

Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC 2015 Questionnaire for D.C. Council Candidates

HOME RULE

1. If Congress acts to block recent bills enacted by the District to repeal the Armstrong Amendment and to prohibit conversion therapy for minors, will you speak out during your campaign in defense of these bills, and if elected will you stand with your colleagues against congressional meddling? Yes, I will speak out during my campaign against Congress interfering in DC matters regarding LGBT and all citizens' rights, and stand with my colleagues against congressional meddling.

FAMILIES

2. Will you support Bill 21-16, the Collaborative Reproduction Amendment Act of 2015, to legalize and regulate surrogacy agreements? As the Ward 4 councilmember, I would vote in support of the Collaborative Reproduction Amendment Act of 2015. I support the Act because it seeks to support families wishing to have children by utilizing surrogacy agreements, which are currently prohibited by law. The Act will also move Washington, D.C. in the right direction. The District law is among the most restrictive compared to the 50 states with regard to surrogacy agreements, which is out of step with our commitment as a city to equality and family. I support granting citizens the surrogacy option who wish to have children.

HEALTH

3. If you are assigned to the Committee on Health and Human Services, what will you do to improve performance at the HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Administration (HAHSTA), including in HIV prevention, HIV/AIDS surveillance, and mental health services?
As the next Ward 4 councilmember—assigned to the Committee on Health and Human Services, I will support legislation which allocates sufficient resources for prevention efforts and culturally education and outreach programs. I will support legislation that continue to allocate funding resources to HAHSTA.
4. Will you support legislation establishing a regulatory framework to set LGBT cultural competency standards for healthcare providers? Yes, I would support legislation establishing a regulatory framework to set LGBT cultural competency standards for healthcare providers.
5. Will you support budgets that target funds to address health disparities in the LGBT population, including in mental health and substance abuse treatment? Yes our budgets must include funds to address health disparities in the LGBT population. As the Ward 4 councilmember I will support legislation that eliminates all health care barriers and discrimination against citizens who have gotten the medical short shrift because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

JUDICIARY

6. If you are assigned to the Committee on the Judiciary, will you press for increased oversight of the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) gathering and analysis of crime statistics to ensure greater

comprehensiveness and objectivity, including transgender-related hate crime data? Yes, I would work with my colleagues on the council to pass legislation for increased oversight of the Metropolitan Police Department's gathering and analysis of crime statistics to ensure greater comprehensiveness and objectivity including all hate crimes data. In addition, I will work with my colleagues to pass legislation that requires the MPD to acquire data, for each calendar year, about crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, gender and gender identity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity, including where appropriate the crimes of murder, non-negligent manslaughter; forcible rape; aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation; arson; and destruction, damage or vandalism of property.

7. Will you support Bill 21-38, the Death with Dignity Act of 2015? End of life choices are very personal and should be made according to appropriate guidelines. Citizens have the right to decide what kind of medical care they want to receive and how long they want to suffer with a terminal illness. As the Ward 4 councilmember I will work with my colleagues to pass the laws necessary to protect the rights of citizens.

HUMAN RIGHTS

8. Will you push to establish a project to increase government hiring from under-represented populations, including transgender people? Yes, I will push to establish a project that requires affirmative action in the hiring of transsexuals and diversity training for all government employees.

YOUTH AND SENIORS

9. Will you support improved services and treatment for LGBT homeless youth and seniors, including transitional housing? Yes, I support improved services, treatment and transitional housing for LGBT homeless youth and seniors including direct program services to the many different facets of the LGBT community, and including those struggling with HIV. As the Ward 4 councilmember my major priority is to ensure that LGBT homeless youth, and seniors have easy access to needed services that will support them in maintaining stable housing.

CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES

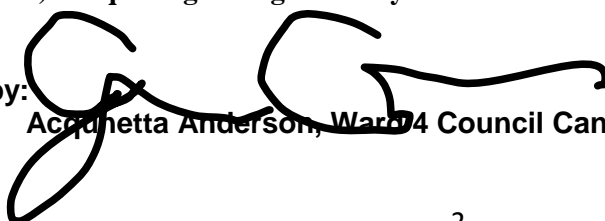
10. Will you defend the right of adults in the District to choose adult-oriented entertainment for themselves, and the right of appropriately licensed and zoned businesses to provide it?
I support open enterprise for all businesses and the right for adults to choose.

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

Your answers should be typed in a separate document 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, March 5 to GLAA, P.O. Box 75265, Washington, D.C. 20013; or email it as an attachment in PDF format (for loading on GLAA's website) to equal@glaa.org. Thank you.

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