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LPA-AFT Asks Quebec Election Candidates Whether they Support Secularism

Montreal, 24th August 2026 – In the context of the Quebec election campaign, *Atheist Freethinkers* (LPA-AFT), an association which defends the rights of atheists, emphasizes the importance of maintaining and extending secularism. All leaders of political parties participating in the election of 5th October 2026, as well as all candidates, are requested to answer the following questions.

1. Do you support the removal of "advancement of religion" from the criteria for a charitable organization, thereby ending this tax privilege granted to religions? (See recommendation 9 of the brief presented by LPA-AFT to the Pelchat-Rousseau committee.)
2. Do you support the repeal of fiscal privileges granted to religious institutions by articles 204 and 236 of the *Act respecting municipal taxation*? (See recommendation 10 of the brief for the Pelchat-Rousseau committee.)
3. Do you support ending all public funding for religious educational institutions?
4. Are you committed to maintaining Quebec's secular legislation, defending it against any legal challenge and renewing the notwithstanding clause when necessary? This concerns the following three laws:
   - *Bill 21, An Act respecting the laicity* [sic] *of the State* (2019)
   - *Bill 94, An Act to, in particular, reinforce laicity* [sic] *in the education network and to amend various legislative provisions* (2025)
   - *Bill 9, An Act respecting the reinforcement of laicity* [sic] *in Québec* (2026)
5. Do you support the adoption of a new law prohibiting the sale of meat produced from slaughter without stunning, in conformity with some religious traditions, unless the method of slaughter is clearly and legibly identified, thus allowing the public to be informed before buying it?

Respondents are asked to send their answers to <bulletin@atheology.ca>

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