

THE DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS

2016 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

NOTE TO CANDIDATES:

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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? Yes

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, and have done so.

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

Yes. This is a personal decision for a woman and should have no governmental restrictions or intrusions.

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 this is required of all city employees

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, it is held

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 the police have this and I have encouraged it for the general employees. I am a former union president

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, there should be no excuse for discrimination

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, this currently is the practice in Wilton Manors

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 I have participated in every Stonewall Event in Wilton Manors since becoming a city commissioner in 2008

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

yes this is very important

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, it is a shame it is allowed in Ft. Lauderdale

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 this is vital at state and federal level

Would you oppose legislation that restricts access to restrooms and other sex-segregated facilities for transgender persons? Yes, and I am working through the National League of cities to oppose this. Opposition to HB-2 N.C.

Do you support marriage equality for same-sex couples?

yes

Do you support domestic partner benefits for unmarried public employees?

yes and we have this in Wilton Manors

Would you oppose legislation allowing organizations or businesses to refuse service to LGBT persons based on personal or religious objections?

yes, it is an excuse for discrimination

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 the city will officially ban this on 9/13/16

Would you support legislation requiring fair and equal access to essential healthcare for transgender persons? I support this legislation at the state level and will

work to have this included at the county level and city eventually

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, I have testified at Broward School Board meetings

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 with county oversight

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

yes, we have already approved this in Wilton Manors

Do you support gender identity being determined by the individual?

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 I have been a member, and regularly attended meetings for decades.

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 ask for everyone's input before I make a decision. Decisions must be made for good of the entire community. This is the elected office I have always wanted and is not a step to higher office. I look at every proposed ordinance and decision on how it will affect everyone.

My goals are always related to the environment both human and natural. I want to expand our "green" building codes to make this a city with a high quality of life. This includes a new "complete streets" program of narrowing roadways with more landscaping, sidewalks, bike lanes and pedestrian crossings. I would like to develop the city hall property at Wilton Drive and NE 21st Ct. This could provide more parking, commercial property at street level. I am on a committee that will help decide on commuter rail stations in Broward. I would like to regulate "saber homes" in Wilton Manors and support senior housing at the Pride Center.

I have been a supporter of LGBT rights in Broward for decades. I am a founding member of The Dolphin Dems. I worked for LGBT rights in several teacher's organizations. I am the Vice-President of the LGBT Local Officials of the National League of Cities. This is a great forum to work nationally for LGBT rights such as getting the NLC condemnation of North Carolina HB-2. By signing this questionnaire, you are stating that if selected you would accept the Dolphin Democrats public support and endorsement.

Signature

Tom Green

Date:

9/9/16