

Aldermanic races

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DEADLINE: Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, by 5 p.m. LATE RESPONSES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Please feel free to use additional paper as needed.

YOUR NAME: Daniel "Danny" Solis

INCUMBENT? Yes.

OFFICE SOUGHT: Ward 25 Alderman

1) Do you have or would you install a written policy in your office regarding sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination?

**I don't allow discrimination of any kind in my office. If the need arises for a written policy I would certainly implement it.**

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

**I haven't in the past but if the need arises I would certainly implement it.**

3) Have you taken or would you take any steps to further HIV/AIDS treatment and education programs? If so, what are those measures?

**In the past I have personally supported HIV/AIDS charities. I have an LGBT staffer with whom I review the city budget and analyze funding for HIV/AIDS treatment and education programs.**

4) What is your position on abortion as it pertains to the law?

**I support Roe v. Wade and the protections it provides in regards to a woman's right to choose.**

5) What is your position regarding funding for HIV/AIDS treatment and education?

**We should provide a level of funding that helps protect against the transmission of HIV/AIDS and supports HIV/AIDS patients. Public resources are limited, and we should therefore focus on the programs that provide the widest and most effective range of services for HIV/AIDS treatment and education.**

6) Do you favor marriage equality (marriage between two people of the same gender)?

**Yes.**

7) Do you favor hate-crimes legislation that increases penalties for crimes committed based on the sexual orientation or gender identity of the person attacked?

**Yes.**

8) Do you believe LGBTs should become foster parents if they are qualified?

**Yes.**

9) Do you believe LGBTs have the right to adopt children if they are qualified?

**Yes.**

10) Would you keep committees such as the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on LGBT Issues?

**Yes.**

l1) What are your thoughts on a school that would be designed specifically for LGBT students. much like the Harvey Milk School in New York City?

**We should work to create safe and open atmospheres for all LGBT students at all city schools. If the need remains for an LGBT school, I would be open to advice from the LGBT community on how to implement this idea.**

l2) Would you advocate for mandatory anti-bullying policies/training in Chicago public schools?

**Yes.**

l3) Would you advocate for mandatory LGBT inclusive history education in Chicago public schools starting in middle school?

**Yes.**

l4) Would you advocate for mandatory comprehensive, LGBT-inclusive and age-appropriate sex education in Chicago public schools starting in middle school?

**Yes.**

l5) What would you recommend to have a better relationship between police and the citizens they serve, including people of color and the transgender community?

**We should find more ways to bring the community and police together so they can share information and learn about their common concerns.**

l6) If you are an incumbent, did you vote for the recent increase in the city's minimum wage and, if a challenger, would you have? Also, what do you think is the ideal minimum wage for the city of Chicago?

**Yes, I voted for it. We need a minimum wage that keeps up with the cost of living and inflation in Chicago.**

l7) How do you propose to handle the crime rate in Chicago, especially in minority neighborhoods?

**I think a simple answer is that we need to ensure adequate police coverage and to do so we need to hire more cops, not only for high crime but for low crime areas as well. I would want to make sure that we have adequate funding before we commit to hiring more police.**

l8) What do you feel is the biggest problem facing your ward? How do you propose to tackle that problem?

**There are three major concerns I hear about when talking to ward residents: schools and education, crime and safety, and job creation. Our neighborhoods still face major challenges. My top priorities have been and will continue to be focusing on economic development and job creation, quality education for our children and fighting crime in the community. I have also been a strong advocate for immigration rights throughout my career and believe we need to continue to seek solutions for the country's broken immigration system.**

l9) Some studies show that 40 percent of homeless youth are LGBTQ. What would you do to provide more resources for prevention, education and services for the entire homeless youth population?

**We should study initiatives in other cities that addressed this problem and bring those tested solutions to the City of Chicago.**

20) New York City eliminated barriers to transgender people changing their birth certificates. They just need a letter from a doctor to do so. Would you support this for Chicago?  
**Yes.**

21) Are any members of your current staff-either campaign or general office personnel-openly LGBT?

**Yes, a member of my city staff is openly gay and my political consulting team employs an open gay staffer.**

22) Please list any and all experience you have on LGBT-related issues.

**I have an openly LGBT cousin and nephew, and I employ an openly gay city staff member. I have a float in the city Pride Parade each year and personally march in the parade.**

**Through my staffer, I work closely with the LGBT community on a wide range of LGBT policy initiatives and concerns.**

23) What do you feel is the biggest problem facing the LGBT community today?

**We need to keep working on tolerance and education so that the LGBT community is fully accepted into all parts of this nation, with equal rights.**