

**VINCENT ORANGE
MAYORAL CANDIDATE**

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

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Will you act to ensure that the District provides transgender-inclusive health insurance to all D.C. Government employees, to include coverage for sex affirmation surgery (also known as sex reassignment surgery)? **YES**

2. Will you submit budgets that target funds to address health disparities in the LGBT population, including in mental health and substance abuse treatment? **YES**

3. Describe steps you will take to improve performance at the HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Administration (HAHSTA), including in HIV prevention, HIV/AIDS surveillance, and mental health services. **I will work to ensure that proper funding and support is allocated to HAHSTA. I will seek input from the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance and other organizations on how to improve the effectiveness of HAHSTA. I will work to ensure that our educational and awareness outreach for HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB services are effective and efficient.**

JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

4. Will you require the Metropolitan Police Department's gathering and analysis of crime statistics to ensure greater comprehensiveness and objectivity, including on LGBT-related hate crimes and intimate partner violence? **YES**

5. What will you do to provide alternatives to incarceration for marginalized and at-risk populations like homeless youth and transgender people who resort to sex work for survival? **I, and my administration will work with the homeless youth and transgender people, and any other marginalized and at-risk populations to get them housing, education, training and employed so they will not have to resort to sex work for survival.**

6. Will you budget funds to hire qualified trainers to provide LGBT-inclusive cultural competency training to all police officers, including in the handling of intimate partner violence? **YES**

HUMAN RIGHTS

7. Will you require that anyone you appoint as Director of the Office of Human Rights have professional training and experience in civil rights law enforcement? **YES**

8. Will you renew, enforce and update as necessary the Mayoral Order mandating explicit inclusion of every class protected under the D.C. Human Rights Act in all D.C. government agency nondiscrimination statements? **YES**

9. Given the limited results from trans-inclusive Project Empowerment training, will you establish a project at the Department of Employment Services to increase government hiring from under-represented populations, and will you hire trans persons in your own office? **YES**

YOUTH AND SENIORS

10. Will you act to ensure improved services and treatment for LGBT homeless youth and seniors, including expanding transitional housing and emergency shelter space? **YES**

CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES

11. Will you support strengthening Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) reforms by eliminating license protests filed by citizens associations and ad hoc groups, requiring stakeholders to participate in the community process provided by the Advisory Neighborhood Commission? **YES**

12. Do you pledge to find a suitably located space for The DC Center when the Reeves Center closes? **YES**

Your record is part of your rating. Please list any actions that you have taken that may help illustrate your record on behalf of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people.

Your answers should be typed on separate paper rather than on this form. *You must sign your name on each answer sheet to indicate your personal commitment to your answers.*

Please return your signed questionnaire responses by Thursday, February 6 to GLAA, P.O. Box 75265, Washington, D.C. 20013.

In addition to sending your signed hard copy, please email a copy (in any major word processor or text format) for loading on GLAA's website (www.glaa.org) to equal@glaa.org. Thank you.

VINCENT ORANGE STATEMENT

My record on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender affairs has been well documented. During my tenure on the DC Council and as Chairman of the Committee on Government Affairs, I championed along with DC Councilmember Jim Graham Bill 16-235, the Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs Act of 2005. This Bill was in honor of my good friend Wanda R. Alston and to permanently establish the office without fear of it being abolished by subsequent administrations.

Councilmember Jim Graham and I also introduced the “District of Columbia Human Rights Act Clarification Act of 2005” to amend the District of Columbia Human Rights Act of 1977 to add “gender identity or expression” to the list of already enumerated classes protected by current District law. This Act was important because it clarified that discrimination against transgender and gender variant people is illegal in the District of Columbia.

Early in my tenure with Pepco commencing in 2007, it was brought to my attention during DC Council hearings that Pepco did not provide benefits to domestic partners or civil unions. I immediately had this changed and benefits were provided.

My record is clear, I stand for positive deeds, scholarship and love for all persons, genders and sexual preferences.

As the Democratic National Committeeman, I supported same sex marriage legislation and voted in favor of the resolution passed by the DC Democratic State Committee