

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? **No**

Do you identify as LGBT? **Yes**

Are you a member of the Broward Democratic Executive Committee? **Yes**

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, no one has the right to tell a woman what she can and to do with her body it's between her and her Doctor

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 have volunteered to be at the Dolphins Democratic Club booth

2015 worked the booth 9:30am set up/ close 5:00pm Wilton Manors Stonewall

2015 Ft Lauderdale Gay pride Saturday Open at 9:30 too close 5:00pm and Sunday open 9:30 till Noon

2016 Wilton Manors Stonewall open 9:30am set up to 5:00 pm

2013 was in Elect Commissioner Tim Loneragan contingent in the Stonewall Parade

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? **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**

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 not blocking flow of traffic**

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 have worked for LGBT rights for many years, first joining rallies and protests, eventually being Volunteer Coordinator helping to bring in the AIDS Memorial Quilt for the first time to South Florida in 1992 and soon after remaining Volunteer Coordinator for the first South Florida Chapter of the Names Project bringing awareness to the AIDS crisis. I have volunteered with the Dolphin Democrats since 2003 and have continued doing so, volunteering whenever I can for LGBT and LGBT-supportive candidates - phone banking, canvassing, and now as Parliamentarian of the Dolphins. As an openly gay married man, I will continue to always promote LGBT rights.

My overall goal as an Oakland Park Commissioner would be to help foster the path of growth, development, and progress that Oakland Park is on now. This would include supporting our current businesses, seeking ways to bring in more businesses throughout all parts of the City, and enhancing beautification. This goal has led me to involvements in promoting the Oakland Park Business Group, and improvements in the Powerline Road Corridor and Prospect Road Plaza.

One of the strengths I would bring to the office is my dedication to Oakland Park and its residents, as reflected in the various positions I have held:

North Andrews Neighborhood Assoc 2010-2013 (Chair)
Oakland Park Code Enforcement Board 2011-2013 (Member)
Oakland Park Local Government Academy 2010 (Graduate)
Graffiti Patrol Program (Leader)
Neighbors Helping Neighbors (Volunteer)
Oakland Park Democrat Club 2013 (Vice-President, Membership Chair)
Broward Democratic Club (DEC) Sergeant at Arms

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

Mitchell Stollberg-Appleyard

Signature

Date: 8/24/16