

**SCHOOL BOARD  
ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE  
2022**

Candidate name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office sought: \_\_\_\_\_

District? \_\_\_\_\_ Incumbent? \_Y N

Are you a member of the Hillsborough County LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus? Y N

Are you a member of the Florida LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus? Y N

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Are you a member of the Hillsborough County Democratic Executive Committee? Y N

Campaign Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Campaign Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Facebook URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Twitter: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Instagram: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach your campaign photo. If selected for endorsement, this photo will be used for all communications to our members and posted on our website and social media.*

**Answer the following with a brief YES, NO, or NO ANSWER and/or short explanation where deemed appropriate.**

1. Why are you running for this office?

*Anti-Bullying Policies*

2. Would you support safe school policies that include protections from bullying and harassment based on race, religion, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin or disability?

*The Day Of Silence*

3. Every year, schools across the country participate in The Day of Silence, a day meant to spread awareness about the epidemic of bullying against LGBTQ+ students. Would you support a school board resolution in favor of the Day Of Silence?

4. Do you support student-led pro-LGBTQ+ demonstrations for events such as Transgender Day of Visibility?

5. Will you introduce to the School Board the proclamations recognizing Tampa Pride in March and Pride Month in June, including recognition of the Pulse Nightclub Massacre?

#### *Gay-Straight Alliances*

6. GSAs are meant to provide a safe place for LGBTQ+ students to meet and find support without parental permission. Understanding that, how will you support the right of a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) to form on campus and specifically use the name "Gay-Straight Alliance"?

7. Would you support GSA Leadership Training?  
If so, how would you assist in implementing this?

8. Do you support the right of a GSA to organize and execute age-appropriate educational and other events on campus aimed at reducing prejudice on campus?

#### *Diversity Training/Prevention*

9. How would you support fully funding offices of prevention that include LGBTQ+ inclusive anti-bullying programs and comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education?

10. Do you support funding for diversity training that is fully inclusive of LGBTQ+ people for faculty and staff?

#### *Hate Speech/Harassment*

11. How would you respond to instances of hate speech during a school board meeting, in communications to the school board, or in your school district?

*Expression*

12. Would you support the right of self-identified transgender and gender-nonconforming students to attend school as the gender to which they identify? Will you call for policies to require faculty, administrators, and staff to address students by their self-identified pronouns?

13. On the district website the HCPS Office of Diversity makes mention of sexual orientation and gender identity, but not gender expression. Nor does it offer LGBTQ+ resources. What would you do to work on the further inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community into the HCPS Office of Diversity?

14. In many cases, LGBTQ+ students will come out to an educator as a trusted adult, looking for support. How would you respond to a student coming out as LGBTQ+ to you?

15. Would you support policies that require faculty, administrators, and staff who face similar situations to keep those conversations confidential, including from parents, as requested by the student?

16. Since Family Empowerment Scholarships are a tax deduction for those corporations who fund them, do you believe that the schools where they are used should be held to the same anti-discrimination laws, particularly LGBTQ+ laws, as public schools? If so, will you lobby in favor of this change to the legislature?

17. Can you explain the difference between charter schools and schools that accept vouchers? Do you believe both should be held to the same standards and laws, particularly LGBTQ+ anti-discrimination laws, as public schools?

18. What is your position on efforts to ban books in the education system? What actions can be taken to keep these books accessible to all?

*Financial*

What is your overall budget for your campaign? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your Campaign Manager? \_\_\_\_\_

Field Director? \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Treasurer? \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Paid Staff? Y N Number of staff members \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a primary, what is your fundraising goal for the primary, and for the general?

Primary \_\_\_\_\_ General \_\_\_\_\_

How much has your campaign raised thus far? (required) \_\_\_\_\_

What is your win number? \_\_\_\_\_

*Other*

Please list other endorsements you have received:

Is there anything else you would like us to know about why the LGBTQ community should support your candidacy?

How long have you been a registered Democrat? \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing this questionnaire, you are stating that if selected you would accept the Hillsborough County LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus' public support and endorsement including, but not limited to, our website and other social media.*

*Further, you hereby agree not to accept financial support or endorsements of any kind from individuals or groups that are anti-LGBTQ+. Acceptance may result in revoking of our endorsement.*

*By signing below I, (candidate's printed name) \_\_\_\_\_, confirm that these answers have been reviewed and approved by me and reflect my views on these issues.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments (due to space limitations, comments may not be included in all candidate summaries):

**Return your questionnaire by email to: [endorsements@hillsboroughlgbtdems.org](mailto:endorsements@hillsboroughlgbtdems.org)**

**Questions should be mailed to: [campaign@hillsboroughlgbtdems.org](mailto:campaign@hillsboroughlgbtdems.org)**

**We ask that you return your completed questionnaire no later than 10 days after the qualifying period.**