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The Right To Privacy - Article 524 - Q U E S T I O N A I R E

1. Do you consider dictation of private consensual behavior among adults/a violation ^{in private} of the Civil Rights Law? *with amendment*
2. Do you favor repeal of Texas Sodomy laws as they apply to consenting adults acting in private?
3. Do you favor the imposition of religious beliefs or moral convictions on one group by another?
4. Do you believe that the present or proposed laws governing sexual behavior are enforceable?
5. Do you favor laws guaranteeing the right of employment for everyone, regardless of private sexual orientation? Would you be willing to support passage of a bill that would end discrimination in housing and employment because of a person's sexual orientation?
6. Do you favor the abolishment of current laws regarding victimless crimes?
7. Will a law against homosexuality rehabilitate anyone?
 - (a) Do you believe it will reduce crime?
 - (b) Do you believe it will save the State of Texas money?
 - (c) Do you believe it will serve any useful purpose?

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GAY LIBERATION POLL
CANDIDATES FOR TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Gay Liberation has done a poll of candidates for all State Senate seats in Harris County and in all but 7 Harris County House districts.

Listed are answers to 5 questions, selected comments, and district maps and opponents for districts where there were responses, as of April 26.

We plan to make a supplementary report for the runoff, June 3, on candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and House Districts 17, 78, 89, 96, 98, 99, & 100.

Copies of this guide are not plentiful, so please share it with as many friends as you can to make it effective.

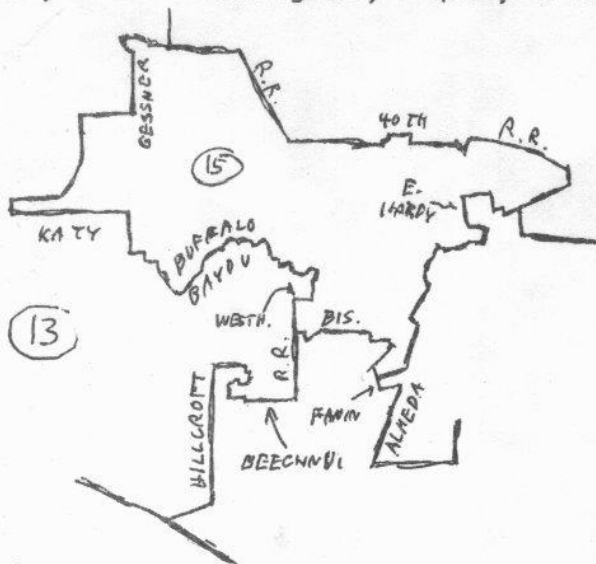
If you are not now a registered voter you can vote in the runoff if you register on or before Wednesday, May 3. Remember, if you forget to vote in the runoff your candidate may lose!

FIRST PRIMARY: Sat. May 6

RUNOFF PRIMARY: Sat. June 3

Houston Gay Liberation has meetings Tues. and Thur. 8 PM in the University Center at the University of Houston. Address P. O. Box 53221 Houston 77052.

1. Do you support repeal of Texas' sodomy law?
2. Would you use your influence to help stop discriminatory harassment of homosexuals by means of catch-all laws such as those relating to loitering or vagrancy?
3. Would you support the right of a place of business serving primarily homosexual clientele to operate without discriminatory harassment of either management or customers?
4. Do you have, or would you be willing to have, friends or associates who are known homosexuals?
5. Do you, or would you be willing to, employ a known homosexual?



13th Senate District

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

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Jack P. Stovall, Charles N. Bigham

Republican Primary: Bernard Calkins, Edmund "Sonny" Jones, Will Lee, Val Jean Mc Coy, Walter H. Mengden

15th Senate District

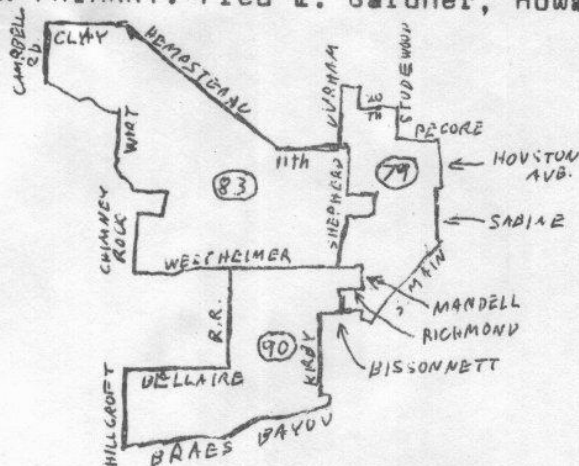
DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY:

Gertrude Barnstone: 1.Yes 2.Yes 3.Yes 4.Yes 5.Yes

"Thank you for the opportunity of responding to you."

