

**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.

Candidate name: William "Bill" Harris

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<https://www.facebook.com/ElectBillHarris2016/>

Campaign Twitter: None

Please answer the following questions:

Are you a member of the Dolphin Democrats? Yes

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

Do you identify as LGBT? I identify as a gay man.

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

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? Yes. I am pro-choice and am steadfast in my belief that it is a woman's right to make decisions about her body.

Have you ever registered to participate in a LGBT Pride parade? If so, how many, when were they, and where were they held?
Yes, 2014, Wilton Manors Parade

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

Do you believe that 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 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 band “conversation therapy” a range of dangerous and discredited practices that falsely claim to change a person’s sexual 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 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 those Transgendered around the world murdered every year because they are transgender) held within 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

So do you support legislation requiring healthy food options at day care facilities and municipal after school/supports 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 housing services to the general public in a business to be able to discriminate in employment, housing, or service due to 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 LBGT people? NO

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

Would you be available to attend one of our meetings where we consider endorsing you for the position you are seeking? Yes

Please states 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?

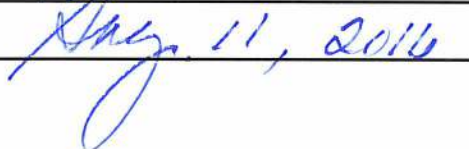
"I have over 40 years of business experience with major corporations as well as co-owning a national event planning and logistics company with my partner of 16 years. I am Chairman of the Dania Beach Planning and Zoning board, and a member of the Creative Arts Council and the Charter Review Board. I have a thoughtful vision for the city's development and with your endorsement I will proudly work to improve Dania Beach for all residents and business owners."

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

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill James", written over a horizontal line.

____ Date:

A handwritten date in blue ink, "Aug 11, 2016", written over a horizontal line.