

Gary Butler response to GLAA 2016 Questionnaire

1. Yes.
2. Yes, without proper reporting among any agency is a problem and needs correcting as soon as possible. I value the information gathered within annual reports (major key in helping me formulate my opinion) help identify successes and failures within programs.
3. Yes, I am open to improving current programs and better focusing funds. However, I am not big on collecting data and stats where we are already accounting for it in some other form. For Example, if we are counting all individuals within the totals of the data.
4. Merging EMS with the DC Fire Department in my mind was a mistake in the first place. I believe firefighter should be just that... I believe the problem will continue unless we separate each department and properly organize and fund each to fit the need of our residents.
5. I am a supporter of Bill 21-38. Equally as important is improving the quality of care given to our elders here in Ward 7. Therefore, we should be providing better care with dignity. For example, providing quality nursing homes, caregiver's assistance, and counseling to families facing the tough decisions for individuals at end of life.
6. This question has not been on my radar; However, I do not believe sex work is the best option for survival. I have seen how fear has replaced hope here in Ward 7 for most of our marginalized citizens and that needs to change. Anytime individuals prefer to be homeless and incarcerated vs. being harassed and judge for choice of job has long been a question for low wagers here in DC. With more education around this issue, I am sure I can provide better insight and work toward a solution.
7. Yes. I will support a reintroduced Bill 20-63.
8. Yes, but with an *. Due to past mismanagement and the dysfunctional handling of DC General, I believe it is hard for anyone to expect DHS to address this micro issue within a larger broken system at this time.
9. Yes. With proper zoning and licensing, I see no problem with adults in the District choosing adult-oriented entertainment.