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DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS ENDORSE DEAN TRANTALIS FOR FORT LAUDERDALE COMMISSION, DISTRICT 2, DONNA GUTHRIE FOR FORT LAUDERDALE COMMISSION DISTRICT 3, LORI MOSELEY FOR MIRAMAR MAYOR, LOUIS REINSTEN FOR PLANTATION COUNCIL GROUP 2, JUDY PAUL FOR DAVIE MAYOR, AND ASHIRA MOHAMED FOR PEMBROKE PARK MAYOR

The membership of the Dolphin Democrats, Florida's oldest LGBT political organization, on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 voted to endorse several Democratic candidates in Broward's upcoming municipal elections. We believe that each of these dedicated public servants are strong advocates of not only the LGBT community, but all the people, and look forward to a greater Broward to in which we all can work, live, and play through their leadership.

Dean Trantalis is a former President of the Dolphin Democrats, a current member of the Dolphin Democrats, and the only openly LGBT member of the Fort Lauderdale Commission. Dean initiated a resolution in support of marriage equality that was adopted by the Fort Lauderdale Commission earlier in 2014.

Donna Guthrie is a member of the Dolphin Democrats. We believe that she will advocate for equality and the LGBT community alongside Dean.

Lori Moseley was the second mayor in Broward County to sign the Mayors for the Freedom to Marry Statement. She has always been an outspoken supporter of equal rights for the LGBT community, as well as other communities in her city.

Louis Reinstein has been a member of the Dolphin Democrats for several years, and is a strong supporter of equal rights for all marginalized communities. We believe he will be a good advocate in a community that has not historically done a great job on equal rights for the LGBT community.

Judy Paul signed the Mayors for the Freedom to Marry Statement in 2012. With a large number of LGBT people in Davie, she has been a leader in supporting our community. She is a current member of the Dolphin Democrats, holding a Jamie Bloodworth Society membership. Jamie Bloodworth was a strong advocate for LGBT and specifically women's rights. She died due to complications from breast cancer in 2005. The Dolphin Democrats have written into our bylaws a yearly Jamie Bloodworth award awarded to a woman who has shown leadership and/or sponsorship of issues improving the human rights of the LGBT community at large.

Ashira Mohamed has signed the Mayors for the Freedom to Marry Statement and promoted the rights of LGBT people in her work as an Associate Attorney at Rumrell, Bate, McLeod & Brock

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