

## **Martin Moulton** responses for the 2018 GLAA Questionnaire for District of Columbia Mayoral Candidates

### 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?

As Mayor, in accordance with the law, I will work to ensure that residents in the District do not face discrimination in housing and that they will not be victims of crimes of threats, violence or harassment. Beyond that, residents should be free to choose from available housing that suits their needs and interests. —MRM

### 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?

As Mayor, I will direct the Department of Health to ensure that the diverse characteristics of all human beings and communities in the District are made part of annual health reports with input of every individual health care professional or health care organization that submits verifiable fact-based data. — MRM

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?

As Mayor, I will work to make the District a national and global model for healthy residents and communities by ensuring that government health reports reflect the input of every health care professional who submits verifiable fact-based data. Furthermore, I will work to ensure that our schools and programs give students and clients factual information on the harms or recreational drugs (particularly alcohol and tobacco) and that substance use/abuse cessation and mental health programs are funded in part from money saved from decriminalizing and legalizing all recreational drugs — as Cost Rica has done — with the eventual goal of creating a low-cost/high-quality free market of private community cessation and mental health services in reach of all residents. — MRM

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?

As a healthy (HIV negative and drug-free) 52 year old sexually active gay male, I believe that each individual must be personally responsible and free to engage in any behavior s/he chooses as long as they are doing no harm to others. As an educated citizen, I'm aware of the inappropriate lobbying influence that private businesses and many in the pharmaceutical industry have had over many of our local and federal officials, medical professionals and advocacy groups. As a Libertarian, I will not endorse any use of taxpayer dollars to be used to provide any corporate welfare or provide advertising for private corporations which are well equipped to do their own marketing to the public. Without such corporate welfare giving advantage to select corporations, we create a more fair market for more high-quality/low-cost research, medicines and treatments in reach of all residents. Furthermore, I will insist that age-appropriate sexual health education be available in public schools and government health programs. The Libertarian Party noted (17 April 2018, 4:39pm @LPNational) that **not** subsidizing well-funded pharmaceutical (and tech) companies would save \$32Billion; this money could be left in the hand of taxpayers those who need medicine could afford it or go directly to them from charitable organizations, instead of government taking ~60% off the top. — MRM

## 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?

As Mayor, I will relentlessly encourage the DC Council to fully **legalize** adult sex work and expunge the records for all non-violent adult sex workers and customers; contemporaneously, I will ensure that law enforcement vigorously and thoroughly investigate and prosecute any and all forms of child or adult sex trafficking (i.e.: "pimping"). Only by legalizing sex work will private peaceful/non-violent/regulated business owners and entrepreneurs be free to create humane, safe and sanitary spaces for adult sex work. This free market that eliminates violence from consensual adult sex work will allow for government agencies like the Department of Health, DCRA, and MPD to monitor and follow up complaints about unhealthy or harmful business practices. Legalization will also enable private and non-profit health organizations to collaborate with businesses to provide health care and health education services. Legalization will, moreover, allow agencies like the Department of Employment Services to provide on-site employment education/referral information for those only temporarily involved in sex work to expand their horizons. — MRM

6. What opportunities would you support through legislation to improve the lives of marginalized communities who engage in commercial sex work?

See answer to Question 5 (and comments in 2018 MetroWeekly article\*).

Abolishing inhumane/dehumanizing laws that have criminalized consensual adult sex will create tremendous quality of life improvements for sex workers and others in the same vein as ending the US Government's institution of slavery in the 1800s and ending prohibition in the 1930s. — MRM

\* [metroweekly.com/2018/03/gay-libertarian-candidate-will-challenge-bowser-in-mayors-race/](http://metroweekly.com/2018/03/gay-libertarian-candidate-will-challenge-bowser-in-mayors-race/)

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

See answer to Question 5. Once the criminalization of consensual adult sex work is abolished, opportunities will abound for all citizens previously marginalized and stigmatized by criminalization. Sex workers will eventually not live with the stigmas currently surrounding sex work (as with "gay" culture prior to the 1980s) and will not need to fear the threat of police interference in non-violent consensual activity and can, instead, feel free to contact police if they are ever faced with violent threats. — MRM

8. Will you support and sign 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?

As Mayor, I will make all relevant complaints as transparent as possible while ensuring the Constitutional privacy and safety of any individuals involved in the complaints. Complainants should have expeditiously updated detailed information about their cases. Any abuse or misuse of any private case information will be punishable to the fullest extent of the law. —MRM

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

As Mayor, after witnessing the fine and compassionate work of many of our Court officials for years as Vice Chair of the Third District Citizens Advisory Council and a civic activist, I trust that if the Court advises that a non-violent criminal record be sealed, it should be sealed, and I would support any legislation that clarifies that authoritative decision. As a Libertarian, I feel that if there is no victim, there is no crime; so, as long as no one has been harmed, there should be no barrier to a person living the life and following the path to their own happiness and maintaining their privacy under the law. — MRM

## HUMAN RIGHTS

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

As Mayor, I will work to ensure that all citizens have equal access to employment opportunities and eliminate unnecessary regulations that burden entrepreneurs who seek to build their own businesses and livelihoods. Just as private individuals have rights, employers have rights and the ability to hire those who will best serve their business goals. In a fair and free market, individuals who fail to find employment from others, will have abundant opportunities to create their own businesses.

