

National Lavender Green Caucus  
Green Candidate Questionnaire

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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. A campaign staffer was party to its creation and acceptance by the caucus.

2 GLBT people in the U.S. are twice as likely to not have healthcare coverage as the rest of the U.S. population. What will your office do to help ameliorate this disparity in coverage while simultaneously working towards universal single payer healthcare?

Universal Single Payer is the answer, but in the meantime, we can change rules allowing full participation of domestic partners and same-sex spouses in health care plans and decisions as well as guarantee insurance coverage. We need to train more doctors to understand the special concerns of LGBTIQ people.

3 What are the biggest issues facing women and girls within the LGBT community? How would you address gender disparity in political representation, funding priorities, healthcare, job discrimination, issues relating to parenting, and so forth?

Queer women not only face homophobia, but gender discrimination as well. I would make sure that many people with different gender expressions, orientations, and identities are part of my decision making team when it comes to making political decisions concerning their future. Indianapolis is diverse, and I am looking forward to working with diverse constituents.

4 Do you support the inclusion of transgender people in all federal non-discrimination and hate crime legislation?

Yes, I support inclusion unconditionally. Gender expression should not be a category against which it is OK to discriminate.

5 What is your position regarding the inclusion of the trans community in the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act ( ENDA ) ?

Trans People deserve the same protection as everyone else. Bigotry must not stop us from passing inclusive Non-Discrimination Employment Acts.

6 What would you do about the high poverty and low employment rates for transgender persons?

Building equality and protection for trans people is a first step. I would work to ensure both the public and private sector protects trans people from discrimination in Indiana.

7 Would you install a written policy in your office regarding sexual orientation and gender-identity discrimination?

YES, 100%. Indiana already prohibits discrimination in public careers via executive order. This would be the policy of my office regardless of the legal requirements in Indiana.

8 Do you support an age-appropriate public school curriculum that teaches awareness and sensitivity regarding sexual orientation and gender identity?

Women, blacks, and gays, among many others have either been forgotten or demonized in our history. Education should be about truth. The time has come that kids already know more truth about LGBT issues than many teachers do.

9 What steps would you take to curb the discrimination and violence directed at LGBT youth in public schools?

Anti-bullying campaigns are popular. Statutes should be passed guaranteeing the safety of every school kid regardless of gender, race, or other characteristics.

10 Would you support or oppose using the sexual orientation and/or gender identity/expression of caretaking adults as a factor in determining the best placement for a child for child custody, foster parenting, or adoption?

LGBT people are equally well suited to parenting as heterosexuals, and should always have equal rights under family law.

11 Do you support needle exchange programs to reduce transmission of HIV?

Yes. It is about harm reduction and public health.

12 Would you support an expansion of Federal funding for HIV and AIDS programs, including HIV/STD prevention education in our public schools?

Yes, as a public health nurse, I have long supported increased public funding for health education. Indiana Universities should include this as part of their public health curriculum.

13 The impact of the domestic HIV/AIDS epidemic is hardest on racial minorities. How do you propose addressing those populations?

Universal Single Payer healthcare is the imperative. Special outreach to communities in need should be funded as well.

14 Have you started or would you start sensitivity training for your staff members regarding LGBT issues?

I have several LGBT staffers working on my campaign, and always plan to be inclusive of and

sensitive to all people.

15 Would you support mandatory diversity training for public employees that includes LGBT issues?

Yes, as long as diversity training was included for all groups. Diversity training is important in many contexts.

16 Do you support marriage equality for LGBT people?

Yes, I support civil marriage for all people.

17 If your jurisdiction does not allow same sex marriage, do you support the inclusion of domestic partner benefits in all employee contracts?

This is not good enough, but it is a step in the right direction.

18 Would you support Congressional repeals of the Defense Of Marriage Act (DOMA) and the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT) policies?

I support equality for LGBTIQ people in all circumstances. I support the Federal Judge's decision to suspend the ban.

19 Do you support "charitable choice" or "faith based" programs that allow public dollars to be used to subsidize social services offered by religious organizations that are allowed to disregard civil rights laws in hiring and public services?

I believe in the separation of church and state. All taxpayer dollars should be used only in situations demanding the utmost equality.

20 What are the biggest issues facing queers of color?

There is a culture among many queers of color that discourages openly embracing sexual orientation. Many people who live on the DL put themselves and their heterosexual partners at greater risk, due to the inability to live an honest life. Just as queer women face double discrimination, so do queers of color. Gaining understanding and acceptance from the general LGBT movement, which is largely white, is a challenge as well.

21 What are the biggest issues facing LGBT people with disabilities?

LGBT people face discrimination in marriage, immigration, healthcare, and many areas of life. Disabled queers again face a double basis for discrimination. The combination of both discriminatory categories places larger burdens on LGBT people with disabilities.

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

Funding Public Transportation in Indiana  
Boosting the Indiana Health-Care System  
Marriage Equality  
Re-Legalization of Cannabis  
Election Reform

## Creating Sustainable Jobs

Stopping environmental degradation in Indiana such as deforestation, CAFO's, and water security issues.

23 In the past, what LGBT related events, activities, or organizations have you participated in or been a member of or are currently a member of?

I have always marched with the Greens in the Indy Pride event. I have petitioned at pride events as well as celebrated. My campaign was in this year's pride festival and received a very enthusiastic response from the crowd.

24 As a candidate how will you get LGBT voters to vote for Green Party candidates?

The authenticity of an endorsement from the Lavender Caucus will help build my credibility. I am working with LGBT people in my campaign, and have focused on LGBT areas in my sprawling, gerrymandered, urban district. If elected, I will have the ability to work with people of color as well as LGBT folks, and I make it clear that I am a candidate supporting equality for everyone.

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