

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

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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

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

Yes, although my personal beliefs are to never abort a child, as a woman I believe a woman should have the rights to her body.

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 attended on with my WNBA teammates a couple of years ago in Atlanta.

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

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?

Absolutely not. My best friend and my son's godmother is a lesbian.

Would you oppose legislation that restricts access to restrooms and other sex-segregated facilities for transgender persons? I have mixed feelings on this issue because I have questions on this. Such as, how are we able to differentiate pedophiles and sex offenders who are males who pretend to be transgender and take advantage of children.

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?

Absolutely
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 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

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

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

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?

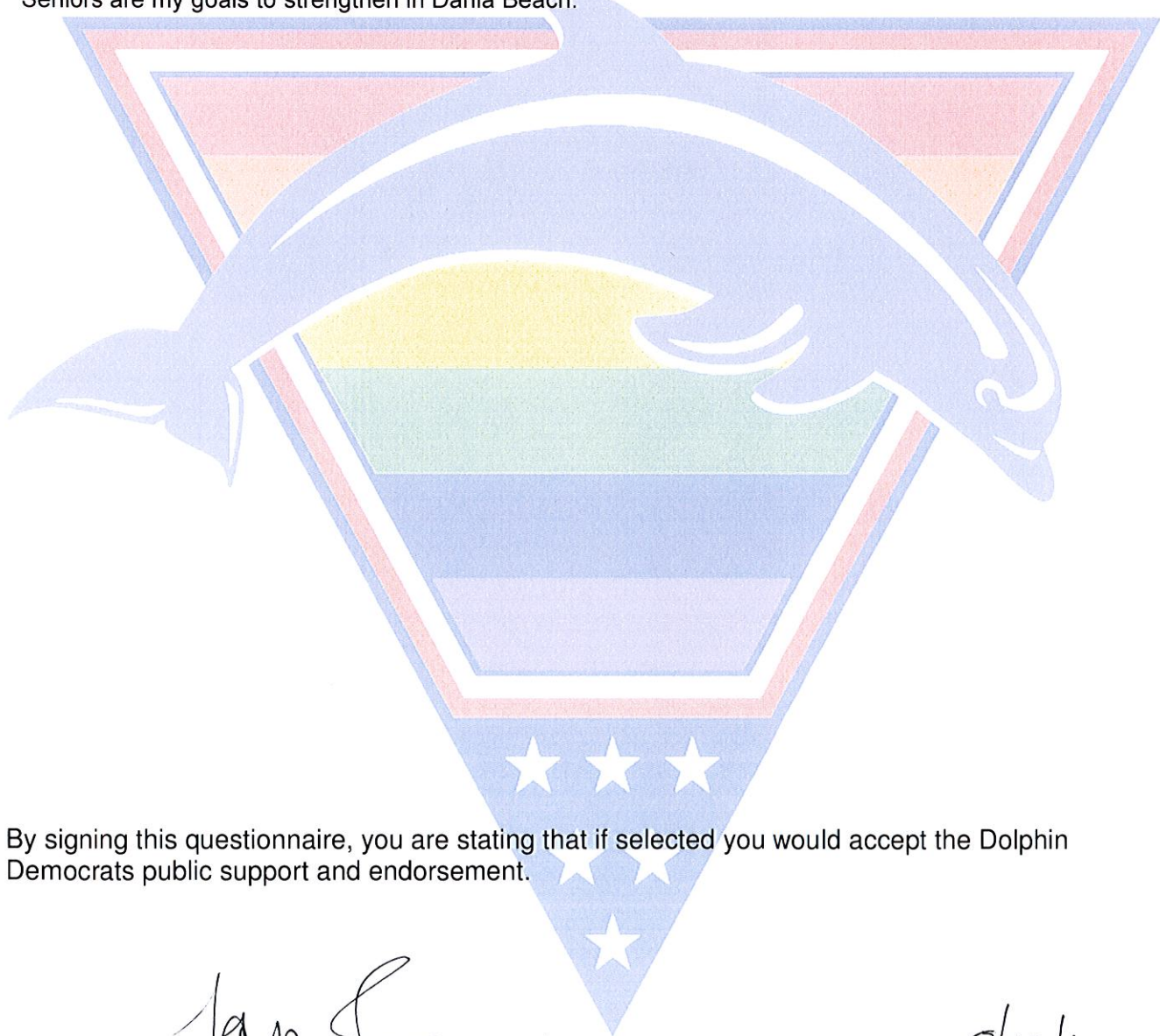
Yes

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.

I am a former WNBA and Professional overseas basketball player. I've been surround by the LGBT community all my life. Having a best friend who came out very early in her life, I watched her go through discrimination, depression, and a multitude of issues where I was educated on issues surrounding the unfair treatment of the LGBT community. I've ran a nonprofit organization for the last 10 years. I was born and raised in Dania Beach. We need a new voice for our future. We need an advocate for our youth. (91). Being a world traveler has taught me how to lead, work smart, and be a team player. Education, Youth, and our Seniors are my goals to strengthen in Dania Beach.



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

Signature

Jan James

Date:

8/10/16