

Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC 2016 Questionnaire for D.C. Council Candidates

HOME RULE

1. Will you oppose congressionally imposed school vouchers, which have been shown not to improve students' academic achievement, and which often go to schools that operate outside the nondiscrimination provisions of the D.C. Human Rights Act?

Yes. Strong neighborhood schools are a community's greatest resource and it is paramount that government on all levels supports its students. I will work to ensure that a holistic education for our children is this city's top priority.

HEALTH

2. Will you press the Department of Health to complete and issue the long-delayed LGBT Health Report, which is supposed to be issued annually?

Yes

I strongly support the completion of this study and look forward to working with GLAA to highlight the need for said report.

3. Will you support budgets that target funds to address LGBT health disparities, including in mental health and substance abuse treatment, and mandate data collection on this population across all programs?

Yes

LGBT communities are disproportionately affected by these health disparities and I support the focus of resources on these issues.

4. Will you support separating Emergency Medical Services from the Fire Department?

No

The safety of the districts residents is a top priority and concentrating said services appears to be the best way to continue to improve the quality of service at this time.

JUDICIARY

5. Will you support and press for passage of Bill 21-38, the Death with Dignity Act?

Yes

I believe in individual autonomy, including the right of each person to choose how to live or die at the end of their life.

6. Will you press for the District to provide "Jobs Not Jails" by developing alternatives to incarceration for marginalized citizens who resort to sex work for survival?

Yes

I support job training, development, and placement for all underemployed populations. Work is one alternative to incarceration, and I also support treatment and other diversion programs.

7. Will you support and press for passage of a reintroduced Bill 20-63, the Police Monitoring Enhancement Amendment Act, to give the Office of Police Complaints unfettered access to information and supporting documentation of the covered law enforcement agencies?

Yes

If elected, I will champion transparency and swift action with police oversight while maintaining the privacy of those affected.

YOUTH AND SENIORS

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

Yes

If elected, I'll work with GLAA to identify opportunities for improvement in service levels for our most vulnerable citizens.

CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES

9. 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

-Aaron Holmes

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.

Your answers should be typed in a separate document 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 Friday, April 29 to GLAA, P.O. Box 75265, Washington, D.C. 20013; or email it as an attachment in PDF format (for loading on GLAA's website) to equal@glaa.org. Thank you.