

2018 GLAA Questionnaire for D.C. Mayoral Candidates

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HOUSING

1. Will you direct the Department of Human Services to conduct monitoring of singles shelters to ensure that LGBTQ applicants are admitted to a shelter that corresponds to their gender identity and do not face discrimination while residing there, as required by law?

COLLINS's Response:

1a. No, I will direct the Department of Human Services to conduct monitoring of singles shelters to ensure LGBTQ applicants are admitted to a shelter that corresponds to their natural birth gender identity or fully operational gender reassignment. I will encourage partnerships with non-profits and corporations to build shelters for the transgendered community and monitor those shelters according to their present/current or in transition gender identity. It is not recommended for a female who thinks she wants to be a male to be in a shelter with heterosexual or bisexual men. It is not recommended for a male who lives like a woman to be in a shelter with females and children.

HEALTH

2. Will you direct the Department of Health to work with a community advisory group and allocate necessary resources to ensure the annual completion and issuance of a trans-inclusive LGBT Health report?

COLLINS's Response:

2a. No, I will direct the Department of Health to work with existing community advisory groups and use the current LGBTQ resources to ensure the annual completion and issuance of a trans-inclusive LGBT health report. The transgender community are still humans gaining and accessing city services just like LBGBQ or other humans. Transgendered is not anyone specifically unique to be given special treatment outside of normal living and regular reporting.

3. Will you submit budgets that target funds to address LGBTQ health disparities, including in mental health and substance abuse treatment, and mandate data collection on these populations across all programs.

COLLINS's Response

3a. Yes, I will submit budgets that target funds to address LGBTQ health disparities, including in mental health and substance abuse treatments, and mandate data collection on these populations across all programs. Please note to prevent budget double dipping that existing funding for current programs may go to treat the general population or all DC residents as a whole.

4. Will you support and sign legislation to boost public awareness of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) as options to prevent HIV infections through the distribution of information in health settings in accordance with Department of Health guidelines?

COLLINS's Response

4a. Yes, I will support and sign legislation to boost public awareness of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) as options to prevent HIV infections through the distribution of information in health settings in accordance with Department of Health guidelines.

JUDICIARY

5. Will you support and sign Bill 22-0515, 'Reducing Criminalization to Improve Community Safety and Health Amendment Act of 2017', to improve community safety and health by removing criminal penalties for engaging in commercial sex?

COLLINS's Response

5a. No, I will support criminal penalties for intercourse in commercial sex work.

6. What opportunities would you support through legislation to improve the lives of marginalized citizens who resort to sex work for survival?

COLLINS's Response

6a. I would better market to marginalized communities to inform them of better opportunities and alternative avenues than commercial sex, which is at no cost to them. An example is becoming an advocate to stop human trafficking, prostitution, or other related areas.

7. What opportunities would you support through legislation to improve the lives of marginalized citizens who resort to sex work for survival?

COLLINS's Response

7a. The opportunities I would support would be as follows:

- a. Minimum wage jobs as a start.
- b. Vocational training as a start.
- c. Opening a small business sex shop.

- d. Starting an online sexual underwear business.
- e. Commercial and print modeling.

8. Will you support and sign a reintroduced 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?

COLLINS's Response

8a. No.

9. Will you support and sign legislation to develop an avenue for sealing court-ordered name and/or gender/sex change process?

COLLINS's Response

9a. No, I will support legislation the individual that chose to change his or her natural birth assignment must inform all partners, employers, and gender specific communities of his or her change. I will be an advocate of implementing laws to protect those who performed a full gender reassignment. Just like humans with a natural birth assignment and it is public, those who decide to change the gender assignment must make it public too.

HUMAN RIGHTS

10. While the unemployment rate in the District is 6.6%, approximately half of transgender people in DC being unemployed. What steps will you take to address this persisting economic disparity in a timely and sustainable manner?

COLLINS's Response

10a. I will continue to introduce business diversity plans to land the Amazon HQ2 deal. For existing organizations doing business in the District of Columbia, I will continue to utilize the equal employment opportunity mission to provide the best and diverse workforce. I support penalizing those organizations that not complying with diversity of all races, genders, handicaps, religion, sex, etc.

YOUTH

11. Will you ensure improved services and treatment for homeless LGBTQ youth, including transitional housing?

COLLINS's Response

11a. Yes, I will ensure improved services and treatment for homeless LGBTQ youth, including transitional housing.

SENIORS

12. Will you ensure improved services and treatment for LGBTQ seniors, including affirming senior housing?

COLLINS's Response

12a. Yes, I will ensure improved services and treatment for LGBTQ seniors. There will be no special LGBTQ senior housing, but general population of senior housing.

13. LGBT seniors are more likely to age alone, and face higher levels of economic insecurity and discrimination than non-LGBT seniors. Will you provide funding for congregate meals and other services that specifically aim to keep LGBT senior engaged in the community?

COLLINS's Response

13a. No, LGBT seniors will continue to utilize the services from the Office of Aging, their corresponding support groups, and given the opportunity to participate in any activity to his/her liking. I do support additional senior activities customized to an LGBT environment. Any additional funding will go to the Office of Aging and the office is held accountable for catering activities for all diverse groups, such as LGBT seniors, minority seniors, etc.

CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES

14. To fight the District's notorious 'pay-to-play' reputation, will you support and sign legislation that combines the best elements of Bills 22-8, 22-47, and 22-51?

COLLINS's Response

14a. Bill 22-8 was hard to find and not available. Bill 22-47 Exhaust Emission Inspection Amendment Act of 2017 seems pretty viable and I do support the bill. Bill 22-51 Medical Respite Services Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2017 seems to be a work in progress and more information is needed to make a decision. At the time of the questionnaire, I am unsure the best to combine three different and unrelated bills into one. At this time, my response is neutral or no decision until more information is provided based on the question.

15. What steps will you take to ensure a transparent and equitable bidding process for city contacts?

COLLINS's Response

15a. I will continue to combat favoritism on new contracts and repetitive recompetes. I will work with the Office of Planning and Economic Development, Office of Contracting and Procurement, Office of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, the Business Improvement Districts and many other offices holding contracts to ensure contracts are not held with the same companies more than five (5) to ten (10) years.