Jack Ogg

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY: Fred L. Gardner, Howard Moon



79th Rep. District

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY:

Ron Waters: 1.Definitely yes. I would be proud to introduce such legislation. 2.Certainly. I believe that this office should be used to protect the private lives of citizens of our district. 3. Yes 4.Yes 5.Yes

"I hope that you will emphasize the importance of electing someone, in this district, who will not only support necessary legislation but will also use all of the influence of the office to stop discriminatory harassment of all citizens. It is my belief (and it should be the state's) that sexual acts between consenting adults are no business of the state and the laws should be changed to protect all citizens' right of sexual privacy"

Reuben Rabago: 1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. Yes

"The private life of any person should not be discriminated against or harassed, unless there is harmful physical injury or robbery."

Granville Mast, Jack J. Terence, Russell Cummings, Hurshell Ervin

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY:

Robert Edmiston: 1. Yes, limiting it to consenting adults only. No pandering, prostitution, soliciting. 2. Yes 3. Yes as to both. 4. Yes 5. Yes, with limitation that activities had interests not be expressed in employment.

"Since I live and office in Montrose my contact with the gay people is rather common;"

Robert Schneider

83rd Rep. District

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY: Bill January, Houston Jones, Robert Lord, Richard Smith

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY:

Bob Casale: 1. Undecided 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. Yes

"Bob Casale agrees a State Review Board should be created to govern Police Chiefs and officers, thereby making them responsible to the people and the state" -from campaign brochure.

90th Rep. District

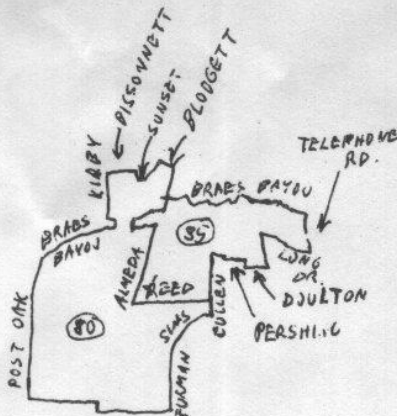
DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY:

Michael W. Noblet: 1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. Yes

"The repressive laws suffered by homosexuals are but one area of government interference into the private lives of citizens. If elected I will work for abolition of all laws that create "victimless" crimes."

M. C. Blackburn, Ben Adair, Frank E. Robertson, Wayne Walker

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY: Bill Henderson, Art Kelly, Kay Bailey, Ev Kemp, Charles Morton, Mrs. John S. Lockwood



**80th Rep. District
DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY:**

Tom Loomis; 1. Yes 2. Yes 3. If operated with discretion. 4. Yes, if kept at a proper level. 5. Yes, if kept on a high "plane" "Discretion" is the key to this situation. This, to me, applies to all sex acts". George Gilman, Mike Walters, Lucien Hugh Cullen, Ace Haldeman, Joe Pentony, Leslie Reed

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY: Dominick Caravella, Floyd Guest

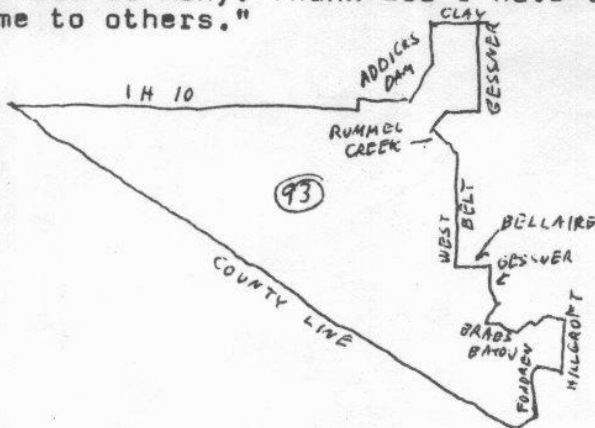
85th Rep. District

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY: Carole Pinkett, Bobby Hugh Caldwell, Anthony Hall, F. N. Williams

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY:

Dorothy Ella Potts: 1. I must admit I am not familiar with the law, but promise to. 2. Yes 3. I think it should be true of any business. If one owns the business he should be able to do lawfully as he pleases. 4. I have many. Their private life is not my concern. They are real friends to me. I pray I can be the same in return. 5. I inquire about one's ability, not his sex habits.

"God made each of us. We are all different. I was married 6 years, had 4 sons. I was divorced, never married again. Why? I prefer giving my time and service to many. Thank God I have the right to my choice. I must grant the same to others."



