

## National Lavender Green Caucus Candidate Questionnaire

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Please answer the following questions as completely as possible

and return completed questionnaire to the National Lavender Greens Caucus Secretary at:

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1. Do you support the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity plank of the National Green Party Platform?

<http://www.gp.org/platform/2004/socjustice.html#999077>

**yes, I support the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity plank of the National Green Party Platform**

**and I think it's important to respect and defend all groups of diversity including our (LGBTQIA) and Lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, intersex, asexual communities**

2. Lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, intersex, asexual, others (LGBTQIA+) people in the U.S. are twice as likely to be without health insurance compared to the rest of the U.S. population. What will your office do to help ameliorate this disparity in coverage while working towards single payer healthcare?

**Even though, I'm running for a Arlington ISD Board Trustees seat, I believe it's important to that we create and implement policy that protects and supports the interests our LGBTQIA+ students and School District employees. we must also establish and create professional development opportunities in the Arlington ISD. We also must make resources available and establish working relations in the Arlington ISD Administration that would help in promoting public safety.**

3. How would you improve gender disparity in political representation, funding priorities, healthcare, job placement, and so forth? What do you think are the biggest obstacles for women and girls in the U.S.

**My candidacy for the Arlington ISD Board of Trustees is important to my community on many levels specifically because it speaks to the value of likewise progressive candidates' intersectionality and the need to make this an asset and promotion in political races. With the success and wins of such candidates, It can make an impact in shrinking the disparity but, to align ourselves with similarly-minded grassroots organizations will hopefully contribute to addressing the imbalance of power when it comes to public funding, Healthcare and job employment.**

**In the meantime, preparing and supporting green or progressive or independent candidates willing to serve and building their capacity will change the landscape of local, state and national politics. The Green Party is overtly fighting oppression and adding value to the work of bringing down barriers for women, girls and I would include our transgender community to that demographic.**

4. Do you support the inclusion of transgender people in federal bills pertaining to non-discrimination and hate crime legislation? **Yes absolutely**

5. What is your position regarding religious freedom acts?

**It is my personal belief that we should not Discriminate people who may practice religion as it is a right provided by the us constitution. However, our current dominant American culture reflects and protect mainly those of the Judeo-Christian beliefs. We must also recognize and uphold mandated laws and fight oppressive political positions that our not tolerate of other religions, minorities, indigenous communities and additional marginalized groups that include our LGTBQIA+ community**

6. How would you address the high poverty, low employment rate, high incarceration rate, and high murder rate for transgender persons?

**My campaign specifically aims to address and promote public Safety for both Arlington ISD students and District Personnel pacifically, in removing resource law enforcement officers from our elementary schools, implementing comprehensive restorative practices that are embraced at the school level and made sustainable through details like funding, buy-in by all staff and fidelity to the program. These efforts aim at also providing students the tools needed to resolve conflicts with efficacy and relevant language that positively empowers all participants. Accordingly, developing to young adults that are empathetic, respectful and civically-minded.**

**School student Bullying must be addressed at the beginning of every school year and maintained by giving educators time to build a classroom culture that informs students of what bullying is, what form it takes and how it's destructive. Often, teachers are expected to prioritize academic learning, especially preparation for standardized test and data collection, while the socio-emotional development of students is sacrificed. We must also emphasize socio-emotional learning and a real whole-child education that is equipped with robust wrap-around services at all schools.**

7. Would you make hiring qualified transgender persons, persons of color, and persons with a disability a priority in your office? **Yes, students will benefit when they are surrounded by a group of public educators that look like them and are culturally competent.**

8. Would you support an age-appropriate public-school curriculum that teaches awareness and sensitivity regarding sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression? **Yes absolutely**

9. What steps would you take to curb discrimination and violence directed at LGTBQIA+ youth in public schools.

**When a school district fails to protect our LGBTQIA+ youth and other minorities in public school system, it is the responsibility of the Arlington ISD Administrators and its ISD Board of Trustees to intervene and not only monitor the school practices put hold the perpetrators accountable for this violence.**

**Steps:**

- 1) make it a mandatory requirement for Schools District to put statements regarding the safety and protection of our students of color, our students with disabilities, our English learners and our LGBTQIA+ in their AISD student code conduct and student handbooks that requires student and parent commitments.**
- 2) Direct Violation of this student expectation should result in parent meeting with ISD administration and the restorative practice coordinator/dean/paraprofessional.**
- 3) Allow for a restorative circle/conversation.**
- 4) Have a reintegrative component to occur after the parties reach a reparation of harm.**
- 5) Creating sustainability by including participants as models in showing others how to respect and keep others safe.**

10. Do you think that sexual orientation and/or gender identity or expression should be a factor in determination of child custody cases, or consideration for placement of foster children or for adoption?

**No, sexual orientation and/or gender identity or expression should not be impacted in the child custody cases or a consideration for foster care or adoption. The most important factors to consider in relation to custody, foster care and adoption is that our children have a loving home where they are safe, given stability and where their needs are met.**

11. Do you support needle exchange programs to reduce transmission of blood borne diseases, including HIV? **Absolutely yes**

12. Would you support Federal funding for HIV/AIDS programs and public HIV/STD prevention education?

**yes, but it should not be a choice. But we should make resources available from the start of any sex education curriculum.**

13. The impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic is hardest on racial minorities who tend to be poor due to systemic racism in the United States. How do you propose addressing the HIV/AIDS needs of this population?

**As a potential school board Trustee member, creating and implementing policy where our school-based clinics are fully-staffed and equipped with the resources that are far-reaching in schools that serve our low-income, minorities, LGBTIA+ and working-class. Currently, the policies in Arlington Public Schools reinforce the systematic racism that is all too common. Moreover, the school-based budgeting practices must be monitored so that principals don't skim over providing these goods.**

14. Will you have sensitivity training for your staff members regarding LGBTQIA+ issues?

**Yes absolutely**

15. Would you support mandatory diversity training for public employees that includes racism and LGBTQIA+ issues?

**Yes absolutely**

16. Do you support the right of religious organizations that offer social services and receive tax dollars to subsidize these services to discriminate against LGBTQIA+ people?

**I am against such policies they will do more harm than good**

17. What do you think are the biggest issues facing LGBTQIA+ people of color?

**I believe the biggest issues facing the LGBTQIA+ people of color are: Racism, abandonment and/or non-acceptance by family; threat to their safety/abuse and, homelessness.**

18. What do you think are the biggest issues facing LGBTQIA+ people with disabilities?

**I would say the stigmatization and discrimination that our LGBTQIA with disabilities experience and the need for quality and affordable healthcare. I would very much like to have our LGBTQIA+ people with disabilities voice their needs, as I can't say I know everything that this community group experiences.**

19. Please describe (briefly) what your top goals will be if elected to this office.

Peace and Nonviolent Education

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Heathy Lunch Meals

If elected I will make it a minimum requirement that all children are provided free of charge lunch with a balanced nutritious including local and organic non-GM food, free from additives. Vegetarian, vegan, religious and other dietary requirements will be catered for. Vending machines will only supply healthy snacks and not crisps, carbonated drinks and sweets. Schools will be encouraged to involve children in growing, preparing and cooking food. Not only will this provide invaluable and essential education in the importance of a good diet, but evidence shows it will greatly improve behavior, quality of life and learning. Also, I plan on creating Farm-to-School programs that will provide food from local family farms as well as Educational opportunities to Teach children a little about American agriculture

Promote Health in schools

Arlington ISD schools and teachers will continue to have a duty of care towards young people. Whilst we recognize that parents our likely to have a significant influence on their child's personal development.it is very important to promote this in public schooling.

I recommend that there will be regular health checks in schools and a return to school nurses with health personnel trained to work alongside teachers in schools.

As part of their duty of care schools they will have strong and effective anti-bullying policies which will recognize the vulnerabilities of children from different backgrounds to the majority of pupils or who are LGBTIQA+ or have learning disabilities.

#### Support AISD School Teachers and District Administration

Arlington ISD Teachers are the key resource within the education system. They need first class initial preparation, continuing professional development and appropriate salaries. Every child should be taught by a teacher with Qualified Teacher Status and principals and teachers of state funded schools should have QTS.

If elected I will work with the teaching unions such as the Teachers Federation to reverse the process by which teachers have gradually been deskilled and their professional autonomy eroded and if elected I will review pension arrangements and retirement age with them.

Arlington ISD Teachers feel undervalued and their professionalism is undermined by a strict curriculum. Two-fifths of teachers quit within five years of beginning their careers, ground down by an excessive workload, much of it unrelated to teaching. Arlington ISD Teachers are also rarely supplied with the Teaching material necessary to Educate their classroom students. Classroom teachers at the elementary and secondary levels should receive professional status, fully funded Health Care insurance policy including Dental, and salaries comparable to related professions requiring advanced education, training, and responsibility.

