

CM Trayon White
Responses to GLAA

HEALTH

1. Will you support budgets that target funds to address LGBTQ health disparities, including in mental health and substance abuse treatment, and mandate data collection and timely reporting on these populations?

Yes, I will support budgets that target funds to address LGBTQ health disparities. I think that it is important for us to support populations that have been marginalized. Those populations include LGBTQ.

JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

2. Will you support Bill 23-435, the Tony Hunter and Bella Evangelista Panic Defense Prohibition Act of 2019?

Yes, I would be supportive of Bill 23-435.

3. Will you support revision of the DC Riot Statute, Section 22-1322 of the District's penal code, to correct its overly broad language that allows abuse of prosecutorial discretion against individuals who exercise their First Amendment rights?

Yes, I would support the revision of the DC Riot Statute, Section 22-1322. Throughout my first term, I have introduced and sponsored bills that have decriminalized petty offenses. This was evident through the Fair Evasion legislation that was recently passed.

HUMAN RIGHTS

4. Will you support a Gender Equity and Neutrality in the Official Code Amendment Act to update the D.C. Official Code as necessary to ensure that outdated terms are removed or replaced as well as to utilize language inclusive of the gender diversity of our population?

Yes, I would support a Gender Equality and Neutrality in the Official Code Amendment Act to update the D.C. Official Code as necessary. It is becoming increasingly clear that words matter and that we have to make sure that the language that we use is reflective and sensitive to that.

5. Will you support Bill 23-0318, Community Safety and Health Amendment Act of 2019, to decriminalize consensual sex work for people 18 or older and create a task force to monitor the implementation and effects of the act?

No, I do not support Bill 23-0318. There is sex trafficking and missing girls in our community. I believe that there are preliminary things that we need to focus on before decriminalizing sex work.

6. Will you support increased funding for LGBTQ budget priorities, including fully funding the Office of Human Rights and establishing a new competitive community development grant program in the Office of LGBTQ Affairs?

Yes, I would and I have supported increased funding for LGBTQ budget priorities.

7. Will you support a study of employment of transgender individuals in the government of the District of Columbia as a first step to creating a truly inclusive workplace and the implementation of transgender employment initiatives?

Yes, I would likely support a study of employment of transgender individuals in the government of DC; however, I would be more excited to support legislation related to creating equity for transgender individuals in the workplace. I have found that we are often aware of what laws should be created or changed and the implementation of a study can prolong that process.

YOUTH

8. Will you support improved services and treatment for homeless LGBTQ youth, including extended transitional housing?

Yes, I will support improved services and treatment for homeless and LGBTQ youth, including extended transitional housing. During my first term, I requested \$500,000 for grants to nonprofits through DHCD to support organizations that are working to provide housing security to LGBT seniors and homeless youth. I also supported and attended the ribbon cutting for SYMAL's new housing program for LGBTQ Youth in Ward 8.

SENIORS

9. Will you support improved services and treatment for LGBTQ seniors, including affirming senior housing and tenant based rental assistance and the Care for LGBTQ Seniors and Seniors with HIV Amendment Act of 2019?

Yes, I think that it is important that we have improved services and treatment for all seniors, including LGBTQ.

HOME RULE

10. Will you oppose Trump administration efforts to nullify the legal identities of transgender individuals, such as by assigning a person's gender based on their "original" birth certificate?

Yes, I oppose the Trump administration efforts to nullify the legal identities of transgender individuals.