**THE DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS**

**2016 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES**

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**Margate City Commissioner Seat #1**

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Please answer the following questions:

NO

Are you a member of the Dolphin Democrats?

NO

Are you a member of the Florida LGBTA Democratic Caucus? Do you identify as LGBT?

NO

NO

Are you a member of the Broward Democratic Executive Committee? Would you condemn instances of hate speech in your district?

YES ABSOLUTELY

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

Yes, very women should have the right to choose as long as she has been given all the facts and options, its her 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 2006 or 2007 not sure of the year Wilton Manors Gay Pride Week Parade and Festival,

we were vendors selling Mia Bella Candles

YES

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?

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

YES

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

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

YES

Do you support marriage equality for same-sex couples?

YES ALREADY HAVE

Do you support domestic partner benefits for unmarried public employees?

Would you oppose legislation allowing organizations or businesses to refuse service to LGBT

YES

persons based on personal or religious objections?

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

YES

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

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

YES

YES

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

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

YES

Would you support legislation creating a statewide needle exchange program?

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

YES

YES

Do you support gender identity being determined by the individual?

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

YES

Do you support a living wage for all municipal employees?

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?

NO, Vacation time should be accrued by PTO hours not automatic 2 weeks

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 100%

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?

NO, A permit should be required for all demonstrations, but not as complicated as they are now

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 No discrimination ever should be allowed at all

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 Again no discrimination at all

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

Yes this is how we currently start our meetings

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?

I can attend Sept 14th, but we hold our Commission meetings on that same night

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.

**I am a strong leader, and I can identify with the LGBT community having been discriminated against and maligned my entire life for being overweight, I have the business experience to make sound decisions and I bring many years of voluntary service expertise to the city of Margate including the following:**

**Margate Board of Adjustments - ( Current Chair )**

**Margate Community Emergency Response Team - ( Asst Program Chief )**

**Margate Lions Club - ( Vice President )**

**Margate Volunteer Program - ( Asst Program Coordinator )**

**Margate Coconut Creek Relay for Life - ( Co Chair Community Champions )**

**American Cancer Society - Executive Committee ( Asst Logistics Chair )**

**I am already a strong advocate for all of the residents of Margate which includes the LGBT Community, my door will always be open to help anyone that needs me.**

By signing this questionnaire, you are stating that if selected you would accept the Dolphin

Democrats public support and endorsement.

Edward A DeCristofaro

8/16/16

Signature Date: