

1. I have a record of opposing congressionally imposed school vouchers. Our public dollars should be spent on schools which abide by the provisions of the DC Human Rights Act and which are open to all students. We cannot be bullied by Congress and must be committed to fund our schools with local dollars.
2. I have discussed the importance of the long-delayed LGBT Health Report with the Director of the Department of Health, Dr. Laquandra Nesbitt to express the importance of completing it. The Department is actively seeking a permanent LGBT Program Coordinator. Currently, Ivan Torres is fulfilling this role. However this is not his official capacity. As Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, I will ensure the completion as the mandate requires.
3. I will continue to support and allocate funds to address LGBT health disparities. To date, I have supported legislation that strengthens and expands mental health and substance abuse treatment focusing on cultural competency among Providers and can require The Department of Health to conduct the proper data collection.
4. Emergency Medical Services and the Fire Department both serve crucial roles in our first responder cluster. Firefighters are all trained in EMS; however, all EMT's are not trained firefighters. Until we receive our full complement of ambulance fleet, we should follow best practices for DCFEMS. I am open to explore the separation in the future.
5. I have held a hearing already on the Death With Dignity bill and strongly believe no one should be subjected to long term pain and suffering when death is eminent or otherwise. The choice should be between a doctor and patient and each individual has the right to make that decision. I plan to bring this up for a vote before the end of this Council Period.
6. Jobs Not Jails is the correct action to for persons who have been left with no other way to survive other than sex work. Many vulnerable young people are doing this to survive and I have talked to many transgendered youth in Ward 7 who have been turned away by family and are trying to survive. We must provide supports for them. In my view they are victims not criminals!
7. I will support Bill 20-63, The Police Monitoring Enhancement Amendment Act.
8. I will support improved services and treatment for LGBT homeless youth and seniors to include more funding for transitional housing. Currently, through my committee I have worked to increase funding for homeless services and I take great pride in The Wanda Alston House in Ward 7. We need more of these facilities to address the great need we have.
9. Laws and provisions are already in place to protect the rights of adults in the District to choose adult-oriented entertainment that has been appropriately zoned and licensed for themselves. I will not interfere with existing establishments or prevent others that abide by the laws of the District of Columbia. I welcomed with open arms the DC Eagle to Downtown Ward 7.

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Here is a list of legislation that illustrates my support on behalf of our LGBT residents

1. Ja Parker Deoni Jones Birth Certificate Quality Amendment Act- Requires the registrar to issue a new birth certificate for individuals who have undergone a gender transition.
2. LGBTQ Cultural Competency Bill- Requires health professionals to take continuing education courses to enhance training to treat LGBTQ patients.
3. Conversion Therapy for Minors Prohibition Amendment Act- To prevent the use of practices designed to change the sexual orientation of a minor by a mental health provider.
4. The Government Travel and Human Rights Act of 2016- Sense of the Council which prohibits travel to any State that discriminates based on sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.
5. Medical Marijuana Cultivation Expansion Act- Allows cultivators to grow up to 1000 plants to increase supply and variety of medical cannabis products.
6. Medical Marijuana Expansion Amendment Act- Allows physicians to determine what conditions qualify and does not limit to certain illnesses as originally introduced.

I have also allocated additional Housing for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) funding- \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 2016 and have advocated for insurance companies in the DC Health Benefit Exchange to cover gender reassignment surgery and treatment.

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