

# 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 \*

Jesse Moreno

1. District/Office Sought \*

Dallas City Council District 2

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 served under MPT Medrano administration as his Park Board appointee for 8 years. I learned a great deal from him and his efforts and leadership when it came to addressing and implantiing policy change that benefited the LGBTQ+ community. I have continued to work and support the LGBTQ+ residents and business along Cedar Springs after it was re-districted out of District 2. I have kept my pledge of including members of the LGBTQ+ community on my Boards and Commissions this has lead to a better Dallas and has made me a better ally.

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 have not voted in a Republican primary; my voting history is strong for Democrats at all levels of government.

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

I am a lifelong resident of District 2, where my wife and I are now raising our daughter in the same neighborhood I grew up. I grew up in East Dallas, where I attended Woodrow High School. Since then, I have had the opportunity to serve District 2 in various capacities such as the Dallas City Council member, Dallas Park and Recreation Board, where I worked for neighbors for more than seven years. I've been committed to serving people my entire life, from my family's small business to working on policies to better the lives of many residents. I am dedicated to all neighborhoods throughout the district, addressing issues from infrastructure, to housing to public safety to economic development. I believe every resident in Dallas deserves a high quality of life. We must do all we can to ensure we deliver those basic needs to have a thriving city

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

Over the last month my team and I have opened our district office so that we can be closer to the people. I would like to extend our after-work hours and dedicate weekend office hours.

### 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.

5- I have supported all affordable housing projects both city wide and within District 2. As Housing Chair I have worked with several partners to bring projects to the table that have come to reality. However we still have a lot of work to do.

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

I am working on a anti displacement policy. I was able to put in place a Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay by a 15-0 vote to protect the legacy homeowners and renters in Elm Thicket North Park a Freedman’s Town. However the city failed these legacy homeowners due to staff failure to update the zoning, I would like to go back and to ensure enforcement. I am also working on our first Land Bank Trust in the city of Dallas.

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?

Our ageing population should be able to age in place. I’m proud of my work with the Resource Center to house over 80 individuals at Oak Lawn Place, we need more housing like this! We recently put out an RFP to help serve our LGBTQ+ youth, we need to refine this in order to get more interest.

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?

As the Housing Chair for Dallas, I will lobby our State Legislators to help us adopt state legalization to pass Rent Control. Price gauging should not be allowed, period.

### 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. \*

5. For the past several year, DPD has consecrated in addressing violent crime, this means quality of life issues have fallen as a priority.

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

Our Right Care program has proven successful in District 2 and is now a city wide program. I also support our community courts, I do not support our teen curfew.

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 have a working relationship with our LGBTQ+ DPD Liaison unit. We have educated our merchants along the Strip and in other areas, as a result we have a number of Safe Place locations throughout District 2.

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? \*

When Cathedral of Hope had protesters and treats my office worked closely with DPD to ensure safety of the congregation. I have also stood up with the LGBT+ community when protesters came after small business that hosted drag shows.

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? \*

As a Latino, my community has been marginalized.

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 am working on limiting the driveway approaches and requiring permeable surface in order to address our flooding.

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

My team has joined neighbors in cleaning our creeks, greenbelts and ally ways in order to protect out environment.

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? \*

I believe it's important for me and my collogues to help inform new council members and the community about the importance to support our LGBTQ+ community. Anytime I meet new elected or appointed officials, I share with them the success of Dallas.

19. 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? \*

I have been a proud member of Stonewall for over 12 years and am an ally to the LGBTQ+ community.

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, the State Legislature continues to come after local control.

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

Allowing local municipalities to make our own decisions is key.

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

We want to encourage our residents to trust and report crime to DPD without the fear that they will be subject to ICE.

### 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

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

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