

GLAA QUESTIONNAIRE – SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION – RECORD ON LGBTQ ISSUES

We provide the following statement in response to a request (noted immediately below) made by GLAA in the instructions to the GLAA Questionnaire.

“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.”

This information should be attached to the Robert White At Large 2016 Questionnaire GLAA Responses submitted earlier this afternoon.

ROBERT WHITE STATEMENT OF ACTIONS

Let me begin by saying that the actions I take on behalf of the LGBTQ community are personal. Christy and I are expecting a daughter in July, and our daughter will be raised in a family that includes people representative of the D.C. LGBTQ community. That doesn't make our family unique, but in our course, it denotes a family is inclusive and enriching. Equal treatment, fairness, and compassion begin in the home and extend outward. What I choose to do in supporting LGBTQ issues and the friends and family I have in the LGBTQ community are indicative of the person I am, and the Councilmember I will be, once elected.

Your question is what have I done. I have supported organizations such as Mary's House for Older Adults, Al Sura, Black Gifted & Whole, and Team Rahim through financial donations. I also am an active member of the Stein Democratic Club. I also attend many Pride events each year, attend annually the Transgender Day of Remembrance service in DC, and Al Sura's annual events. In 2014, I protested along with students at Wilson High School against the Westboro Baptist Church.

When I was Legislative Council to Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, I worked directly with her, other Members of Congress, Congressional committee staff, and advocates to develop strategies to protect the District's marriage equality bill from being over-turned by Republicans. We were successful!

I also worked to remove the needle exchange ban rider from being attached to the District's budget so that we could continue need exchange and thereby prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in the District. And when I served as Director of Community Outreach for Attorney General Karl Racine, I worked to involve the AG's Office in public education on same-sex partner violence. I will continue to do so on the Council.

As a candidate, I am the only one in this race with an LGBTQ policy platform.

I ask for your support and vote.