Who We Are
Wisconsin Family Council (WFC) is a not-for-profit organization that focuses on issues that impact Wisconsin's families. WFC partners with concerned citizens, like you, as well as churches, policymakers and organizations throughout the state to champion the family and address the social and political issues that affect families. If you would like to partner with us in our efforts to strengthen families, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to WFC. Our address and website are listed below.

We hope you will use this 2011 Senate Recall Election Voter Information Publication (VIP) to cast an informed vote this summer. If you have any questions or comments, please contact our office.

Helping You Cast an Informed Vote
This nonpartisan publication is intended for educational purposes only and is not intended to influence a particular election or any particular legislation. It provides candidates' positions on issues so that you can decide which candidates accurately represent your values.

Every candidate had the opportunity to complete this survey but some chose not to, despite multiple contacts. We urge you to call candidates who did not respond or visit their websites to find out where they are on the issues.

Election Information Online
Visit ***www.yourwisconsinvote.org*** for the online version of the VIP, voter registration, absentee voting and general voter information.

Election Date
General Election is Tuesday, August 16, 2011

Key	
D = Democrat	inc. Indicates Incumbent
R = Republican	* Candidate supplied comment

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Candidate Survey Responses	Jim Holperin (D) (inc.)	Kim Simac (R)
1. Expand the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program and other educational alternatives, such as charter and virtual schools.	Jim Holperin did not return a completed survey. Contact his campaign at 715-212-3373 to get his responses to the survey items directly, or visit his web site at http://holperinforsenate.com/. Or, you can contact WFC's offices at 888-378-7395 to obtain a copy of Jim Holperin's voting records on similar issues.	S*
2. Increase taxes on selected groups of taxpayers in order to maintain funding levels for core state programs and services.		O*
3. Allow public employee unions to collectively bargain for wages, healthcare and retirement benefits and working conditions.		S*
4. Allow school districts to choose curriculum for and design their own human growth & development (sex ed) programs.		S*
5. Allow adult citizens with no felony convictions to carry a concealed firearm.		.S
6. Permit health insurance plans participating in Wisconsin's state-based health insurance exchanges to use taxpayer dollars to cover elective abortions.		O
7. Establish or maintain state funding and/or tax credits for companies or educational institutions engaged in Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research.		O*
8. Revise Wisconsin law regarding divorce proceedings where minor children are involved, including extending time before the divorce is final and requiring extensive counseling (in the absence of abuse, abandonment or adultery).		S
9. Protect the right of Wisconsin citizens to choose their own health care insurance plans or to choose not to carry health care insurance.		S*
10. Give benefits typically reserved for married couples to same-sex couples.		O

Qualified Responses:
1. I support increased competition, and that includes education in the form of private, charter, parochial and virtual schools. We have some great public schools in this state and some that don't fare as well. In districts where schools are failing, choice schools have performed exceptionally well in progressing students…(cont. at yourwisconsinvote.org/recall.htm)
2. I would not support tax increases on any segment of the population. The $2.2 billion in tax increases implemented in Jim Doyle's '09-'11 Biennium cost jobs to leave this state…(cont. at yourwisconsinvote.org/recall.htm)
3. The collective bargaining structure with public employees had fallen so far out of balance not only with the public sector, but with private unions as well. Nobody begrudges unions the opportunity to…(cont. at yourwisconsinvote.org/recall.htm)
4. I support more local control over school curriculum that is taught in our public schools. The specific needs of school districts vary widely within our own district, much more so when you are comparing different regions of the state.
7. The science of embryonic stem cell research is all but obsolete. Advances in research on adult-stem cells has shown to have the same potential as embryonic stem cells without the moral dilemma inherent in embryonic stem cell research.
9.While the battle over the constitutionality of the individual mandate in the PPAHCA is currently being fought in the courts I would fight against any such language in the state senate…(cont. at yourwisconsinvote.org/recall.htm)