

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 *

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1. District/Office Sought *

Dallas City Council District 11

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 public health practitioner, I have developed and implemented programs in hospital and government settings that ensure adherence with cultural competence standards and protocols for LGBTQ+ communities [and other underserved groups].

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 registered as a Dem in college and I always have affiliated myself with the Dem party.

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

I have supported municipalities with public health, transportation, and civil rights compliance programs as either a public servant [federal employee] or public engagement manager in a contractor capacity. Auditing hospital financial reports to ensure adherence with IRS standards is another transferable skillset that is needed at city hall to scrutinize financial ledgers. Community and constituent relations with corporate and non4profit programs. I just graduated from the UT Austin LBJ Women's Campaign School, a program designed to achieve gender parity in government. Policy research and advocacy to support a myriad of public health interventions such as: reduction in pediatric injuries/mortalities, nurse safety and retaliation in healthcare, and transnational infectious disease protocols.

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

1.) Improve existing public safety infrastructure [HEROES implementation]. 2.) Improve transportation infrastructure to support population growth and road conditions. 3.) Prioritize public input and concerns. D11 constituents feel disenfranchised due to lack of responsive representation at city hall.

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- Inflation has impacted virtually every municipality and adversely impacted families and their ability to afford housing. I would apply a 5 on uniform basis; meaning this phenomenon is not just unique to Dallas.

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

I would support policies that grant residential developers incentives and minimize the existing bureaucratic red tape [that deter many from conducting business with the city of Dallas] to assist with housing shortages in certain pockets 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?

This is not the "biggest threat" but discrimination from both tenants and mortgage lenders [for LGBTQ+ couples/headed households] is something that I have learned is rampant despite Title VI protections. I commit to reviewing housing policies currently in place that stress equity for underserved communities [LGBTQ+, female headed households, et al] and bolster the need to create a dashboard to meet metrics and monitor improvements on a periodic basis to ensure improvement with baseline metrics.

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 would support policies that monitor and ensure compliance with fair housing laws; such as building a centralized repository to report fair housing violations and subsequently [have that division] conduct investigations and interventions to deter landlords to continue discriminatory practices.

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. *

2- Many constituents have expressed to me via focus groups [in addition to community data] that it takes DPD over 40-minutes to arrive to their homes [many of these cases involve violent crimes].

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

I support the passage of the HEROES amendment-- necessitating that we increase our DPD officers per the anecdote shared above via question #11. I oppose DPD corroboration with ICE [for minor crimes], I would support Dallas as a sanctuary city.

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. *

Ensure guidelines and policies are in place during orientation and onboarding that educate public safety employees on the need for cultural competence, sensitivity, and adherence with discrimination laws and policies.

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? *

In a post-Trump administration, discrimination is rampant for all protected classes. Bolster "Hate crimes" training for personnel. Implement zero tolerance policies.

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 will submit an attachment that supports this answer.

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. *

Support equity policies/programs that minimize environments where marginalized communities are not disproportionately impacted by harmful environmental conditions [for example proximity to airports, fracking, or other harmful pollutants that we know tend to take place in lower SES areas].

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

I have two environmental subject matter experts/policy advisors in my current campaign team. Dr. Rose Jones and I have worked on projects that advocate for tree canopies and construction workers rights to decrease unsafe working conditions. Pardon terse responses, attempting to meet midnight deadline.

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 worked as a contractor for the Office of Welcoming Communities. Building coalitions/committees with LBTQ+ leaders and constituents under OWCIA is imperative to ensure representation in the data-driven decision making model. I defer to leaders and entities in the community to shape HOW this should happen--essentially stressing "community-informed" processes and communication to shape messaging.

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? *

This question is a duplication [#18].

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.

Absolutely. Abbot and our state legislature have repeatedly demonstrated this phenomenon as evidenced by public health protocols and voting rights. Pardon terse communication due to time constraints/midnight deadline.

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

Adopt local nondiscrimination ordinances for items that are absent at the state or federal level.

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

Please reference previous answer.

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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