

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

FAMILIES

2. Will you support Bill 21-16, the Collaborative Reproduction Amendment Act of 2015, to legalize and regulate surrogacy agreements?

Yes

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?

According to some past reports HAHSTA has struggled to maintain stable leadership and has suffered from a lack of vision and communication when working with providers in addressing HIV/AIDS. As council member I will work to ensure efficient and steady leaders are appointed to this important administration. Additionally, the city needs to help HAHSTA make improvements in its grants management and monitoring and evaluations programs to ensure that data on HIV/AIDS is being utilized to make advancements in public health, and that day to day administration of HAHSTA is placed on a solid financial footing so we can reduce HIV transmission.

4. Will you support legislation establishing a regulatory framework to set LGBT cultural competency standards for healthcare providers?

Yes

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

JUDICIARY

6. If you are assigned to the Committee on the Judiciary, will you press for increased oversight of the Metropolitan Police Department's gathering and analysis of crime statistics to ensure greater comprehensiveness and objectivity, including transgender-related hate crime data?

Yes

7. Will you support Bill 21-38, the Death with Dignity Act of 2015?

Yes

HUMAN RIGHTS

8. Will you push to establish a project to increase government hiring from under-represented populations, including transgender people?

Yes

YOUTH AND SENIORS

9. Will you support improved services and treatment for LGBT homeless youth and seniors, including transitional housing?

Yes

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?

Yes

RECORD

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.

My record as an advocate and defender of civil rights is clear. Over the last 20 years, I've sought to protect the rights of DC residents in a number of capacities. I worked to enact SmokeFree legislation protecting workers from first and second hand smoke in the work place. As the Public Affairs Director of DC Vote, I worked to preserve and defend the rights of all resident including those of the LGBT community. At DC Vote, I worked with this community to prepare and circulate talking points that highlighted congressional interference on domestic partnership laws, reproductive health (women), proven cost effective programs to decrease HIV transmission and laws allowing medical relief for those suffering in pain.