

IMPACT ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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Please note that your completed questionnaire must reach our office by 12 midnight on January 12, 1996. If questionnaires are received after the deadline, candidates will *not* be interviewed and candidates will *not* be considered for an endorsement.

Please complete all questions on the attached questionnaire. Although some of the questions may involve issues that are not within the direct responsibility of the office you seek, please respond to all of the questions.

The questions refer to issues of importance to the lesbian and gay community. If you have held public office, please be specific about how you have supported the gay and lesbian community while in office. If you have not held public office, please indicate what you have done as a citizen and what you will do if elected.

If you do not support a specific issue, please clearly state the reason(s) why. Lack of support for issues outlined on the political agenda will not necessarily disqualify candidates from endorsement.

If you do not understand an issue, or would like more information, please feel free

- H. Preservation of privacy and reproductive rights, including the right of women to choose an abortion. In your response, please address public funding of abortions for indigent women, and restrictions on a woman's right to choose abortion, such as parental or spousal approval. *I OPPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE, AND INCLUDING VARIOUS NOTIFICATION STATUTES, AND SUPPORT PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTIONS.*
2. Please respond to each of the following issues in the manner described on the cover sheet.
- A. Restrictions on gay men and lesbians becoming foster or adoptive parents. *OPPOSE TO SUCH RESTRICTIONS*
- B. Legislation that eliminates discrimination in custody and child visitation. *SUPPORT SUCH LEGISLATION*
- C. Continued availability of free, anonymous HIV antibody tests. *SUPPORT CONTINUED AVAILABILITY*
- D. Opposition to any initiative which requires mandatory HIV testing. *OPPOSE SUCH INITIATIVES*
3. How have/will you reach out to the community to encourage and actively recruit qualified lesbian and gay persons to apply for jobs, boards, task forces, etc under your jurisdiction? *I PLAN TO SET UP A GAY/LESBIAN DE-TASK FORCE IN THE DISTRICT TO IDENTIFY AND PROMOTE*
4. What specific steps have/will you take to educate the personnel in your office and others *INDUS.* under your jurisdiction on lesbian and gay issues? *I WOULD WELCOME ORGANIZATIONS LIKE IMPACT COMING INTO MY OFFICE TO CONDUCT WORKSHOPS.*
5. Will you issue a statement and/or sign a policy prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in your office? Will you additionally grant certain domestic partnership benefits to your employees, to the extent allowed by current law, like bereavement leave? *YES TO BOTH QUESTIONS*
6. If you receive IMPACT's endorsement, will you acknowledge it in your campaign literature and advertising? *YES*
7. Do you endorse the Marriage Resolution, a statement of support for the right of same-gender individuals to marry:

Because marriage is a basic human right and an individual personal choice,

RESOLVED, the state should not interfere with same-gender couples who chose to marry and share fully and equally in the rights, responsibilities and commitment of civil marriage.

If you do not support the resolution, will you at least oppose any attempts to outlaw same-gender marriage and/or to amend reciprocity agreements with states which permit same-gender marriage? Will you oppose any federal initiatives which attempt to override certain state laws which allow same-gender marriage?

I WOULD SUPPORT SUCH A RESOLUTION.