

**STATE LEGISLATURE
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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Membership status will not affect endorsement

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?

Non-Discrimination

2. Would you support non-discrimination legislation that would make it illegal to fire someone, deny them employment, or deny them housing because of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression?

Would you co-sponsor this legislation?

3. How would you oppose legislation allowing organizations or businesses to refuse service to LGBTQ+ persons based on personal or religious objections?

4. How would you oppose any efforts by the State government to preempt local nondiscrimination ordinances?

5. How would you support and protect the rights and safety of the transgender and similarly marginalized communities?

Family Recognition

6. Do you support domestic partner benefits for unmarried public employees?

7. How would you ensure that all state and local rights, responsibilities, and privileges of marriage are extended to all married couples, including same sex couples?

Adoption

8. How would you oppose any attempts to reinstate Florida's ban on LGBTQ+ adoption?

9. How would you oppose legislation allowing religiously based adoption agencies to refuse service to LGBTQ+ families?

10. How would you oppose attempts to change Florida law to block LGBTQ+ people from being foster parents in Florida?

Charter Schools

11. 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 sponsor/co-sponsor legislation to make this happen?

12. 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?

Safe Schools

13. Do you believe school districts should be required to include specific protections against bullying and harassment based on actual or perceived race, religion, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, or disability?

Hate Crimes

14. Florida law currently recognizes sexual orientation as a protected classification under hate crimes law. Do you believe this protected status should be extended based on gender identity and/or gender expression?

Conversion Therapy

15. Would you support legislation to ban the harmful practice of “conversion therapy” on persons under the age of 18? This is a “treatment” program based on the discredited theory that it can change one’s sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

Transgender Equality

16. Would you support legislation requiring fair and equal access to essential healthcare for transgender persons?

17. Would you oppose legislation allowing healthcare providers to refuse medical care to transgender persons on a religious basis?

Reproductive Rights & Education

18. Do you believe that a woman has the right to full healthcare autonomy over her own body and, therefore, has the legal right to terminate an unwanted pregnancy?

19. Would you oppose a so-called “heartbeat bill,” which bans abortions after mere electrical signals begin that cause some to claim a heartbeat is detected, though medical science proves these are merely electrical signals (about six weeks into pregnancy)?

20. How would you support efforts in our public schools to provide access to birth control and HIV/STD prevention education?

21. What measures do you favor to expand access to preventative medications like PrEP and the HPV vaccine per the CDC?

22. Do you support teaching comprehensive, age-appropriate science based sex education programs in our public schools?

Financial

What is your overall budget for your campaign? _____

Who is your Campaign Manager? _____

Field Director? _____

Campaign Treasurer? _____

Paid Staff? 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

Questions should be mailed to: campaign@hillsboroughlgbtdems.org

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