— MRM

## YOUTH

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

As Mayor, I will work to ensure that we have a diverse and healthy high quality free market of educational programs serving the various needs of all our citizens and students. In the case of homeless minors, I believe that boarding schools and year round school options (whether public/public charter, private or parochial) will provide the best options for the care, safety, health, education, growth, and future success of these individuals — and a much lower cost option than serving them if they become victims of harm and/or connected with our criminal justice system.

— MRM

## SENIORS

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

As Mayor, in accordance with the law, I will work to ensure that residents in the District do not face discrimination in housing and that they will not be victims of the crimes of threats, violence or harassment. Beyond that, residents should be free to choose from available housing that suits their, budgets, needs and interests. Self-esteem comes from within, from education, self-/spiritual-awareness, pride in skills, talents, virtues, and cannot come from — or be affected by external entities, much less the government. My father was a bilingual family marriage and family therapist in the San Francisco Bay area and he raised us to understand that those dependent on external affirmation, lack the internal fortitude to be happy and proud.

—MRM

## SENIORS (continued)

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 seniors engaged in the community?

As a Libertarian, informed by many economists, I understand that when the government provides services, it is often ineffective and not a productive use of taxpayer dollars; some economists estimate that for every \$100 the government targets for services, \$60 is taken off the top—ultimately going towards government management of the programs and/or being pocketed by those non-profit organizations executives tasked with providing those services. Hence there is a “trickle-down” welfare that undermines the goals of the programs and leaves urgent needs insufficiently met. In the District we are fortunate to have more low cost and free cultural opportunities to satisfy the interests of seniors. With fewer regulations on businesses and private and non-profit organizations, there will be a more robust free market for low-cost/high quality food and food delivery services available to seniors—including convenient meal programs in communal atmospheres. — MRM

## 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?

As Mayor, I will set the example for every elected official in the Wilson Building and the heads of all District agencies by making my entire schedule of meetings and events (outside of family commitments) available in advance and/or with real-time or expeditious updates to the public. Furthermore, I will take no (“ZERO”) campaign donations from corporations or groups. If our media is worth its weight in newspapers clippings, they will educate voters about elected officials positions and merits, objectively, without regard to money. Furthermore, citizens have a responsibility to critically analyze the merits of each candidate. I doubt that any legislation can include the controls or teeth to eliminate secret campaign finance dealings. —MRM

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

As Mayor, having worked in the tech sector, I will work with Office of Contracting and Procurement and Office Chief Technology Officer make city contracting processes transparent online (including availability online at public libraries in the community for those without personal internet access). —MRM

Your record is part of your rating. Please list any actions that you have taken that may help illustrate your record on behalf of LGBTQ people.

I joined the Libertarian party and have run as a Libertarian candidate in previous elections because the Libertarian Party is the **ONLY** national party that has championed the equality of all people—including LGBTQXs—since its founding in 1972.

*“Sexual orientation, preference, gender, or gender identity should have no impact on the government's treatment of individuals, such as in current marriage, child custody, adoption, immigration or military service laws. Government does not have the authority to define, license or restrict personal relationships. Consenting adults should be free to choose their own sexual practices and personal relationships.” [ [www.lp.org/platform](http://www.lp.org/platform) ]*

For the several years, I worked with the Greater NE/SE Ecumenical Outreach Ministry, a group of African American church leaders committed to providing effective outreach to under-served at-risk and surviving HIV/AIDS communities east of the river (heterosexual, LBGTQX, youth, seniors and returning citizens).

Born in Hollywood, and growing up in California’s San Francisco Bay Area, I was fortunate to have two very religious and loving parents and an esteemed charming openly gay former US Army veteran and civil servant uncle, a vocal activist and philanthropist who championed gay adoption campaigns, who nurtured my self esteem and allowed me to “come out” when I was an eight (8) year old. My uncle “Beau” lost his battle with AIDS while I was in college at Dartmouth in the 1980s which was one of the reasons I later participated in two AIDS Rides (Charlotte-DC, MPLS-Chicago) to promote awareness and decrease enduring stigmas.

