

Response to GLAA 2014 Survey from DC Libertarian Candidate for  
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Dear Mr Rosendall and GLAA,

First of all, I'd like to thank and applaud you for your activism, leadership and success in fighting to help ensure that all citizens in the District receive the representation and services they need and deserve. As a seven year old, growing up in California, I told my very religious parents that I identified as gay. (I had an uncle, former US Military and US civil servant, a champion of and contributor to gay adoption programs, who died of AIDS in the late 1990's, who was loved and admired by both the Costa Rican and Texan sides of the family.) Although it was more than a decade before I became sexually active, my parents told me that they loved me as their son and flesh and blood and if, as I got older, I should change my mind, I should keep them updated, but they promised they'd still love me. Hence, I am very aware of the issues you champion for those who are less fortunate. If elected, will keep your priorities in mind as I communicate with other elected officials and policy makers. Libertarians believe that those in LGBT communities deserve equality in respect to all the rights and privileges that other Americans enjoy.

- Sexual orientation, preference, gender, or gender identity should have no impact on the government's treatment of individuals, such as in current marriage, child custody, adoption, immigration or military service laws. Government does not have the authority to define, license or restrict personal relationships. Consenting adults should be free to choose their own sexual practices and personal relationships. [ [www.lp.org/platform](http://www.lp.org/platform) ]

For the past few years, I have worked with the Greater NE/SE Ecumenical Outreach Ministry (EOMDC.org), a group of African American pastors' wives and senior church ladies committed to providing effective outreach to under served at risk and surviving HIV/AIDS communities east of the river (heterosexual, LBGT, youth, seniors and returning citizens). A few of my LGBT friends have adopted or given birth to children and ensure that their children are surrounded by the love and support of strong families.

The following is my response to your DC candidate survey (<http://glaa.org/archive/2014/cqprimary.pdf>):

### **Public Health**

1. DC government employees deserve comprehensive insurance. In as much as sex affirmation surgery is essential to the happiness and mental health of transgender individuals, this should be included in a comprehensive package. (As an intern working in a prominent San Francisco law firm, during college, I worked briefly for a transgender attorney.)



2. Substance abuse and health challenges cross all demographics, yet dramatic health disparities still exist for women (who are a majority in our society) and minorities. Any DC budget that addresses health care, must include funds to reduce the disparities.

3. The medical marijuana law, like many politically contentious policies, has many fundamental flaws, some which may have been intended to ensure that it is not successful. Libertarians believe, as the GLAA recognizes, that drug prohibition has failed and undermined the health and safety of many communities. Only the legalization, regulation and taxation of marijuana and other drugs will ensure that the violent drug black market is eliminated and allow health care providers and educators to address prevention and treatment programs in the light of day.

All recreational and performance enhancing drugs (from alcohol, tobacco, to marijuana and crack) can have deleterious health consequences when used or abused; many degrade the human immune system and its ability to fight cancer and other diseases. But incarcerating minorities, more than any other group, for astronomical prison sentences is not the cure to this social disease. Government should limit and focus its efforts on prevention, treatment and providing other services in abundance so that individuals can find self fulfillment and happiness without abusing drugs. Given that the current and previous two Presidents of the United States are admitted substance abusers, it's clear that the age of drug prohibition must come to an end. Legalization will allow medical doctors to treat patients for pain and other symptoms with safe prescriptions of marijuana, as they do with addictive opiates like codeine, and prevent abuse without fear of legal consequences that would affect their licenses in the District or elsewhere in the United States.

4. Insertable condoms (aka "female condoms) although expensive, are beginning to be recognized as an effective way for those in the heterosexual and LGBT communities to reduce the spread of STDs. Their use should be promoted through educational campaigns to all DC residents who are likely to be engaged in sexual activity. Female and male users recognize that the convenience and design might encourage greater usage; these condoms can be inserted hours in advance of sexual activity, to reduce complications in the heat of the moment, and some suggest they even enhance sensation.

Now that it is treatable, the stigmas around HIV/AIDS infection should be eliminated. HIV/AIDS survivors are family members and people we love and work with. Perhaps we need an STD smart phone app which allows users to ANONYMOUSLY document their own sexual behavior and report incidents infection to health agencies, so that agencies can provide better targeted outreach. Social media has demonstrated that many humans enjoy documenting and publishing their sexual practices; allowing people to ANONYMOUSLY report risky behavior would help in developing effective educational/prevention campaigns.

## **Judiciary and Public Safety**

5. In an age of advance technology, there is no reason that the Metropolitan Police Department cannot produce better crime statistics and analysis. Police reports must be digitized for computer, laptop, tablet



and smartphone use (the photo capability of smart phones should aide police and justice officials) which should make expediting and reporting more efficient (and “green”).

6. Libertarians believe that prostitution, like recreational and performance enhancing drug use, has not been deterred by prohibition. Indeed, it’s primarily the poor, women and minorities who suffer the worst health and prosecutorial outcomes, while rich white men are more likely to engage in prostitution and sex abuse while likely evading serious prosecution. If ADULT prostitution is legalize and regulated, health risks can be addressed in the light of day. It’s the intelligent and christian thing to do, since we’re told that Jesus associated with prostitutes without condemning them, in order to help engage them in productive discourse and lead better lives.

- Our criminal justice system fails to render justice to the victims of crime because it spends an inordinate amount of resources on "crimes" that do not directly harm the person or property of another. More than 350,000 Americans are in jail today for victimless (or consensual) crimes, such as gambling, drug use, prostitution, sodomy, etc. An additional 1.5 million are on parole or probation. The annual cost of arresting and punishing people for these consensual crimes is more than \$50 billion. That figure will grow even larger if politicians succeed in adding smoking tobacco to the prohibited list. No wonder we are so short of resources to protect victims of real crimes like robbery, rape and murder. [ [www.lp.org/the-libertarian-partys-solution-to-americas-epidemic-of-violent-crime](http://www.lp.org/the-libertarian-partys-solution-to-americas-epidemic-of-violent-crime) ]

7. Drug abuse related and intimate partner violence are not always addressed properly in the LGBT or other communities partially because the illegal status of drugs diminishes the likelihood that victims will report abusers and risk enhanced criminal prosecution for drug possession. Legalizing drugs, will allow police to focus energies on violent offenders more effectively.

### **Human Rights**

8. It makes sense that anyone appointed as Director of the Office of Human Rights have experience in civil rights law enforcement.

9. Employment should be based on someone’s ability to effectively and efficiently perform work. A person's natural or chosen gender should never preclude employment.

### **Youth and Seniors**

10. Anyone who finds her- or himself in the homeless community should receive comprehensive services to sufficiently address their housing and health care needs.

### **Consumer and Business**

11. Advisory Neighborhood Commissions should hold the greatest weight in Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) and future drug regulation and licensing, but residents who find themselves most impacted by



ABC businesses should have a voice in the process. Our legal ABC officials are trained to make timely and judicious evaluations and rulings.

12. Libertarians seek as little government intervention and regulation in business practices as possible. Non violent adults should be free to engage and be served by private businesses and organizations that serve their entertainment needs. If a businesses' sales are profitable, government should limit itself to benefiting from the fruits of reasonable taxation.

**Regarding "Building on Victory":**

2.1-2.4. Government should have little to no involvement in the regulation of personal relationships and partnerships between consenting adults.

3.3. HIV/AIDS education testing should be a standard practice in the interest of personal and public health. Students who are known to be of age to engage in sexual activity, as a part of education about ensuring the health of their own bodies, should receive STD prevention information so they can protect themselves from consensual sex partners and sexual predators and offenders.

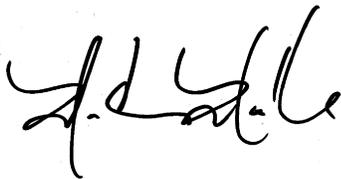
I do not agree that criminal penalties for HIV/STD transmission should be abolished. Particularly, in the case of sex abuse, HIV/STD transmission should be acknowledged in criminal prosecution and sentencing given the potentially life long complications and expenses for victims.

3.5. Any government agency or non government agency receiving public funding, should be equipped to provide effective services to the District's diverse residents and visitors. Cultural competency training should be required for their licenses to be renewed.

4.4. MPD recruits, cadets and officers should receive sufficient training to properly serve the needs of the District's diverse residents and visitors.

4.6. I agree with GLAA, a majority of District residents and Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton that The DC Attorney General should be an independent elected position like those in a majority (43) of the United States, so that he is accountable to residents not to the Mayor and a political appointment.

Thank you.



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GLAA remains the nation's oldest continuously active gay and lesbian civil rights organization.

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](http://www.glaa.org)) to [equal@glaa.org](mailto:equal@glaa.org). Thank you.