



# Minnesota Family Institute's 2010 Voter Guide State House 63A

Questions	Democrat Paul* Thissen	Republican Nathan Atkins
<b>1. Allow People to Vote on Minnesota Marriage Amendment.</b> Would you vote to place before the people of Minnesota a state constitutional amendment recognizing marriage as the union of one man and one woman and the only domestic status recognized in the state?	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>2. End Taxpayer Funding of Abortion in Minnesota.</b> Would you have voted to end taxpayer funding of abortions in Minnesota? (2009 House Journal, p. 4106)	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>3. Increase Taxes One Billion Dollars.</b> Would you have voted to increase taxes in Minnesota \$1 billion by creating a 9% income tax bracket, raising alcohol taxes, and adding a surcharge tax on lenders? (2009 House Journal, p. 7456)	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>4. Legalize Smoked Marijuana for Medical Purposes.</b> Would you have voted to legalize smoking of marijuana for medical purposes and authorize private persons to grow and sell large quantities of marijuana to other persons for medical purposes? (2009 House Journal, p. 7115)	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>5. Establish Domestic Partner Status for Homosexuals.</b> Would you have voted to authorize the creation of a marriage-like status for homosexual partners? (2010 House Journal, p. 12417)	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>6. Legalize Paid Surrogacy Agreements.</b> Would you have voted to legalize surrogacy agreements by which a woman could be paid to carry and give birth to a baby for another person or persons? (2010 House Journal, p. 11541)	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>7. Prohibit the State from Requiring People to Buy Health Insurance.</b> Would you have voted to prohibit the state from fining or penalizing a person for failing to obtain or maintain health insurance coverage? (2010, House Journal p. 11266)	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>8. Authorize Public School Districts to Opt Out of Unfunded State Education Mandates.</b> Would you have voted to authorize school districts to opt out of unfunded state education mandates? (2010 House Journal, p. 12469)	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>9. Grant Special Protection to Homosexuals in State Anti-Bullying Law.</b> Would you have voted to give special protections to homosexuals, bisexuals, cross dressers, and transvestites in the state's anti-bullying law? (2009 House Journal, p 6977)	<b>YES</b>	-
<b>10. Reduce Voter Fraud.</b> Would you have voted to require persons who vote on Election Day to present a picture ID? (2009 House Journal, p. 3660)	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>

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# Minnesota Family Institute's 2010 Voter Guide State Senate District 63

Questions	Democrat Ken* Kelash	Republican Craig Marston
<b>1. Allow People to Vote on Minnesota Marriage Amendment.</b> Would you vote to place before the people of Minnesota a state constitutional amendment recognizing marriage as the union of one man and one woman and the only domestic status recognized in the state?	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>2. End Taxpayer Funding of Abortion in Minnesota.</b> Would you have voted to end taxpayer funding of abortions in Minnesota? (2009 Senate Journal, p. 3104)	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>3. Raise Gas, Sales, and License Tab Taxes by \$6.4 billion.</b> Would you have voted to raise taxes by \$6.4 billion over ten years by increasing state's gas tax by 8.5 cents per gallon, sales tax, and license tab fees on cars? (2008 Senate Journal, p. 6707)	-	<b>NO</b>
<b>4. Legalize Smoked Marijuana for Medical Purposes.</b> Would you have voted to legalize smoking of marijuana for medical purposes and authorize private persons to grow and sell large quantities of marijuana to other persons for medical purposes? (2009 Senate Journal, p. 6389)	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>5. Prohibit Promotion of Homosexuality in Schools.</b> Would you have voted to prohibit public schools from promoting acceptance of homosexual or bisexual behavior through anti-bullying policies? (2009 Senate Journal, p. 2139)	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>6. Reduce Voter Fraud.</b> Would you have voted to require persons who vote on Election Day to present a picture ID? (2009 Senate Journal, p. 4271)	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>7. Expand School Choice.</b> Would you have voted to allow parents to use the existing education tax credit for tuition expense at the school of their choice? (2008 Senate Journal, p. 8276)	-	<b>YES</b>
<b>8. Establish Domestic Partner Status for Homosexuals.</b> Would you have voted to authorize the creation of a marriage-like status for homosexual partners? (2009 Senate Journal, p. 3611)	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>9. Restore Parental Oversight of Minor Children's Medical Treatment.</b> Would you have voted to grant parents' access to and control over their minor children's medical treatment, without requiring the child's consent, for alcohol and drug abuse, pregnancy, or sexually transmitted diseases? (2007 Senate Journal, p. 1532)	-	<b>YES</b>
<b>10. Establish Statewide Condom Mandate in Public School Sex Education.</b> Would you have voted to establish a condom promotion mandate in sex education courses in every Minnesota public school, grades 7 through 12? (2007 Senate Journal, p. 5357)	-	<b>YES</b>

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