#### Peace and Nonviolent Education

I call for peace and nonviolent education to be added to the K-12 curriculum Students must be taught nonintellectual skills such as interpersonal relations, dealing with emotions, nonviolent conflict resolution at every grade level, environmental appreciation, and vocational training. They should be taught in the arts of democracy, including how to be involved politically in their communities. Teaching should focus on helping people to learn at their own rate rather than encouraging rote learning and submission to authority.

I call for all schools in the Arlington independent school District to have an anti-bullying organization as part of the proposed peace and nonviolent education program that is run by both teachers and especially students who see this kind of abuse every day. Bullying is a serious problem, not some political game for politicians to feed on and not some opportunity for celebrities to polish their “public image” and make money off! At the same time, we do not want to produce a nation of wimps, victims of bullying need to know it is perfectly okay to stand up for themselves!

I encourage student individuals to act to improve their personal wellbeing and, at the same time, to enhance

ecological balance and social harmony. Students should seek to join with people and organizations around the world to foster peace, economic justice, and the health of the planet.

If elected I will Oblige AISD *schools* to promote equal opportunities in their anti-bullying procedures and to monitor equality issues in teaching recruitment

20. What past or present LGBTQIA+ related events, activities, or organizations have you participated in?

**Gay Pride Parade 2017**

**Texas Equality 2015**

**Tarrant county Green party**

21. How will you get the LGBTQIA+ vote as a Green Party candidate?

**First, I am comfortable being OUT and it's important for me to advocate for the needs of our public educators, students and families that are LGBTQIA+. Second, the Green Party states in that it directly works at combating homophobia and other violence against our community, this stance is a true testament to why Green is the only way to improve social constructs. Moreover, the Texas Green Party bylaws recently adopted changes that include intentional language that supports anti-oppression, anti-homophobia, anti-transgender and anti-capitalism. I am proud of our chapter's work in this area and it will be a significant talking point during outreach, especially with people looking for better options than the Republican and Democratic parties.**

22. Do you support the four pillars and the Ten Key Values? Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community-Based Economics, Feminism, Respect for Diversity, Personal & Global Responsibility, and Future Focus? If "No" please elaborate.  
**Yes, I do support the Ten Key Values**

23. Do you support the Mission of the Lavender Greens Caucus? Elimination of heterosexism and all its manifestations such as homophobia, violence, prejudice, and injustice against the LGBTQIA+ communities, and the elimination of racism and sexism and all their manifestations in LGBTQIA+ communities, and society as a whole? If "No" please elaborate. **Yes, I support the Mission of the Lavender Greens Caucus**

24. Do you meet all of the legal qualifications for this office?  
**Yes, I do**

25. What primary ballot (if any) did you pull in the last general primary? \_ \_ \_ \_

**I am registered Green in Texas. But We do not hold primaries for nonpartisan city elections.**

**So, I appeared on the general election city ballot as an independent due to local election laws. My previous election information should be under TRUSTEE, PLACE 6 ARLINGTON ISD (VOTE FOR 1)**

**It will have all the data including maps and charts including my approval rating and vote totals <http://results.enr.clarityelections.com/TX/Tarrant/66442/187151/Web01/en/summary.html>**

26. Why do you wish to hold this office?

**I have been a political watcher most of my life and I am sickened to see what our Texas education system has become both republicans and democrats have caused serious damage by implementing and creating Educational policy that is very brutal and harmful to every group Diversity of both Teachers and students including the LGBTQIA and Transgender student and teacher community in the state. Also serving on the Arlington ISD board of Trustees is an excellent way to promote the Green platform**

27. Why do you feel you are qualified to run?

**Other than the fact I meet the constitutional requirement to run and hold the office. I feel I am qualified to run Because I am a strong children's advocate and care about how they plan their future and I am also not a business professional politician. Every second of every minute of every hour of every day many local school boards are in the habit of selling out our children's future just to advance the interest of the big business and corporate donors. If elected I will make sure that our children's education is protected from privatization.**

28. What do you think is the most important issue to be addressed?

**The funding of Transgender restrooms**

29. What do you think is the most important LGBTQIA+ issue to be addressed?

**LGBTQIA student Discrimination that should not be tolerated**

30. Have you previously run for and/or held a public elected office? **Yes, I previously ran for the Arlington ISD board of Trustees place # 6 no I never held elected office**

31. Have you been convicted of any crime? If "Yes" please elaborate

**No never committed a crime in my life**

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