

THE DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS 2016 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

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? No

Are you a member of the Florida LGBT Democratic Caucus? No

Do you identify as LGBT? No

Are you a member of the Broward Democratic Executive Committee? Yes Precinct Committeewoman

Would you condemn instances of hate speech in your district? Yes

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

A woman should have the right to choose what they want to do with their body unless she is mentally and/or medically unable too and it impedes on her well being.

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? No

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

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

Would you support a policy that lease and event contracts include a prohibition that assault weapons may not be sold on your municipalities' property at any event? Yes

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

Would you support non-discrimination legislation that would make it illegal to fire someone and/or deny them housing because of their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression? Yes

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

Do you support marriage equality for same-sex couples? Yes

Do you support domestic partner benefits for unmarried public employees? Yes

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

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? Yes

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

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

Do you support teaching comprehensive age-appropriate sex education programs in our public schools? Yes

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

Would you support legislation creating a Florida Human Trafficking Task Force including a coordinated reporting system and state hotline to report Human Trafficking in Florida? Yes

Would you support legislation creating a statewide needle exchange program? Yes

Do you support a municipal ordinance adding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity as protected classes for employment, service, and housing in your municipality? Yes

Do you support gender identity being determined by the individual? Yes

Do you support requiring sensitivity training to address LGBT issues (which are very direly needed for our transgender municipal residents) for public safety employees in your municipality? Yes

Do you support a LGBT pride parade (late June) and a Transgender Day of Remembrance (November 20th: for transgender around the world murdered every year because they are transgender) held in your municipality? Yes

Do you support a living wage for all municipal employees? Yes

Do you support contracts that require competitive bidding also require the contractor to provide a living wage and healthcare benefits to all its employees doing work for your municipality? Yes

Do you support requiring municipal contractors to provide a minimum of two weeks paid vacation to their employees who are doing work for your municipality? Yes

Do you support your municipal employees right to collective bargaining without any undue interference from your municipality? Yes

Do you support child care facilities in your municipality that provide child care services to single parents being partially government subsidized? Yes

Do you support after school and sports programs being offered by your municipality? Yes

Do you support legislation requiring healthy food options at day care facilities and municipal after school/sports programs? Yes

Do you support the right of the people to demonstrate peacefully in your municipality without complicated permits being required? Yes

Do you support religious exemptions for individuals providing services to the general public in a business to be able to discriminate in employment, housing, or service due to a sincerely held religious belief? No I dont support any form of discrimination

Do you support religious organizations who provide community services for the general public, funded by your municipality, still being able to administer those municipal programs if they refuse to provide those same services funded by your municipality to LGBT people? No

Do you support a moment of silence rather than a benediction preceding your meetings?

I support moment of silence becuase a benediction is normally used at a closing of an event not opening

Would you be available to attend one of our meetings (7:30 pm, the second Wednesday of every month at The Pride Center 2020 N Dixie Hwy, Wilton Manors, FL 33305) where we consider endorsing you for the position you are seeking? Yes

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.

Love is love. I believe everyone should be treated equally regardless of who you love, what your gender identity or sexual orientation is.

As community servants and/or leaders, we must lead by example and empower our community. We build empowerment by accepting, celebrating, and supporting each other. We must be equally committed to ending prejudice and harassment. To ignore these realities is to ignore systemic discrimination against members of our community whom we were elected to serve. Leaders should believe in empowerment for all, not in empowerment for some.

With the understanding that we should be empowering all, a leader should be on the front lines of these efforts. We should be working daily to create a supportive environment in our community that starts with awareness. We should be creating a climate in which our most vulnerable constituents feel safe and valued. And we do this by ensuring inclusive policies and nurturing practices, while ensuring an environment that is truly welcoming to everyone.

Although everyone shares the responsibility of making our communities friendly, safe, and desirable places to live, as leaders we must steer these important efforts in meaningful ways. I say meaningful ways because we bring a blend of influence, capacity, and resources that are unmatched by other stakeholders when supporting efforts against discrimination.

My desire is for the present and future generations to live in a world where everyone is treated equally and fairly, and discrimination of any kind has no place in West Park, Broward County, the state Florida and country. And we all work together to create this more perfect Union by prioritizing the issue as a community concern, addressing the concern and implementing prevention efforts in our cities.

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

Signature *Felicia Mychele Brunson* Date: 8/29/16