93rd Rep. District

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY: Maria Laurel Canfield

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY:

Russ Austin;

"The question of Texas laws relating to homosexuality has not been previously raised during this campaign and is probably not a problem of major community concern at this time. Consequently, we have not taken a firm position. However, we can understand that these are problems

of most immediate concern to your group, as well as others, and it will be our intent to serve all interests within the community. As you know a new penal code has been proposed as a revision of Texas' criminal laws. We would appreciate your views. Passage of the new penal code is likely in either the next session or the one following.

"I feel safe in stating that everyone connected with Russ Austin's campaign is in agreement with the principle that the State has a very limited interest in the private sexual conduct of consenting adults. We believe the laws of Texas should reflect this principle." - from letter by campaign director

Dale Steffes: "I do not have a position on this subject at this time. I certainly believe in apperson's rights".

Jim York, Milton Fox, Dowling Kennedy, Tom Motton

GAY LIBERATION POLL
RUNOFF SUPPLIMENT

Gay Liberation has done a poll of candidates for State Senate and House seats in Harris County. Given are replies to 5 questions, selected comments, and opponents of those who replies are given. Only candidates who survived the May 6 primary are mentioned. Major contenders for Governor and Lieutenant Governor were also polled and there was one reply, included here.

RUNOFF PRIMARY: Sat. June 3
GENERAL ELECTION: Tues. Nov. 7

Houston Gay Liberation P. O. Box 53221 Houston 77052 Mike Bird, Chairman
Meetings Tues, & Thur. 8 PM University Center, University of Houston

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5. Do you, or would be willing to, employ a known homosexual?

13th Senate District (outer Harris County except S part)

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE: Lee McLeMore: "Thank you for mailing me one of your questionnaires. It has long been my position on important matters not to give a quick unqualified answer. I will be glad to meet with you or your organization and discuss any and all issues to the best of my ability."

REPUBLICAN NOMINEE: Walter H. Mengden (no reply)

79th Rep. District (Montrose area, part of Heights)

DEMOCRATIC RUNOFF:

Ronald L. Waters: 1. Definitely yes. I would be proud to introduce such legislation. 2. Certainly. I believe this office should be used to protect the private lives of citizens of this district. 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. Yes

"It is my belief (and it should be the state's) that sexual acts between consenting adults are no business of the state and the laws should be changed to protect all citizens' right of sexual privacy".

Runoff opponent: Russell Cummings (no reply)

REPUBLICAN NOMINEE: Robert A. Schneider

85th Rep. District (McGregor Park area and S)

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE: Anthony Hall

REPUBLICAN NOMINEE:

Dorothy Ella Potts: 1. I must admit I am not familiar with the law, but promise to. 2. Yes 3. I think it should be true of any business. If one owns the business he should be able to do lawfully as he pleases. 4. I have many. Their private life is not my concern. They are real friends to me. I pray I can be the same in return. 5. I inquire about one's ability, not his sex habits. "God made each of us. We are all different. I was married 6 years, had 4 children. I was divorced, never married again. Why? I prefer giving my time and service to many. Thank God I have the right to choice. I must grant the same to others."

89th Rep. District (NE Houston)

DEMOCRATIC RUNOFF:

Senfronia Thompson; 1.Yes. This act should be left up to the individual or individuals participating. 2.Yes 3. Yes, but heterosexuals should be allowed if they want to come, but not to harass those who choose to participate in homosexual activities. 4.Yes 5.Yes. and would appreciate assistance from your organization during this campaign.

"I believe in a free society, one where a person has a choice of sexual endeavors so long as they do not infringe on the rights of others. I believe there should be decency utilized in sexual expression. Those who participate should not have to labor under fear and embarrassment."

Runoff opponent: Carl Taylor (no reply)

REPUBLICAN PARTY: No candidate

90th Rep. District (Alabama Theater area, W. University Pl., Braes Heights Meyerland, S Bellaire)

DEMOCRATIC RUNOFF:

Michael W. Noblet: 1.Yes 2.Yes 3.Yes 4.Yes 5.Yes

"The repressive laws suffered by homosexuals are but one area of government interference into the private lives of citizens. If elected I will work for abolition of all laws that create "victimless " crimes".

