

# 2025 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

This questionnaire is for candidates running in Municipal Elections, please complete questionnaire below. Submit a completed electronic copy by Thursday, February 27, 2025, to be considered for endorsement in the 2025 Municipal Elections.

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## General Information

Candidate Name \*

Kebran Alexander

1. District/Office Sought \*

Dallas City Council District 4

2. Are you a current member of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas? \*

Yes

No

3. Please share any experience that illustrates your understanding of and interest in the needs of the LGBTQ+ community in your District/Role sought.

As a racial minority that grew up in Dallas during the last phases of integration, I understand the tactics used by the "privileged" to suppress the voice of the marginalized and underserved. With the passing of gay marriage protections by the SCOTUS, I thought we were ushering in a new era. However, it appears that is no longer the case and instead the new administration intends or has already rolled back many of the protections that had been in place. I look forward to resisting, fighting back and helping to craft additional detailed and inclusive policies that address all residents of Dallas, no matter their race, religion, immigration status or focus on those whom they may love.

4. As an organization affiliated with the Texas Democratic Party, Stonewall Democrats of Dallas \* will only endorse candidates who affirm an affiliation with the platform and policies of the Texas Democratic Party. Do you make such an affirmation? What is your previous voting history (please explain any changes in party affiliation)?

Yes, I would wholeheartedly make such an affirmation. I am a lifelong Democrat, raised by lifelong Democrats who marched and fought for the right to vote in the 1960's. My 90 and 94 yo old parents still show up to the polls to vote every Election Day. I have also volunteered with the Democratic party for many years. I have served as a former Precinct Chair, and currently serve as a Voter Deputy Registrar, Election Judge and Alternate Judge, routinely working the polls on Election Days at Mark Twain Elementary School in the heart of District 4. I have been a Delegate to our State Democratic Convention a number of times and a Delegate to our National Democratic Convention two times.

5. Please list some of your qualifications and experiences pertinent to the office you are seeking:

Currently, I work for the Dallas County Sheriff's Office of Communications focused on 911 Support. Previously, I worked for Dallas County Elections Office in community support and often conducted the trainings for our Volunteer Deputy Registrars. Most recently, I was the District 4 Representative on the Dallas County Redistricting Commission appointed by current Council Member Caroline King Arnold. I am a current Board Member at the League of Women Voters, and as First Vice President of our local NAACP have served as both Healthcare Chair and Chair of the Environmental Justice committee. I am a lifelong Catholic who currently serves as District Deputy for the Diocese of Dallas and in years past have also worked for major corporations, including IBM and Crayon. I bring a wealth of lived experience to the role of Dallas City Councilman District 4.

6. Once you are elected, what are some of your priorities and plans specific to your office's responsibilities?

I consider Quality of Life, Economic Development and Infrastructure as the top 3 issues facing District 4. Building on the solid foundation that exists in district, I want to focus on revitalizing what has been neglected; repairing what is broken; promoting pride and respect for and among the citizens of District 4; and initiate a 21st century vision for our students so that they see themselves as able to live and work in the district. I believe that the district needs an infusion of younger residents, money (investment capital and disposable income), and racial diversity to turn the corner on realizing its potential while addressing the needs of our senior residents.

As a child of a lifetime public school educator and a Department of Justice employee, Kebran came to understand the struggles of progress and gained interest in the improvement and welfare of our community. Desegregation and integration were major nightly topics of discussion in the household for many of his formative years. Kebran moved into the district when it was thriving in the mid-70s, only to watch as businesses rapidly abandoned their new, increasingly African-American and Hispanic customer base. Glendale, Cedar Crest, Lancaster Kiest, Wynnewood, Village Fair, Westcliff, and then Red Bird Mall went into a state of demise and neglect. As he matriculated through St. Elizabeth, Bishop Dunne, Skyline High School and completed a degree in Political Science at the University of North Texas, he noticed the regression. Support him in his bid to represent the district's best interests and to work collaboratively with other council members to affect change in Dallas.

Housing

This section addresses housing and homelessness within the LGBTQ+ community.

7. On a scale of 1-10, 1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest, please rate your city's response to housing affordability and briefly explain your rating.

I would rate it a 5. Housing is essential for all residents of Dallas County. We need to do more to provide housing incentives to residents at all levels of income so our 21st Century City does not leave any residents behind.

8. Please list a specific policy/ordinance you would like to introduce or repeal to address the housing supply issue

We must continue to focus on increasing the supply of affordable housing through government funding and incentivizing developers to build mixed-income units in ALL areas of Dallas, including the southern corridor.

9. What’s the biggest threat to LGBTQ+ folks with respect to housing security and what are your plans to address housing insecurity within this community specifically?

Wage inequality and real poverty tears at the fabric of Texas and our nation. The collateral consequences have wide ranging impacts: loss of jobs, unstable children, loss of housing – the entire community is affected and everyone becomes less secure. This consequence is too harsh. I want young people in District 4 to believe their futures is bright and the American/Texan dream to still be within their reach. Homelessness also greatly affects marginalized communities, such as the LGBTQ community, at a disproportional rate. Low income individuals and vulnerable populations I believe should have priority on housing units.

10. What specific ordinances or policies would you suggest or support to address housing inequality and rental pricing, such as a ban on algorithmic rent control?

