

**THE DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS  
2016 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE  
MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES**

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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? **No**

Would you condemn instances of hate speech in your district?

**Absolutely. I would take any actions that I could to stop it.**

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

**I am a staunch supporter of the "right to privacy" between a woman and her doctor and the right of a woman to make these decisions.**

- **women have a moral right to decide what to do with their bodies**
- **the right to abortion is vital for gender equality**
- **the right to abortion is vital for individual women to achieve their full potential**
- **banning abortion puts women at risk by forcing them to use illegal abortionists**
- **the right to abortion should be part of a portfolio of pregnancy rights that enables women to make a truly free choice**

**whether to end a pregnancy**

**I have serious concerns that if we lose this election, the Supreme Court would overturn Roe V. Wade. I do not believe that we can ever become complacent. We must stay vigilant with this fight.**

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?

**I have watched NYC parades for a decade. I have never registered to participate.**

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, it is crazy that this is even debatable.**

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? **I sponsored a Hallandale Beach Resolution banning city funded travel to North Carolina until HB2 is repealed, Mississippi until HB1523 is repealed, or any other state which would preempt local government's rights to adopt laws prohibiting discrimination.**

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

Do you support domestic partner benefits for unmarried public employees? **Yes, and I voted in favor of the Hallandale Beach Resolution supporting domestic partner benefits.**

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? **Absolutely. I would advocate for it.**

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 20<sup>th</sup>: 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. We do not have permit requirements in Hallandale Beach. I know this because I have lead a number of protests in the city prior to my being in office (which is one of the reasons why I am in office). Being that I exercise the constitutional right more than most, I am a firm believer in the First Amendment.**

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? **Yes**

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? **Yes**

Do you support a moment of silence rather than a benediction preceding your meetings?  
**If we have a reason to have a moment of silence due to an event that has occurred, I am fine with that. Otherwise, I find it unnecessary. I do not support prayer at public meetings. I believe in the separation of church and state. That protects people of all faiths and of no faith from having any religion forced upon them.**

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.

**As a sitting City Commissioner, I am able to open more doors and utilize my strengths to advocate for anyone whose freedoms are in jeopardy. As an organizer and leader of the animal welfare community, I fight for the voiceless. In spite of safety concerns, as one of the main adversaries of the billion dollar pet sales industry, I have withstood constant ridicule and threats. I believe that civil disobedience is necessary to protect the First and Fourteenth Amendments. I have long admired activists like Steinem, Milk, Senator Cory Booker and others. We need more activists in office. They are the ones who unabashedly speak their truth. I believe you should support my candidacy based on my integrity, passion, honesty, and track record.**

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_