

## **Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC 2014 Questionnaire for D.C. Council 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)? [Note: this question has been overtaken by events since it was drafted at the start of 2014. Study the Mayor's executive action here: <http://tinyurl.com/kn2dzty> ]

**I support Mayor Gray and his decision to cover these procedures.**

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

**YES**

3. Will you support reforming the medical marijuana law and regulations to delete the outdated list of qualifying conditions and rely instead on a physician's diagnosis of medical needs?

**YES**

4. 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.

**More aggressive needle exchange program; More resources for screening and Public awareness campaign.**

### **JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

5. 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**

6. 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?

**Provide appropriate counseling; referral to drug treatment and transitional housing.**

7. Will you support funding 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**

8. Will you insist that anyone appointed as Director of the Office of Human Rights be required to have professional training and experience in civil rights law enforcement?

**YES**

9. Given the limited results from trans-inclusive Project Empowerment training, will you push to establish a project at the Department of Employment Services to increase government hiring from under-represented populations, including the chronically underemployed trans population?

**YES- of course**

**YOUTH AND SENIORS**

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

**YES - for all homeless including LGBT Homeless**

**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 - As a former ANC Commissioner; I believe ANC'S should lead this process and bring all concerned parties together.**

12. 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; as long as zoning is strictly enforced and limited**

**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.**

**I have fought for Statehood and equal rights for all the people of the District of Columbia during the last eight years since I was elected at the District's US (shadow) Senator. I have been a member of the Stein Democratic Club and have been endorsed twice by them in the general election. I have participated several times in the Capital Pride Parade.**

**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, September 11 to GLAA, P.O. Box 75265, Washington, D.C. 20013.**