To address housing inequality I believe we should focus on increasing the supply of affordable housing through government funding and incentivizing developers to build mixed-income units. We should also reforming zoning laws to allow for denser housing options and provide rental assistance to low-income households. We need to focus on protecting tenants from eviction and addressing discriminatory housing practices to promote equitable access to housing across all demographics. Lastly, it is paramount to support policies that promote community integration and prevent further housing segregation.

Public Safety (Includes Fire, 911, School safety, and all safety departments)

This section addresses Public Safety within the LGBTQ+ community

11. On a scale of 1-10, 1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest, please rate your city’s delivery of public safety services to the community and briefly explain your rating. \*

My rating is a 6. We work hard to do what we can, but we also have a long way to go. I see this firsthand in my current position at the Dallas County Sheriff’s Office Communication Office, providing 911 support.

12. Please list one public safety policy you support and why and one public safety policy you oppose and why. \*

I support our residents using the See Say app where Users can report safety and cleanliness concerns. I support the RAPID Response Team addressing environmental issues like vacant lots and abandoned properties. I wholeheartedly believe in the R.I.G.H.T. Care Program, a team that includes a behavioral health clinician, police officer, fireman, and social worker and the Violence Interrupters Program that identifies individuals involved in violent crimes and provides them with alternatives to incarceration. I am not as big a fan of policing in hot spots because I think it can unnecessarily target our black and brown young men. I also am not a big fan of the cameras in Downtown, but I understand they are a necessary evil to address crime in our downtown area.

13. Please address how you would work with public safety officials across all appropriate levels of government to ensure LGBTQ+ people feel safe, secure, and respected within your respective jurisdiction. \*

I would call on local law enforcement officials to partner in creating healthy relationship with local police. If we work together, human rights groups and law enforcement officials can track early warning signs of hate brewing in our community, which would allow for a rapid and unified response.

14. Have there been any recent incidents involving LGBTQ+ hate or violence in your city, if so how do you plan to address this? If not, what can other cities learn in order to reduce these occurrences? \*

Bias is real and American history is rife with prejudice against groups and individuals because of their race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or other characteristics. We address it by not being apathetic, since that can be viewed as acceptance by the actor, the public, and the victims. Take seriously the smallest hint of hate – even what appears to be simple name-calling. Don't wait to fight hate. We must pick up the phone and call friends and colleagues. Host neighborhood and community meetings. Speak up in church and suggest some action. We should also sign petitions, attend vigils and lead prayers against hate of any kind. We must also repair acts of hate-fueled vandalism immediately, as a neighborhood or a community.

15. If you are not a member of a historically marginalized group, what is your understanding of the needs of these groups with respect to public safety? \*

I am an African American man in the Deep South, public safety for all factions of our community is very important. Our young people should feel that the local police are partners in keeping their communities safe.

Environmental

This section addresses Environmental protections within marginalized communities.

16. Please list a specific policy/ordinance that you would suggest or support to advance making your city more climate resilient. \*

To make the City of Dallas more climate resilient we should integrate green infrastructure of which I am a fan of, investing in renewable energy sources, and support community engagement to address climate change concerns.

17. What are your plans to address environmental injustices for marginalized communities within your city? \*

Unfortunately, communities of color and/or those living in poverty have been forced to live, work, and play closest to sources of pollution. We must get to know the social justice advocates in our community and support them however we can. Individual residents can play a role in dismantling environmental racism. We must stay informed at the local level regarding environmental issues in our community. When issues come up concerning permitting, land use plans, policy design, enforcement and grant awards we must advocate for these issues to be prioritized and the decisions concerning them to be made transparent. In short, we must hold our community and our representatives accountable for their environmental votes.

Communications

This section addresses Communication Methods between elected officials and marginalized communities.

18. How do you plan to work with allies and organizations across all appropriate levels of government to present a cohesive message of unified support for the LGBTQ+ community? \*

By making sure I am available to talk through the issues and concerns with all stakeholders in our local community. Being open to having a conversation about issues that affect all of us, goes along way in making sure all factions of our community feel heard and supported.

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20. Will you commit to being an active partner and supporter of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas? \*

Yes

No

Local Governance

This section addresses the attack on Local Governance from the State Legislature.

21. Do you believe the State Legislature has engaged or will engage in government overreach? \*  
Briefly explain your answer.

Yes, I do and they have. I think pushing through the voucher program while underfunding our public school education system is just one example.

22. Please list one specific policy/ordinance that you feel would best advance LGBTQ+ rights on a local level \*

We can all advance LGBTQ+ rights on a local level by supporting nondiscrimination laws, challenging discrimination, and supporting LGBTQ-friendly policies.

23. What is your opinion of local police department cooperating with ICE? \*

I do not like it. I do not believe our local police department should be an arm of ICE. Our taxpayer dollars and resources would be put to better use elsewhere.

All Candidates

All candidates will need to answer the following questions.



24. Is there anything in your past or background that has not been covered by the previous questions that might – without careful explanation - cause our organization to reconsider or withdraw our endorsement of you?

No, there is nothing in my past or background that would cause your organization to reconsider or withdraw your endorsement of me. Your endorsement would aid me in winning a seat on the Dallas City Council representing District 4 so I humbly ask for your support and your vote because I know together we can build a better City of Dallas.

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25. I'm seeking an endorsement from the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas for the 2025 Municipal \* election. (Please type name)

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