

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 *

Monica R. Alonzo

1. District/Office Sought *

Dallas City Council, District 6

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.

I have always been a strong supporter of the LGBTQ+ community and believe in respect, inclusion, and equal rights for all. My commitment to advocating for policies that promote safety, equality, and representation will continue in my role.

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)?

I affirm my affiliation with the Texas Democratic Party and currently serve as a DCDP Precinct Chair. I have consistently voted in every primary and general election.

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

I bring passion, experience, and a deep understanding of District 6's needs. Having previously served on council and as Mayor Pro-Tem, I am prepared to take action on day one to advocate for my constituents.

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

My priorities include improving public safety, addressing infrastructure issues, fostering economic growth by supporting small businesses, and ensuring the concerns of District 6 residents are heard and addressed.

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 the city’s response to housing affordability at a 6/10. While efforts have been made, more must be done to expand affordable housing options and provide better access to assistance programs.

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

I will work with the Housing Department to refine Chapter 27 to ensure clarity and stronger protections for residents.

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?

The biggest threat to LGBTQ+ individuals regarding housing security is discrimination. I will work with the Dallas Police Department (DPD) and housing officials to ensure proper training on identifying and addressing housing discrimination.

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?

I support policies that prevent algorithm-driven rent hikes and will advocate for tenant protections that promote fair and stable housing prices.

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. *

I would rate the city’s public safety services at a 7/10. While DPD does great work, more community engagement and trust-building efforts are needed, particularly in marginalized communities.

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

I support maintaining the UNIDOS Division in DPD to ensure continued outreach and community support. I oppose any efforts to defund essential public safety programs, as they are critical to protecting all residents.

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. *

As a City Council member, I will work closely with law enforcement agencies to ensure that LGBTQ+ residents feel safe, respected, and protected, reinforcing Dallas as a truly inclusive city.

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? *

While Dallas has made significant progress in fostering inclusivity, any incidents of hate or violence must be addressed swiftly. I will support community-led initiatives and work with law enforcement to ensure hate crimes are properly investigated and prosecuted.

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? *

Public safety must be rooted in respect, fairness, and equal protection for all communities, including historically marginalized groups. My goal is to ensure that every resident feels safe and valued.

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. *

I support implementing climate-resilient policies, such as expanding green infrastructure and increasing energy efficiency initiatives across the city.

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

Addressing environmental injustices requires working with stakeholders to develop policies that protect marginalized communities from disproportionate environmental harm, such as industrial pollution and lack of green spaces.

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? *

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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, It's important to carefully consider the balance between state and local authority in these matters.

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

Strengthening the Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs office is key to advancing LGBTQ+ rights at the local level, ensuring protections and resources for all residents.

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

Local police should prioritize community safety over immigration enforcement. Cooperation with ICE can lead to fear and distrust, preventing vulnerable communities from seeking help when needed.

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?

There is nothing in my past that would cause concern regarding your endorsement.

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

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