

**Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC  
2014 Questionnaire for D.C. Council Candidates**

**KATHY HENDERSON**

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1. I support quality health benefits for all. I would like to receive more information regarding why sex affirmation surgery, cosmetic surgery or other elective surgery that is not related to a health emergency should be covered by health insurance.
2. Yes.
3. There is no credible, conclusive study that marijuana is an effective medical protocol for any ailment. There is some support within the medical community for using Marijuana as an acceptable alternative to traditional pain medication for persons receiving hospice care. I support the position of the US Attorney's Office regarding marijuana use in the District of Columbia.
4. If elected I will fight for more funding for the Department of Health to improve HAHSTA performance. I will provide vigorous agency oversight during performance and oversight hearings. I will also work with Council colleagues and the Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM) to change HAHSTA leadership if we continue to receive the same outcomes. I have and will continue to advocate for increased funding for mental health services.
5. I have an exceptionally strong record on matters of public safety. My community has a significant number of neighbors that identify as LGBT members. I have fought tirelessly to improve the safety of my community for all, making my community more livable.
6. I will work to increase housing availability and support services for homeless youth. I will work to create public-private partnerships that strengthen the city's capacity to assist vulnerable homeless youth and transgendered persons.
7. Yes.
8. Definitely.
9. Yes.
10. Yes.
11. Communities benefit from a balanced approach to integrating licensed establishments that serve alcohol into neighborhoods. I support residents addressing their concerns to their elected advisory neighborhood commissioners. I believe we can strike the right balance

between neighborhood safety, peace, order and quiet and the right to enjoy entertainment responsibly.

12. We have several sexually-oriented businesses that have operated for years in our city. The issue as I see it regarding sexually-oriented businesses is locating them in one area of the city. I have not heard from any Ward 5 residents that Ward 5 should be the designated area for all adult-themed businesses.
  
13. I reiterate reference to my work during the Williams administration, helping to coordinate the city's first ever LGBT Citizen Summit. I created the brochure for the event, mayor's talking points and helped organize the logistics on event day. I have worked tirelessly with Fifth District police to ensure that my LGBT neighbors are not targeted for crimes. I have received recognition from MPD, CSOSA, Ward 5 Democrats, ANC 5B, the US Attorney's Office and was featured in Essence and People magazine's for my work to make my community safer and more livable. Members of the LGBT community want to live in my neighborhood, which is an indication that we are becoming a safer community that welcomes all.

Submitted By,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathy Henderson', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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