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Bonds, Cheh, Allen Lead GLAA Ratings for June 19, 2018 D.C. Council Primaries

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At-Large Councilmember Anita Bonds, Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh, and Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen earned top ratings of +10 from GLAA for the June 19, 2018 D.C. Council primaries. Strong ratings were also earned by Council Chairperson Phil Mendelson and Ward 1 Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau, both with +9.5, and by Ward 1 candidate Kent Boese with +9.

GLAA held its ratings meeting on May 14, 2018. A key to the rating scale and a detailed enumeration of each candidate's rating is provided below.

Note: Ratings marked with an asterisk () indicate a candidate who did not return GLAA's questionnaire and was therefore rated solely on the candidate's known record on GLAA's issues.*

The following are explanations of the individual ratings for D.C. Council primary candidates.

Mayor

Democratic incumbent **Muriel Bowser (+7)** agreed with GLAA on most issues and had good substance in her questionnaire but in some areas lacked concrete plans for improving employment for underrepresented populations and combating pay-to-play practices. Her administration has a record of demonstrated success as an ally in working with LGBTQ constituents, particularly in enforcing transgender healthcare regulations and supporting bodies such as the Office of Human Rights and the LGBT Liaison Unit of the Metropolitan Police Department.

Democratic candidate **James Butler (+6)** agreed with GLAA on most issues and offered very good substance in his questionnaire. He would benefit from a deeper understanding of issues affecting transgender people, and the harms in conflating sex work and sex trafficking. He has some record supporting LGBTQ issues as a lawyer through human rights cases.

Democratic candidate **Ernest E. Johnson (+5)** agreed with GLAA on all issues and showed good substance in his questionnaire, but has no record on LGBTQ issues known to GLAA.

Libertarian candidate **Martin Moulton (+2.5)** did not support GLAA positions on the need to support legislative initiatives promoting public health resources such as PrEP, ensuring accessible and affirming housing for LGBTQ seniors, and sealing court documents related to legal sex, gender, and name changes, among others. He provided some positive substance in his questionnaire and has a fair record supporting LGBTQ individuals.

Statehood-Green candidate **Ann C. Wilcox (+0.5*)** did not submit a questionnaire. She received a rating based on her limited record on LGBTQ issues known to GLAA from past evaluations.



Chair

Democratic incumbent **Phil Mendelson (+9.5)** agreed with GLAA on all issues with the exception of the most appropriate approach to reforming regulations surrounding commercial sex. He offered excellent substance in his questionnaire and has a strong record supporting LGBTQ issues.

Democratic candidate **Ed Lazere (+7.5)** agreed with GLAA on all issues and showed good substance in his questionnaire. He has a positive record supporting LGBTQ issues.

At-Large

Democratic incumbent **Anita Bonds (+10)** agreed with GLAA on all issues and showed outstanding substance in her questionnaire. She has a strong record supporting LGBTQ issues.

Statehood-Green candidate **David Schwartzman (+7.5)** agreed with GLAA on all issues and showed good substance in his questionnaire. He has a positive record supporting LGBTQ concerns.

Democratic candidate **Jeremiah Lowery (+7)** agreed with GLAA on all issues and showed some good substance in his questionnaire while neglecting to demonstrate fully conceptualized policy initiatives in some areas. He has a positive record on LGBTQ issues, particularly in the areas of housing and employment, transgender rights, and commercial sex reform.

Democratic candidate **Marcus Goodwin (0*)** did not submit a questionnaire and has no record on LGBTQ issues known to GLAA.

Libertarian candidate **Denise Hicks (0*)** did not submit a questionnaire and has no record on LGBTQ issues known to GLAA.

Ward 1

Democratic incumbent **Brianne K. Nadeau (+9.5)** agreed with GLAA on all issues and offered excellent substance in her questionnaire. She has a strong positive record supporting LGBTQ concerns.

Democratic candidate **Kent Boese (+9)** agreed with GLAA on all issues and offered strong substance in his questionnaire. He has a demonstrated record supporting LGBTQ issues.

Democratic candidate **Lori Parker (+1.5)** did not support GLAA positions on the need to support legislative initiatives promoting public health resources such as PrEP and seeking timely and comprehensive reforms to commercial sex regulations. While generally supportive of LGBTQ concerns, her questionnaire lacked substance in some areas and she has no record on LGBTQ issues known to GLAA.

Democratic candidate **Sheika Reid (0*)** did not submit a questionnaire and has no record on LGBTQ issues known to GLAA.



