



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:	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 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 checked="" 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 Anne E Salke

DATE 1.6.09

SUMMARY:

All individuals should have the same rights and responsibilities regardless of their sexuality or physical appearance. An individual should not be discriminated against or treated differently based on preferences or appearance, any more than for skin color, ethnicity or national origin. It is unfortunate that is not the case in our society.

I am personally familiar with both the HIV crisis and the adoption issue. I lost a brother to HIV/AIDS in 1991. He was not gay, but that did not make it any less tragic for us. He was a doctor who was infected in surgery. He feared discrimination for his family so deeply that he kept it a secret, even from his own family for three years, to the detriment of his own health. I only wish he could have lived long enough to see some of the remarkable strides that while not yet a cure or prevention, have made the disease not the death sentence it was for some.

When I first moved to Florida, I worked for several years with an attorney writing pro-bono adoption documents for a non-profit agency helping abused, neglected, and dependent youth. I saw families in the system in torment because although they were good enough to serve as foster homes and developed familial relationships with their children, they could not adopt. There is no valid supportive reason to deny GLBT individuals or families the option to adopt. They should be scrutinized like any placement and judged on their ability to provide a good and loving home. It is shameful that children should have to grow up stuck in the social service system when there are GLBT families who would provide a loving environment.

Every person has the right to live life in a way that makes them happy to the extent that it does not impose on another's right to do the same. No person should have the option of telling another how to live. It is supremely unfortunate that some individuals are so fearful of the unfamiliar that they would try to outlaw a lifestyle rather than just accept it for what it is – someone else's life, in which they should not interfere.

I strongly support any action and/or legislation that gives the GLBT community equal rights under the law and would allow them the same constitutional rights as other individuals. I look forward to the opportunity to serve my community as Commissioner and will seek out any opportunity to make changes to make it a better place to live in for **all** the residents. I hope to have the support of the majority of the voters in Oakland Park to allow me to work to this end to make Oakland Park a better place, one neighbor at a time.

- Anne E. Sallee