program that encourages prosecutors to (1) consider the unintended immigration-related consequences of prosecutorial decisions at all stages of a case and to (2) use their discretion to reach immigration-safe dispositions for noncitizens whenever it is possible and appropriate?

Please select:

Yes  
 No

Please elaborate:

MN has a rich history in <sup>informing</sup> protecting people from/4 immigration consequences. I will do everything possible to ensure criminal defendants are apprised of their rights and the consequences of pleas, convictions, etc.

13. To protect immigrant victims of crime, will you commit to adopt and promote a written U-Visa policy that includes a rebuttable presumption of helpfulness and requires that U-Visa certifications be completed regardless of whether charges were brought, a conviction was achieved, or the case has concluded?

Please select:

Yes  
 No  Undecided

Please elaborate:

I do not have sufficient information to provide an educated answer to this matter.

14. Will you commit to refrain from using any of the resources of your office to enforce federal immigration laws, leaving such enforcement to federal officials?

Please select:

Yes  
 No

Please elaborate:

Immigration is the province of the federal government and a county attorney should play no role in enforcing the immigration laws of the federal government.

### Advancing Youth Justice

15. Will you reduce the number of children in adult court by (1) committing to reduce the number of minors prosecuted as adults and (2) expanding the use of informal diversion and pre-filing diversion in juvenile cases?

Please select:

Yes  
 No

Please elaborate:

I do not believe in charging minors as adults as a general rule of law.



16. Recognizing that children and youth are categorically less culpable than adults, that they have less impulse control, and that they have a profound capacity for transformation, will you decline to seek life in prison without the possibility of parole for any person who was under 25 at the time of an offense your office is prosecuting?

Please select:

- Yes  
 No

Please elaborate:

I do not believe in or support life sentences.

Thank you for participating in this survey.