



2010 City Council Candidate QUESTIONNAIRE

Established in 1976, The Gertrude Stein Democratic Club is one of the oldest and largest grassroots LGBT Democratic Clubs Democrats in the country, serving as the voice of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Democrats in the District of Columbia. The Gertrude Stein Democratic Club maintains active members in each of the 8 wards of the District of Columbia and will endorse Democratic Candidates in the 2010 Democratic Primary.

In accordance with the Club's By-laws, candidates are asked to submit a candidate statement that will be distributed to members prior to the scheduled endorsement meeting.

Please Draft Your Candidate Statement responding to the Questions below.

Statements should be submitted electronically to Tim Mahony, Vice President of Legislation and Political Affairs at vppoliticalaffairs@steindemocrats.org or info@steindemocrats.org.

If you have questions feel free to call 202-491-9517

City Council Candidate Endorsement Meeting Schedule

May 17, 2010: for Wards 1 & 5 Members of the DC City Council
2010 membership dues must be current by April 17, 2010 to be eligible to vote.
6:30PM (the meeting will start promptly)
The Thurgood Marshall Center Gymnasium
1816 12th ST NW

May 24, 2010: for Wards 3 & 6 Members of the DC City Council & United States "Shadow" Rep.
2010 membership dues must be current by April 24, 2010 to be eligible to vote.
6:30PM (the meeting will start promptly)
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library Room A-5

July 12, 2010: for Chair of the DC City Council & Majority Party At-Large Member of the DC City Council
2010 membership dues must be current by June 12, 2010 to be eligible to vote.
6:00-7PM Candidate Meet & Greet
7PM (Endorsement forum will begin promptly)
Town (2009 8th ST NW)

Summary Proposed Forum Process (members will approve final rules at meeting) A member in good standing will be allowed to put a candidate in nomination from the floor. That nomination will have to be seconded and accepted by the candidate. Once nominations have closed candidates will be allowed to make an opening statement then will be asked questions via moderator. Once the question and answer period has ended members will have a period of open discussion before voting begins.

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Human Rights

1. As a Councilmember, what will you do to help ensure that the marriage rights secured for DC's LGBT Community remain intact?
2. Would you be supportive of the Mayor's Office of LGBT Affairs having grant making authority and an increased budget to provide grants to 501c3 organizations in the District providing services to the LGBT community?
3. As a legislator, what can and/or will you do to support increased funding or assist in securing additional funding for LGBT social service organizations such as the DC Center, the Mautner Project, SMYAL, Metro Teen AIDS, and Transgender Health Empowerment?
4. As a legislator, what can and/or will you do to advocate for increased education, job training, and hiring of transgendered people?
5. Do you support mandatory sensitivity training in workplaces that have transgender employees or new hires who may be transgender?
6. In the past, what LGBT related events, activities, or organizations have you participated in or been a member of or are currently a member of?
7. Do you have any self identified LGBT staff or campaign volunteers, and if so, how many? How racially and ethnically diverse is your office?

Public Safety

8. Given that the GLLU is one of the only LGBT related units in the country, will you support and advocate for the Metropolitan Police Department to increase the current staffing, as well as support the hiring of a full time sergeant who understands the LGBT community and LGBT policing?
9. Will you advocate for the executive office of the mayor to establish policy requiring agency directors to implement mandatory training for all members of DCPS, Fire and EMS workers regarding LGBT people (including LGBT people of color, those that are limited English proficient, and those that are disabled)?
10. As a legislator, what can and/or will you do to insure that the District is aggressively responding to the increase in incidents of hate crimes against the LGBT community that have been occurring over the last two years, aside from holding yearly hearings on the issue?



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11. As a legislator, will you be committed to working to stop the DC Department of Corrections policy of relying on genitalia as a basis for gender identification rather than an individual's gender identity or expression?

Education and Youth

12. Do you support the current DC Board of Education's Health Standards that include discussions of sexual orientation in learning about sex education in public schools?
13. Do you support DCPS leadership in advocating for additional mandatory teacher and faculty training in all DC public schools regarding LGBT student safety?
14. As a legislator, what can and/or will you do to hold DCPS, OSSE, and the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education accountable for making sure that all LGBT students can learn in a safe and supportive environment?
15. As a legislator, what can and/or will you do to support afterschool activities and initiatives that specifically include the needs of LGBT youth?

Health/HIV/AIDS

16. As a legislator, what can and/or will you do to hold the HIV/AIDS Administration and the Department of Health accountable for aggressively working to develop and implement a strategy to reduce the unacceptably high HIV/AIDS rate among the District's LGBT community, specifically LGBT communities of color and the transgender community?

DC Taxi Cab Meters

As a councilmember, will you hold the District government accountable for conducting the impact study of DC taxi cab meter rates every two years as the law requires?

When finished with the questionnaire, please email it to Tim Mahony, Vice President for Political Affairs at www.vppoliticalaffairs@steindemocrats.org, or you can mail it to *Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, 1929 18th St., NW, PMB 2000, Washington, DC 20009.*