



DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS 2009 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Please indicate your position on each of the following issues by filling in ONLY ONE circle.

GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender) ISSUES:

<i>(please check the box to the left of the issue if you would like us to send you more information about a specific issue.)</i>		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would support hiring openly GLBT employees.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support enactment of age-appropriate comprehensive sex-education that includes HIV/AIDS prevention/education in public schools.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support adding the language "sexual orientation, gender identity and expression" to the current Florida and local human rights laws.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support local and state measures to ensure that students are protected from discrimination and bias-based harassment based on sexual orientation and gender identity and expression in school.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I pledge to work to support the development, funding and implementation for universal access healthcare for prevention, treatment, care and support.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support the Florida ban on adoption by gays and lesbians.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support enactment of legislation to end the targeted criminalization of persons living with HIV/AIDS.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support the proposed amendment to the Florida constitution to bar same-sex couples from having equal access to marriage.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support the removal of "Teach abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage as the expected standard for all school-age students while teaching the benefits of monogamous heterosexual marriage." from Florida Statute 1003.46.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civil unions for same-sex couples should be legalized and I would sponsor and vote for a resolution in my jurisdiction urging such legislation. As such, civil unions should provide access to all benefits afforded through marriage.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support adding the language "HIV/AIDS" to human rights laws.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support a woman's unrestricted right to reproductive freedom.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act", which specifically bars same-sex couples from having equal access to marriage.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support increased funding for the "Medically Needy Share of Cost" program under Medicaid that provides healthcare for all persons with HIV/AIDS, along with transplant patients and people with catastrophic illnesses.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support the legalization and use of public funding for needle/syringe exchange and comprehensive safe access (harm-reduction) programs as an evidence based intervention.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support the proposed amendment to the US constitution to bar same-sex couples from having equal access to marriage.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support equal rights and treatment under the law for GLBT persons in military service.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

SUMMARY Please briefly explain why gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender voters should support your candidacy (you may use this space for any additional comments or to explain any positions taken on the above issues.)

SEE ATTACHED

I have signed the Broward County Statement of Ethical Campaign Practices and have attached a copy.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

DATE

Statement to Dolphin Democrats, 2009

Regarding the Civil Unions Question: Although civil unions would be a good first step in Florida, I support full marriage rights for same sex couples. In fact, my husband and I have been at the forefront of the marriage equality battle, having married in California and by fighting to protect and expand those rights for all.

As a proud gay candidate, I will be a strong leader for the LGBT community because this election is just a continuation of my activism in our community. Some examples of my involvement in advocating for the LGBT community include:

- My husband Waymon Hudson and I spoke up when we heard anti-gay messages over the Fort Lauderdale Airport intercom, and we were harassed and threatened because of it.
- We started Fight OUT Loud to fight against LGBT discrimination and hate.
- We used Fight OUT Loud to help build a coalition in South Florida to fight against the bigoted statements of Mayor Naugle
- I worked with Justin Flippen and County Commissioner Stacy Ritter to have Naugle removed from the tourism development council, which the county commission did by a 9-0 vote
- I worked with the transgender community in Oakland Park and Broward County to expand workplace and housing protections based on gender identity and expression.
- I have been working on changing the definition of "family" under Oakland Park law to be more inclusive of LGBT families, seniors, and others.
- Waymon and I took in a foster son who was left homeless by the state because he was deemed unadoptable for being a teenager with HIV.
- I worked with our son and traveled to Tallahassee to testify in front of the state senate in an effort to overturn the ban on adoption by gays and lesbians.
- I have helped plan vigils for those who have been killed by hate crimes to raise awareness, and I walked the streets with Simmie Williams' mother putting wanted posters along Sistrunk Blvd.
- I spoke and wrote against Florida's Amendment 2, including speaking to senior, religious, and African-American groups. I worked with city governments to pass resolutions opposing Amendment 2.

These are just some of my efforts in advancing equality for the LGBT community, addressing so many of our issues—including marriage, adoption, hate crimes, and work and housing protections. This advocacy will not stop when I am elected. Being a commissioner will allow me to have another platform to make sure that nobody in our community suffers from hate and discrimination. When elected

officials stand up and spew hate, I will have a platform to challenge them and explain that they are talking about me and my family.

With the passage of Amendment 2, we also need to be vigilant in protecting our domestic partner benefits. Oakland Park is one of the cities that has domestic partner benefits for its city's employees, and we need a commissioner that will fight to protect them. We have seen how other states have used their anti-gay amendments to eliminate rights, and I promise to fight as hard as I can to make sure that the employees of Oakland Park and all South Florida communities do not have these protections taken away.