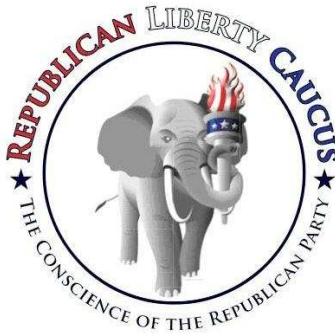


Republican Liberty Caucus of Wisconsin  
**2010 Survey for House and Senate Candidates**



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Greetings,

I am Michael S. Murphy, Chairman of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Wisconsin. Our organization was formed in December of 2009 to elect Republican candidates committed to individual liberty and smaller, more efficient government. We are the state affiliate of the national Republican Liberty Caucus, which was founded in 1991.

As Wisconsin continues to venture into the dark days of economic recession, we will need bold and decisive leadership in Madison in the upcoming years. We would like you to tell us, if elected, how you would handle key legislative questions that come before you so that we can appropriately evaluate which candidates deserve our support in 2010.

This survey is intended to better inform our members, as well as Republicans across Wisconsin, before they vote in the September primary. We do not plan on publishing your responses, but they will be seen by our Executive Committee (found at <http://wi.rlc.org>).

If you would like more information about our organization, please visit [www.rlc.org](http://www.rlc.org). If you would like a clarification regarding any part of this survey or have other general questions, feel free to contact me. Please submit your survey responses to [murphym@wi.rr.com](mailto:murphym@wi.rr.com).

Sincerely,

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P.S. We have a section outlining the value of the RLC endorsement at <http://www.rlc.org/endorsements/> and our current endorsements are listed at [http://wi.rlc.org/?page\\_id=12](http://wi.rlc.org/?page_id=12).

## **1. Taxes and Spending:**

- a. Do you support limiting the growth rate of spending to 1% less than the rate of inflation?
- b. Do you support proposals such as a “Taxpayer Bill of Rights” that caps state spending and revenue growth at the rate of inflation plus population growth (or decline)?
- c. Do you support increasing fees on fishing, boating, and hunting licenses as a way to raise revenue?
- d. Do you support taxing vices such as cigarettes or alcohol to generate revenue for the state?
- e. Seventy years ago the legislature passed a law that required retailers to mark-up their products a certain percentage above cost, the Minimum Mark-Up Law. Do you support repealing this law?

*For Milwaukee area candidates only:*

- f. Do you support a regional sales tax to fund the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SERTA), which will oversee development of commuter rail services in Kenosha, Racine, and Milwaukee counties?
- g. Did you support the sales tax increase to fund Miller Park in the late 1990s?

## **2. Transparency:**

- a. Do you agree with the current open records and open meetings laws that govern political affairs the state of Wisconsin?
- b. Do you support initiative, referendum, Instant Runoff Voting, or other procedural reforms to the election system in the state of Wisconsin?
- c. Do you support campaign finance reform in the state of Wisconsin that would limit campaign funds received from lobbyists, special interest groups, or corporations?

## **3. Education: Will you support or oppose the following?**

- a. Removing the Qualified Economic Offer (QEO), a state law that has held teacher pay raises in check for 16 years and increases property taxes.
- b. Privatizing K-12 busing and cafeteria services and consolidating such services among multiple districts.

- c. The Milwaukee School Choice program.
- d. Wisconsin's two open enrollment programs: mandatory statewide inter-district open enrollment and a voluntary inter- and intra-district open enrollment policy to promote racial integration in Milwaukee and the surrounding school districts.
- e. Homeschooling.

**4. Health Care: The state spends almost \$15 billion on Medicaid and welfare, more than \$6 billion of which is from state taxes and fees.**

- a. Do you support employer-mandated health coverage for Wisconsin employees?
- b. How can we increase price competition, increase consumer decision-making, and improve access/affordability to health care?

**5. Corrections and State Police: Will you support or oppose the following proposed cost-cutting reforms?**

- a. Privately Managed Prisons.
- b. Sentencing reforms, such as decriminalization of non-violent drug offenses.

**6. State Legislature:**

- a. What is your opinion of a part-time legislature?
- b. Do you support term limits for (a) Members of U.S. Congress and (b) for members of the Wisconsin General Assembly?
- c. What programs (if any) would you cut to eliminate the deficit?

**7. Labor: Do you support the creation of a Wisconsin right to work law that would allow individual workers to opt out of labor agreements?**

**8. Firearms:**

- a. Do you support the creation of a Wisconsin concealed-carry law?
  
- b. A bill supporting the “Castle Doctrine” was introduced in the Assembly in 2007, but died in the Senate. The Castle Doctrine allows an individual to use deadly force in his or her home to prevent a violent attack. What do you think about the Castle Doctrine?

**9. Miscellaneous:**

- a. Do you support the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Kelo v. New London* (2005)?
  
- b. Do you support the medical marijuana legislation proposed by Rep. Erbenbach?
  
- c. Do you support the ethanol mandate – requiring that ten percent of auto fuel sold in Wisconsin must be from a “renewable” source – that was passed in 2008?
  
- d. What are your thoughts on civil unions for same-sex partners?



Thank you for your time!