**THE DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS**

**2016 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

**U.S. CONGRESS AND SENATE**

NOTE TO CANDIDATES: The information you provide on this questionnaire will be posted on the Dolphin Democrats website and social media. Please include a recent photo of yourself to be posted with your questionnaire

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Please answer the following questions:

Are you a member of the Dolphin Democrats?

Are you a member of the Florida LGBTA Democratic Caucus?

Do you identify as LGBT?

Are you a member of the Broward Democratic Executive Committee?

Would you condemn instances of hate speech in your district and on the floor of Congress?

Do you believe that a woman has the right to terminate her unwanted pregnancy? Please Explain.

Have you ever registered to participate in a LGBT Pride parade (e.g. The Wilton Manors Stonewall Pride Parade)? If so, how many, when were they, and where were they held?

Are you a member of the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus?

Have you ever experienced discrimination on a personal level? If so, how did you deal with it?

Do you support legislation that would require background checks for all gun purchases?

Would you sponsor or co-sponsor legislation to require background checks for all gun purchases?

Do you believe it should be illegal for anyone on the No-Fly list to purchase a gun?

Would you sponsor or co-sponsor legislation to make it illegal for anyone on the no-Fly list to purchase a gun?

Do you support legislation to ban clips that hold more than ten rounds?

Would you sponsor or co-sponsor legislation to ban clips that hold more than ten rounds?

Would you support non-discrimination legislation (such as the Equality Act) that would make it illegal to fire someone and/or deny them housing because of their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression?

Would you co-sponsor this legislation?

Would you oppose legislation that restricts access to restrooms and other sex-segregated facilities for transgender persons?

Do you support legislation to expand Federal Hate Crimes law to cover crimes motivated by a victim’s actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation or gender identity and expression?

Do you support marriage equality for same-sex couples?

Would you oppose legislation offering religious exemptions to everyone wanting to discriminate against LGBT couples?

Would you oppose legislation allowing organizations or businesses to refuse service to LGBT persons based on personal or religious objections?

Would you support legislation to ban ‘conversion therapy’, a range of dangerous and discredited practices that falsely claim to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity or expression?

Would you support legislation requiring fair and equal access to essential healthcare for transgender persons?

Would you support efforts in our public schools to provide HIV/STI prevention education?

Do you support Department of Education requirements to teaching comprehensive age-appropriate sex education programs in our public schools?

Would you support legislation creating and regulating safe houses for sexually exploited youth?

In some metropolitan areas, as many as 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBT. What do you feel would be a solution to this problem that Congress could provide? Please Explain.

Would you support legislation creating a Federal Human Trafficking Task Force including a coordinated reporting system and hotline to report Human Trafficking in the US, its Territories, and Distircts?

Would you support legislation creating a federal needle exchange program?

Would you support legislation regulating pricing and the affordability of medications to treat HIV?

Would you oppose legislation allowing prosecution of HIV-positive people for activities that have virtually no risk of transmitting the virus but are perceived as exposure, even when HIV is not transmitted?

Do you support Medicaid and Medicare expansion?

Would you support legislation to expand the Affordable Care Act to include a Federal exchange that allows the same health insurance policy and price purchased in all States, US Territories and US Districts? If, so, would you sponsor the bill?

Would you support adding a public health insurance plan option to the Affordable Care Act or, as an alternative, creating a single-payer health plan, such as Medicare for all?

Do you support legislation allowing the VA, Medicare, and Medicaid to bargain pricing with pharmaceutical providers for volume discounts? If, so, would you sponsor the bill?

Many LGBT individuals from other countries (such as Syria and Uganda) seek asylum in the United States because they face persecution and even death at home. However, they find it difficult under our current immigration law to obtain asylum in the United States. What would you do, if elected to assist them?

What is your opinion of the Black Lives Matter movement?

Would you support passage of a Wall Street speculation tax?

Would you support full implementation of the Dodd-Frank law?

Would you support a 21st century Glass-Steagall Act and breaking up the too-big-to-fail banks?

Would you vote to end the tax deductibility of stock-based executive pay?

Would you support legislation to close the “carried interest” loophole that allows hedge funds, private equity firms and venture capitalists to avoid billions of dollars in taxes each year by characterizing the carried interest fee as a capital gain -- and not a fee for a service rendered?

What will you do to help achieve the goal of high-quality, debt-free higher education?

What will you do to help the millions of Americans struggling with student loan payments?

Would you sponsor and work to enact legislation to restore the strength of the Voting Rights Act by allowing the Department of Justice to review (in the year following every census) all States, Territories and Districts for addition or removal from the requirement for preclearance?

Would you oppose efforts to erect obstacles to voting, including those based on economic

condition or race?

Would you support efforts to promote greater voter participation with legislation that would require set standards in all States, US Territorial and Districts, for early voting, same day registration, and mandatory vote by mail or online voting?

Would you support automatic voters registration for all US citizens over 18 years of age?

Would you support legislation that removes barriers to voters registration in all states, US territories, and districts?

Please state in 125 words or less what you feel are the strengths you bring, the primary goals you have for the office you are seeking, and why you feel the LGBT Community should support your candidacy.

By signing this questionnaire, you are stating that if selected you would accept the Dolphin Democrats public support and endorsement.

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