

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? Yes for many years.

Are you a member of the Florida LGBT Democratic Caucus? Do not recall if current member.

Do you identify as LGBT? Yes

Are you a member of the Broward Democratic Executive Committee? No

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.

Yes, I support a woman's right to choose

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?

Yes, many many in Wilton Manors. I was grand marshall in this year's parade.

I have made ensuring that we continue the stonewall parade a priority.

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.

I participated in Press Conference supporting this legislation.

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, however, this may be illegal under FL law.

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. I made Wilton Manors' restrooms unisex.

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, as long as it did not preempt local programs.

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, and have implemented these.

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, and I also support AIDS Day of Vigil.

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. The State does not provide sufficient funding for such services.

Do you support after school and sports programs being offered by your municipality? Yes - we offer many.

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 do not support discrimination for any reason.

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?

Yes, I changed our practice years ago.

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 Mayor since 2008, and Commissioner since 1998, I have supported policies and practices that protect and promote the LGBT community. I have often taken heat, including when I prohibited the Boy Scouts from meeting for free in City facilities and urged our PD to recruit LGBT officers. I may be Florida's longest serving openly gay elected official.

Not only have I supported these in Wilton Manors, but I have urged colleagues and other elected officials throughout Florida and US to support pro-LGBT policies. For example, I got the FL League of Cities to adopt same sex and domestic partner health benefits. I also urged boycotts of states and localities that institutionalize discrimination against LGBT in their laws.



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

Signature

Gary Resmel

Date:

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