

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 *

Marc Rossouw

1. District/Office Sought *

Dallas city council D12

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.

Everyone is entitled to the rights freedoms and liberties afforded by the constitution regardless of their gender or gender identity or sexual preferences, skin color, ethnicity or disability! This is a fundamental Principle of the United States Constitution ("all men are created equal")

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 vote democrat all the way down (I did vote for Kasich to try to block a Trump candidacy in 2016 - sadly that didn't work)

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

CFO for local businesses for 15 years and have built a financial advisory practice from zero to \$175million in assets under care in just 10 years by focusing on the needs of others! What's important to them! And not focusing only on the wealthy but also on those needing financial Education and discipline including the younger generations.

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

Public safety, infrastructure, public transportation and if possible addressing the increasing cost burdens on ALL Dallas it's brought about by inflation and higher property values. Mostly, it's important that we all Work Together for the better of the entire Cory and not just special Interests.

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 don’t know enough and need to research this further. Perhaps my fresh perspective will help. Either way we need to work together to find better solutions.

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

I plan to research the impact of granting exemptions on properties with values under \$250k to help reduce the homeowner burden in lower income groups

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?

I don’t know. I need to talk to more impacted parties to better understand the needs and then formulate a plan Together!

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 absolutely agree with the ban on algo rent pricing. We Must find ways to build more affordable housing without negatively impacting single family home owners

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. *

7. Crime is down across the board. There is still Room to Improve. Efforts have been made to improve public safety, but challenges persist. Crime rates, police response times, and trust in Dallas' police force are a few of my concerns. There is room for improvement.

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

Support: Body cameras on at all times - hold officers accountable. Innocent until Proven guilty and it provides a trail Of evidence ;
against: stop and frisk and illegal search and seizure - individuals have rights and there must be some basis for any search seizure or frisking of law abiding citizens

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. *

Listen and learn. Discuss and work together to find solutions that work to keep everyone safe! This will involve cooperation with local, state and federal public safety officials. Advocate for and implement LGBTQ+ sensitivity training and bias training amongst the DPD (existing and new hires). Advocate for stricter enforcement of hate crimes.

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? *

I would need to research this further. I am sure there have been. We need to enhance community relations and awareness as well as the DPD training advocated for above.

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? *

LGBTQ+ communities have specific public safety needs that must be addressed to ensure their protection, well-being, and full participation in society. These needs include:

- 1. Protection from Hate Crimes & Violence
- 2. Fair & Respectful Treatment by Law Enforcement
- 3. Safe & Inclusive Public Spaces
- 4. Mental Health & Crisis Support

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. *

Expansion of green spaces, more parks; cool roof and reflective surface mandate; Sustainable stormwater & flood management; climate resistant building codes & energy efficiency

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

expand tree planting and green spaces projects. I loved seeing the many new trees planted around white rock lake when I would regularly run around it in recent years! We need to do more of that around the entire city. Continuous enhancement of water infrastructure!

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? *

Communication and outreach. We must discuss issues with allies and organizations and together identify the best ways to approach challenges and lend support to the LGBTQ+ community. Most importantly we need to hear from the community of where they feel they have the most to gain / in the most need.

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? *

as above

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.

Under Abbott and Patrick and Paxton.... Absolutely they will and they have already indicated they will try to do so more often!

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

better communication in the communities and training of the police

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

Not their job. That's is a federal responsibility. Police are here to enforce the laws not to do the feds work for them

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?

not to my knowledge

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

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