



## 2026 Democrat Primary Candidate Questionnaire

The Stonewall Democrats of Austin (SDA) respectfully submit the attached questionnaire to you should you be interested in being considered for the group's endorsement in the 2026 Democrat Primary elections. Stonewall Democrats represent the political interests of the LGBTQIA+ community here in Austin.

If you would like to be considered for endorsement, please **e-mail** your response to the questionnaire to [jessica@stonewallaustin.org](mailto:jessica@stonewallaustin.org) **by 11.59 pm on Friday, October 3, 2025**. The endorsement meeting will be held Wednesday October 8 at 6:30PM. Details on location will be announced on our website and social media.

Please limit your responses to the space below for each question. If you would like to attach a brief biography and summary of your qualifications, you are welcome to do so.

1. Please tell us why you are seeking the endorsement of SDA. How long have you considered yourself a Democrat? Do you have a history of involvement in Democratic politics and/or LGBTQ issues? If so, please briefly describe this history.
2. Although the landmark Supreme Court decision on June 15, 2022 affirming that the 1964 Civil Rights Act protects gay, lesbian, and transgender from discrimination in employment was a huge victory in our fight of equality, LGBTQ Austinites face continued attacks from a hostile state government. How will you protect and strengthen our local protections and support passage of a comprehensive non-discrimination state law? (**JUDICIAL CANDIDATES PLEASE SKIP THIS QUESTION**)

3. What do think are the key issues impacting the quality of life of the LGBTQ community in Austin and Travis County?
4. Surveys of LGBTQ Austinites have shown that “17% of respondents report spending 50% or more of their monthly income on housing and 65% report spending 30% or more of their monthly income on housing. In addition to rent burden, discrimination against LGBTQ people seeking housing was reported during interviews, focus groups, and community survey. Housing was the highest ranked priority for all participants.” How will you improve access to housing for our community? (**JUDICIAL CANDIDATES PLEASE SKIP THIS QUESTION**)
5. Do you think the City of Austin and Travis County are doing enough to ensure equality for their LGBTQ employees?

6. If elected, would you commit to hiring and appointing LGBTQ individuals? If elected or re-elected, how will you strengthen the connection between the office you're running for and the LGBTQ community more generally?

7. Describe a step you would take, or have taken, or a proposal you would make, or have made if elected that would specifically benefit Austin's LGBTQ community.

---

Candidate Name

---

Signature (electronic is acceptable)