

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? *yes*

Are you a member of the Florida LGBT Democratic Caucus? *N*

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? *yes!*

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

yes, as a woman, I am a firm believer that no one should interfere w/ a woman's right to control her body.

Yes, As a woman, I am a firm believer that no one should interfere

w/ a woman's right to control the fate of her body.

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For as a woman I am a firm believer that no one
should be put in a position of control or
power over others.

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?

NO

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?

~~for citizens~~ 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

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, along w/ more effective drug prevention

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?

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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! And possible subsidies to low income families

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.

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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.

see attached.



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

Signature

[Handwritten signature]

Date:

8/10/2016.

Every day people who overcame obstacles to achieve great milestones are those who possess resilience, determination and endurance to go after what they want, even if the path is not easy. As a Latina single mom working while going to law school, I can attest to that.

Officials have to make decisions that are unpopular, or that may even be offensive to a few members of the community. As an attorney, I am comfortable making informed decisions that focus on benefits as opposed to instant gratification.

The LGBT community has made history by joining forces and obtaining rights yet to be known to the community. As the only minority in this race, I count on the LGBT community to help promote the power of diversity.

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