



Houston GLBT Political Caucus PAC

Municipal Candidate Screening Questionnaire, 2019

Candidate Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Office Seeking: _____

Employer & Occupation: _____

Voting Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Mailing/ Office Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Website: _____ Voter ID# _____

Have you ever sought The Caucus's endorsement? YES NO
 If yes, when? _____

If yes, did you receive The Caucus's endorsement? YES NO

Are you an active dues paying member of The Caucus? YES NO

Qualifications

Please briefly describe what you believe are the duties of the office sought: _____

Please briefly describe your qualifications for the office sought:

What professional organizations are you a member of? What leadership positions have you held in those organizations, and for how long did you hold those positions?

Is there any criminal history that would impact your ability to fulfill the duties of the office sought? YES NO

If you answered 'YES,' please provide the details of the offense (date, location, factual circumstances, presiding court, and cause number) and the final disposition.

Your Campaign and Political Experience

Please briefly describe your political experience. This may include any formal training or experience as a volunteer, staffer, candidate or office holder:

What organizational endorsements have you received so far?

How much money have you raised so far for your campaign? What is your total campaign budget? (Vague responses such as, "As much as we need" or "Enough to be competitive" are not acceptable. Please exclude in-kind contributions)

Please describe your campaign structure and strategy to get elected:

What community organizations are you a member of? What leadership positions have you held in those organizations, and for how long did you hold those positions?

Tell us about a situation where you advocated for issues affecting the GLBT community:

Knowledge of GLBT Issues

In 2015, Houston City Council passed the anti-discrimination ordinance known as the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance. The ordinance was intended to improve anti-discrimination coverage based on sexual orientation and gender identity in Houston, specifically in areas such as housing and occupation where no anti-discrimination policy existed. Did you support the ordinance?

YES NO

Would you support another anti-discrimination ordinance?

YES NO

If no, please tell us what you will do to assure that people are not discriminated against in the City of Houston:

Why are you seeking the endorsement of the Houston GLBT Political Caucus PAC?

Are you a member of any local, state, or national LGBT organizations or committees?

YES NO

If yes, please list below. If no, please tell us why not:

Have you ever expressed public support for any individual or organization that has been known to discriminate against the LGBTQ community or opposes equality for the GLBT community?

YES NO

If you answered "yes" to the question above, please explain any public support given for an individual or organization as listed above and include the name of the individual(s) or organization(s).

Would you accept an endorsement from an organization or person who is recognized as being anti- LGBTQ?

YES NO

Municipal Issues

What do you believe are the top three issues facing the City of Houston as a whole, and how does the office you are seeking have the ability to impact those issues?

Cities across the country, including Baltimore, Seattle, Memphis, and Newark, now recognize certified LGBT business owners as part of their city contracting and supplier diversity initiatives, alongside women and other diverse communities. Knowing that LGBT business owners add \$1.7 trillion to the US economy every year and create tens of thousands of new jobs, would you support adding LGBT Business Enterprises (LGBTBE®) to Houston's contracting and procurement opportunities?

After Hurricane Harvey municipal elected officials worked tirelessly to ensure Houston received the financial assistance from the federal government we needed. How would you ensure that Houstonians were better prepared for another Hurricane like Harvey? What do you know about FEMA/ emergency management?

The City of Houston has a “strong mayor” form of government. What does that mean to you, and how do you believe it will affect your ability to achieve your goals as an elected official?

Currently, Houston has no local remedy in the cases of discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodation. How would you address this issue?

The Office of Inspector General is responsible for investigating and addressing cases of discrimination and harassment in Houston city government and for the City of Houston. What kind of reports would you like to see from them?

Given that local communities are having to deal more and more with issues related to mental health as a result of a lack of adequate state funding for the public behavioral health system, what are some innovative ways that you would like to see the City tackle this issue?

Given Houston’s challenges with our homeless community, how do you plan to address this issue?

Acknowledgement of Terms and Conditions

Please read and acknowledge the following terms and conditions by affixing your initials and signature in the spaces provided:

_____ I am intentionally seeking the endorsement of the Houston GLBT Political Caucus PAC.

_____ I understand that the Houston GLBT Political Caucus PAC is an organization that is committed to eliminating prejudice, violence, and injustice against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people through education, activism, and political advocacy.

_____ If I receive the endorsement of the Houston GLBT Political Caucus PAC, I agree to publicly acknowledge the endorsement by listing it in printed campaign literature that substantially promotes endorsements by other community or political organizations and on any Web page that lists other organizations' endorsements.

_____ I have answered all of the questions in this questionnaire truthfully and to the best of my knowledge, and I have not intentionally or knowingly omitted information that might reflect poorly upon my qualifications or character and fitness for the office sought.

_____ I acknowledge that violation of any of these terms and conditions, or any intentional or knowing untruthful response, may result in the Houston GLBT Political Caucus PAC revoking its endorsement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Committee Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Received By: _____

Screening Completed: _____

Committee Members: