

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 *

Lorie Blair

1. District/Office Sought *

City Council District 8

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 close friends and relatives that are members of the LGBT community.

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've always voted democratic.

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

I have worked closely with the current council member as his zoning and planning commissioner for the last 6 years.

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

Public safety, economic development, quality of life, and homelessness.

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 The city understands the needs but has concentrated the most affordable housing in the southern areas when it should be equally focused city wide.

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

Affordable equalization city wide.

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?

Harassment and discrimination. The LGBT community must feel that there is a safe place to report harassment and discrimination within the city.

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 do not support the use of algorithmic rent control.

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. *

8 There has been a consistent decline in the rate of violent crime throughout the city but there still needs to be a faster response in all calls.

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

While I agree with the approach used to reduce violent crime it has caused a slow or no response to less violent crimes. There needs return to true community policing through the use of NPOs

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.

Training officers to recognize the signs of harassment and abuse of the LGBTQ+ community on a local level.
I can not address others government bodies

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?

There has been but none recently. The city has worked to embrace this community to change the culture of
mistrust

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?

They do not trust public safety officials.

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.

In zoning we recommended policies to increase impervious ground cover to make the city more climate
resilient.

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

I worked with a major church and community to fight against industrial development in the midst of residential community. I passed the floral farms area plan that corrected environmental injustices and Forward Dallas 2.0 that is the first land use plan that identifies and correct environmental injustices in marginalized communities.

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? *

There must be collaboration between all to equalize how we teach all how to treat all persons equally.

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 always address injustices where I see them in all levels and across all organizations

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. They pass legislation that tells us how land use must be regulated. We no longer can tell a developer what kinds of products (I.e. brick covering on a house) can be used.

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

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

I do not agree

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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