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## **GLAA releases candidate questionnaires, LGBTQ policy brief**

GLAA of Washington, D.C., today launches its 2018 Election Project and releases its questionnaires for Mayoral and D.C. Council candidates plus its 2018 LGBTQ policy brief, "Building on Victory."

GLAA gathered input from a wide range of local LGBTQ advocates including the DC Center, HIPS, Whitman-Walker Health, Break the Cycle and others. The result is the updated 'Building on Victory,' the most comprehensive single document advancing LGBTQ issues in D.C.

On March 24, 2018, GLAA will email its questionnaires and policy brief to council and mayoral candidates in the June 19 D.C. primary election. The deadline for receipt of candidate responses is May 4<sup>th</sup>, after which GLAA will assign ratings to the primary candidates (on a scale of -10 to +10) based on their questionnaire responses and their records on LGBTQ issues. GLAA does not endorse candidates in partisan elections.

The "Building on Victory" policy brief is divided into seven broad areas: Housing, Public Health, Judiciary and Public Safety, Human Rights, Youth, Seniors, and Consumers and Businesses. It is prefaced by a one-page summary of actions GLAA seeks from D.C. elected officials, including these:

- Ensure equitable neighborhood change by prioritizing housing needs of low-income residents.
- Implement the LGBTQ Cultural Competency Continuing Education Amendment Act of 2016.
- Develop local policies to stabilize the Affordable Care Act.
- Improve data collection and reporting on LGBTQ-related hate crimes and intimate partner violence.
- Invest in programs to address transgender discrimination and unemployment in D.C.
- Increase funding for transitional housing for homeless LGBTQ youth
- Prioritize training and funding for inclusive and affirming senior services

GLAA's Mayoral candidate questionnaire is online at:

<https://bit.ly/2Gn9IPT>

GLAA's D.C. Council candidate questionnaire is online at:

<https://bit.ly/2DPI0R3>

GLAA's "Building on Victory" 2018 policy brief is online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/victory2018>

GLAA's Election Project 2018 main page is at:

<http://glaa.org/projects/elections/>

Founded in 1971, the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington D.C. (GLAA) is an all-volunteer, non-partisan, non-profit political organization that defends the safety, health, and civil rights of sexual and gender minorities, including LGBTQ people, in the nation's capital.

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