I have testified along with the GLAA at several DC Council hearings and other District forums in support of ending the drug war (ie: “the war on poor people”, including many LGBTQXs). I have also advocated for ending the criminalization of prostitution which has for decades had a devastating affect on women and those in LGBTQX communities for those of us who have challenges integrating and finding productive economic stability in the general society—particularly given the current disastrous state of the US economy and challenges of the high and still rising costs of living in the District.

All recreational and performance enhancing drugs (from alcohol, tobacco, to marijuana and crack and steroids) can have deleterious health consequences when used or abused; many degrade the human immune system and its ability to fight cancer and other diseases. Government should limit and focus its efforts on preventive education, treatment and providing other services in

abundance so that individuals can find self-fulfillment and happiness without using or abusing drugs. Legalization will allow medical doctors to treat patients for pain and other symptoms with safe prescriptions of marijuana, as they do with addictive opiates like codeine, and prevent abuse without fear of legal consequences that would affect their licenses in the District or elsewhere in the United States.

I am a healthy, drug- and disease-free, sexually active gay male and recreational nudist; nudist communities nationally and globally have always, in my experience, been accepting of LGBTQX people because it is one of few cultures that embraces the humanity of all peoples without all the labels and dehumanizing objectifications imposed by crony-corporate/government entities —especially the corporate textile manufacturers who have effectively lobbied over hundreds of years to stigmatize and criminalize our human bodies in our natural form and God-given “birthday suits.”

My father, who died last fall, was an immigrant from Costa Rica. He was college roommates with our iconic and renowned civil rights leader, John Lewis, who has been a strong advocate for LGBTQX communities (see: **18 August 2018 letter** attached, p 8). Early in his career, my father was a Methodist minister who later became the director of the South Berkeley YMCA (across the Bay from San Francisco), and his final career was as a family psychologist in Richmond, California (see: **16 August 2018 letter** from Richmond, California’s Mayor, p. 9). My father nurtured my self esteem through his example, our mutual love of reading and books, which included my reading of his mental and social services books and magazines, including his sex therapy books and manuals, as a young child. This “home-schooling,” helped shape my philosophy, normalize LGBTQX communities for me as a young child, and energized and informed my advocacy as an adult.

Thank you for your work and advocacy for human beings. I hope as Mayor we will achieve all your goals successfully and expeditiously and ensure that those in LGBTQX communities enjoy the liberty to follow their dreams and be abundantly happy, healthy and gay.

Sincerely,

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JOHN LEWIS  
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August 18, 2017

Dear Family and Friends of Manly Moulton,

I got to know Manly as a fellow student and roommate at the American Baptist Theological Seminary. He was one of the most wonderful, gracious, kind, and considerate humans I have known. I never heard him say a mean word about anyone.

Manly was always understanding and supportive of his fellow human beings. No matter the circumstance, he never became bitter or hostile and never lost a sense of hope. And, most importantly, he kept believing in the goodness of all.

I know Manly will be deeply missed by all of his friends and family. We can rejoice in the fact that we got the chance to know and be inspired by him.

It is my hope that during the days and years to come, you will remember and cherish all the good things he did for you and so many others. May the grace and mercy of God sustain you, and all of the members of your family, and give you peace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Lewis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "L".

John Lewis  
Member of Congress



# *Letter of Recognition*

## Honoring the Life of Manly Moulton

August 16, 2017

I, Tom Butt, Mayor of the City of Richmond, am proud to honor the life of Mr. Manly Moulton Senior. My condolences go out to his wife, Catherine and his son, Richmond Fire Department Battalion Chief Manly Moulton Junior. The city and community of Richmond, California are deeply grateful for his contributions and dedication to making this city a better place to live, work and grow.

Mr. Moulton was born in Costa Rica, and spent most of his life in the East Bay. As a bilingual Marriage and Family Therapist who practiced at 2709 MacDonald Avenue for over 20 years, Mr. Moulton was dedicated to helping Richmond's children and families find ways to improve their lives. His efforts extended beyond his therapy practice into his involvement in the YMCA of the East Bay and the South Bay.

An avid reader and prolific writer, Mr. Moulton used his energy and skills to provide leadership within the City. As a member of the City of Richmond Human Rights and Human Relations Commission, Mr. Moulton helped craft and administer a comprehensive anti-bullying curriculum that has been presented at four Richmond elementary schools. The contributions of the anti-bullying curriculum continue to enrich the lives of children in our city and advance our shared collective goals of peace, tolerance and unity.

My heartfelt condolences go out to the family and community who had a chance to know Mr. Moulton. I am grateful that the life and contributions of Mr. Moulton will surely continue to enrich Richmond, and he lives on through his service and commitment.

Respectfully,

Tom Butt, Mayor, City of Richmond

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.

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