Ward 3

Democratic incumbent **Mary M. Cheh (+10)** is unchallenged and agreed with GLAA on all issues. She showed very strong substance in her questionnaire and has an extensive positive record supporting LGBTQ concerns.

Ward 5

Democratic candidate **Kenyan McDuffie (+8)** agreed with GLAA on most issues but did not demonstrate concrete support for initiatives reforming regulations surrounding commercial sex and sealing court documents related to legal sex, gender, and name changes. He offered good substance in his questionnaire and has a demonstrated record of supporting LGBTQ concerns, particularly in opposing so-called conversion therapy for minors and ensuring access to housing for vulnerable youth.

Democratic candidate **Gayle Hall Carley (0*)** did not submit a questionnaire and has no record on LGBTQ issues known to GLAA.

Democratic candidate **Nestor Djonkam (0*)** did not submit a questionnaire and has no record on LGBTQ issues known to GLAA.

Democratic candidate **LaMonica Jeffrey (0*)** did not submit a questionnaire and has no record on LGBTQ issues known to GLAA.

Statehood-Green candidate **Joyce Robinson-Paul (0*)** did not submit a questionnaire and has no record on LGBTQ issues known to GLAA.

Democratic candidate **Bradley Thomas (0*)** did not submit a questionnaire and has no record on LGBTQ issues known to GLAA.

Ward 6

Democratic incumbent **Charles Allen (+10)** agreed with GLAA on all issues and offered impressive substance in his questionnaire. He has an extensive record supporting LGBTQ concerns.

Democratic candidate **Lisa Hunter (+6.5)** agreed with GLAA on all issues and showed good substance in her questionnaire. She has some record demonstrating support for LGBTQ concerns, particularly in the realm of public health.

Republican candidate **Michael Bekesha (0*)** did not submit a questionnaire and has no record on LGBTQ issues known to GLAA.



GLAA rates candidates on a scale of -10 to +10, based on their answers to our questionnaire and their record of service on behalf of the LGBTQ community. The questionnaire addresses a variety of issues including public health, public safety, human rights, youth and seniors, non-discrimination, and defending LGBTQ consumers and businesses. The GLAA agenda, questionnaire, and complete candidate responses are available online at www.glaa.org.

Multiple invitations to complete the questionnaire were extended to every registered candidate over a period of several weeks prior to the rating meeting. All candidates were also provided a copy of the 2018 edition of "Building on Victory," GLAA's policy brief on LGBTQ issues in Washington, D.C.

Ratings should not be interpreted as endorsements. GLAA does not endorse candidates in partisan elections.

GLAA has rated candidates in every D.C. primary and general election since 1971. Independent council candidates will be rated prior to the general election.

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Mayor

<u>Muriel Bowser</u>	Democrat	+7
<u>James Butler</u>	Democrat	+6
<u>Ernest E. Johnson</u>	Democrat	+5
<u>Martin Moulton</u>	Libertarian	+2.5
Ann C. Wilcox	Statehood-Green	+0.5*

DC Council Chairperson

<u>Phil Mendelson</u>	Democrat	+9.5
<u>Ed Lazere</u>	Democrat	+7.5

At-Large DC Councilmember

<u>Anita Bonds</u>	Democrat	+10
<u>David Schwartzman</u>	Statehood-Green	+7.5
<u>Jeremiah Lowery</u>	Democrat	+7
Marcus Goodwin	Democrat	0*
Denise Hicks	Libertarian	0*

Ward 1 DC Councilmember

<u>Brianne K. Nadeau</u>	Democrat	+9.5
<u>Kent Boese</u>	Democrat	+9
<u>Lori Parker</u>	Democrat	+1.5
Sheika Reid	Democrat	0*



Ward 3 Councilmember

Mary M. Cheh Democrat +10

Ward 5 Councilmember

Kenyan McDuffie Democrat +8

Gayle Hall Carley Democrat 0*

Nestor Djonkam Democrat 0*

LaMonica Jeffrey Democrat 0*

Joyce Robinson-Paul Statehood-Green 0*

Bradley Thomas Democrat 0*

Ward 6 Councilmember

Charles Allen Democrat +10

Lisa Hunter Democrat +6.5

Michael Bekesha Republican 0*

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Key to available ratings points

Questionnaire: yes/no agreement on issues +/- 2 points

Questionnaire: substantive grasp of issues +/- 4 points

Record: +/- 4 points

Total available: +/- 10 points

[Detailed breakdown of all candidates' rating points](#)

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