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Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC

2010 Questionnaire for D.C. Council Candidates

1. Yes. Being a gay man, I support marriage equality. My partner and I publicly support same-sex marriage rights and will continue until all GLBT communities are able to enjoy the same rights as our counter parts, heterosexuals. Equality is a MUST everywhere.
2. Yes. If for any reason the Marriage Equality act is taken away, I will do whatever it takes to fight for GLBT equality.
3. Yes. I believe not just contractors but all employers must offer equal benefits. Equality is a must. As a small business owner, I offer the same benefits across the board to all of my employees, as should every employer.
4. Yes, I support CP Alexander s act. Being gay and Catholic, I understand that God loves everyone. I believe once the Archdioceses understands and embraces the large number of gay men in their organization things will change. Also they need to recognize the revenue GLBT people contribute rather direct or indirect via taxes, which will eventually benefit their organization.
5. Yes. First, I believe that all organizations should demand funding; enough for testing, counseling and treatment. HIV affects everyone, not just GLBT. It s also a problem nationwide, not just in DC. Lobbying must be done on the local and federal levels to secure funds for research and treatment.
6. *Yes. Condom distribution must continue. I believe we must track infection rates and target those areas with distribution of condoms. As a gay person in DC, I have seen trends change(how are they changing). We know the trends will continue to change with or without focus(what is meant by "focus"), which will lead to either an increase or a decrease of infection rates. The only way to help prevent the spread of sexually transmitted infection is to track trends and target correctly. (this paragraph is unclear.)*
7. No. First, when you have two agencies trying to provide the same service there is a breakdown in communication, and thus waste of valuable resources in time and money. One agency should be responsible for funding. One agency should provide guidance and direction. This will ensure that all organizations are providing the same service needed to control the spread and treatment of HIV. If one agency tracks funding, spending, distribution of funds, along with infection rates, treatment areas it allows more control over the illness.
8. Education, information and awareness are steps we can take to improve performance.

9. Yes. The GLBT community deserves to be treated with respect, dignity and receive quality services. MPD, DC F/EMS personnel must be sensitive to our needs and understand them.
10. Yes, there is no reason there should be a back log. Items must be dealt with in a timely fashion. Our complaints are just as valid and important as others.
11. Yes, if MPD officials are respectful, people don't mind them stepping in for our safety. If we have to wait for laws to change we'll be waiting a very long time, as our current administration doesn't deem it a priority.
12. Yes, there must be a city wide component with the oversight of a central core unit with supervision. GLBT community is city wide and there must be services. At the same time, the core unit must remain intact, to provide direction, training and oversight. Also, the GLBT community should have access to that core unit if problems are not being addressed citywide.
13. Yes, as an ANC I have pushed for more accurate crime statistics. It is no use to DC residents to sugar coat the data. I have been championing daily for accurate crime statistics to include arrest rates.
14. Yes, having this position elected by the community helps ensure there is no personal political agenda. This helps the community know this person is truly independent.
15. Yes, I believe it's about time we streamline the waste in our city government. Doing so will free up funds without raising taxes allowing funds budgeted to different agencies to assure us with timely results.
16. DC is no stranger to peaceful and sometimes non-peaceful protesting. Bigotry is not protected by the First Amendment; therefore I will block such violent and disrespectful protests.
17. Yes, can the commission on Human Rights truly help all if not appropriately staffed? What better way to truly help by having the GLBT community served by our peers. This means we must be inclusive.
18. Yes, once again being an ANC for 2-terms, I have experience with OHR, and they all must be trained and experienced individuals so they have the abilities and skills to make correct and appropriate decisions.
19. No, education of our youth must remain a high priority. OHR should be able to see the education component is acceptable.
20. Yes, given the increasing number of homeless youth, this needs to be a priority. The youth must be safe and have the same options as all youth; to continue their education, grow up and become productive adults in our society.

21. No, we must have options. Safer sex campaigns work with a certain demographic and abstinence programs work with yet another demographic. Why can't we fund both? These programs must be targeted to all youth. Parents should encourage participation in both, as we know all youth will not abstain, so they must be aware of safe sex.
22. Yes, DCRA and DCZA must grant licenses and zoning for these businesses. There are many locations that such businesses could open in DC without being a distraction, as some call them. When looking back at the area where our new baseball stadium now stands, there was less crime reported within the area of the gay adult businesses than in other areas that had only straight bars, e.g. the water front area. I feel the adult businesses should conduct business in an ethical manner and have high standards. DC government should not hinder any small business growth. Also, if the people that are against such establishments don't want tax increases they may want to reevaluate as the businesses generate sizable tax revenues. If we had accurate crime statistics, we could see there is a greater need for enforcement and closure of some straight bars than there is for any gay establishments.
23. Yes, we must educate these people. They are often focused on the wrong items. We must educate the group and inform them the behavior that happens in our adult business is the same that happens in straight ones. Also, we have to point out the increased tax revenue generated by the businesses. This is a class issue. Don't go after those that contribute more to our society. Don't be afraid of the other class and fear retaliation.
24. NO, I would not support any law that legalized prostitution. There is no evidence to support that legal prostitution would decrease the spread of STD's and HIV. Testing wouldn't be able to preclude whether or not a person has been exposed due to the incubation of the virus. It can take 2 to 4 weeks to become active and show up in a test. There are advances in testing to find if a person has been exposed, but unless we test every morning there is no way to pin point exactly when a person was exposed. Testing every week wouldn't be enough. Then there is the issue of increase in human trafficking where prostitution is legal. A most current example is Germany. Germany legalized prostitution in 2002 and has seen an overwhelming increase in human trafficking among women both adolescent and adult into the sex industry. Then there is the increase in crime that is associated with legal prostitution- drugs etc. The answer would be to educate and inform people on the best effective ways to protect from contracting STD's and HIV, and not legalizing prostitution.