Runoff opponent: Ben Adair

REPUBLICAN NOMINEE: Kay Bailey

93rd Rep. District (SW fringe of Houston)

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE: Maria Laurel Canfield

REPUBLICAN RUNOFF:

Dale Steffes; "I must admit I do not have a position on this subject at this time. I certainly believe in a person's rights"

Runoff opponent: Milton Fox

Governor of Texas:

DEMOCRATIC RUNOFF: Frances Tarlton Farenthold, Dolph Briscoe

REPUBLICAN RUNOFF:

Henry C. Grover: 1.Yes 2.Yes 3.Yes 4.No 5.Yes, provided he is capable of the job. I would not hire just because he was a homosexual or heterosexual. #4 is up to individual taste.

Runoff opponent: Albert Bel Fay

ADDENDUM:

80th Rep. District (Rice campus, Astrodome, S Main, Willowbend, Hiram Clarke area)

DEMOCRATIC RUNOFF:

George Gilman: 1.This law should modified with provisions included to protect the interest of the public against abuses regarding minors, etc. 2.Yes 3.Yes 4.Yes 5.Yes, so long as performance on the job or conduct elsewhere was not detrimental to the employer or his business.

"I am not as informed on these subjects as I should be. But, I do feel harassment and discrimination have no place within our government functions and will work to eliminate such practices".

runoff opponent: Joe Pentony

REPUBLICAN NOMINEE: Dominick Caravella

These candidates have "stuck out their necks" for you. Please consider voting for them and please take the trouble to vote!

WHAT IS GAY LIBERATION?

Gay Liberation is an activist homosexual civil rights organization. Membership is open to all persons who agree with the purpose of the organization and who are prepared to work and devote time to their implementation. Gay Liberation is open to all varieties of homosexual culture. No member may be discriminated against because of personal appearance, style of behavior or sexual taste. Gay Liberation has adopted this policy recognizing that prejudice against sub-minorities within the Gay community is inconsistent with the struggle for fundamental human rights.

Gay Liberation avoids involvements in any program of action not obviously relevant to homosexual liberation. Although individual members of Gay Liberation are involved in many social causes, Gay Liberation has adopted the policy of being a one-issue organization which includes a wide range of people having diverse social perspectives.

Gay Liberation is a loosely structured organization with officers and committees. Committee membership is open to any member interested in the particular goal of a specific committee. All policy decisions are made by the general membership.

Gay Liberation is a political organization employing the tactics of orderly confrontation politics. Politicians and individuals in society who contribute to the oppression of homosexuals are publicly exposed through public confrontation, mass demonstrations and sit-ins. Gay Liberation has adopted this policy recognizing that an essential aspect of Gay Liberation is the development of an open sense of public identity in the Gay Community and a corresponding sense of responsibility on the part of the government. However, Gay Liberation does not endorse any candidate for public office or any political party. The response of politicians to Gay Liberation confrontations is given the widest possible circulation in the straight and Gay press, but the organization itself does not make any commitments to any one politician. Gay Liberation has adopted this policy to avoid compromising entanglements within the political system.

Gay Liberation is a cultural organization and recognizes that homosexuals are socially, educationally and culturally oppressed. Gay Liberation sponsors a variety of activities such as dances, consciousness-raising sessions and small discussion groups to promote the unity and morale of the Gay community and to increase the members' awareness of their common oppression. Gay Liberation espouses the philosophy that known homosexuals have a right to live in and participate fully in the life of the community.

HOUSTON GAY LIBERATION
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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you support repeal of Texas' sodomy law? *yes*
2. Would you use your influence to help stop discriminatory harassment of homosexuals by means of catch-all laws such as those relating to loitering or vagrancy? *yes*
3. Would you support the right of a place of business serving a primarily homosexual clientele to operate without discriminatory harassment of either management or customers? *yes*
4. Do you have, or would you be willing to have, friends or associates who are known to be homosexual? *No*
5. Do you, or would you be willing to, employ a known homosexual? *yes provided he is capable of the job - I would*

not hire just because he was a homosexual or heterosexual

Comments:

#4 is up to individual taste

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STATE LEGISLATURE — POSITION 89

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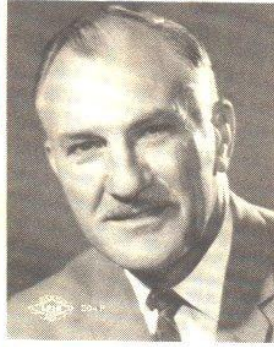
1. for them and indulged in six sin with each other. And the men, instead of having a natural(normal) sex relationship with women, burned with lust for each other, men doing shameful things with other men and, as a result, getting paid within their own souls with the wages they so richly deserved. So it was that when ~~they~~ gave God up and would not even acknowledge Him, God gave them up to doing everything their evil minds could think of. Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness and sin, of greed and hate, envy, murder, fighting, lying, bitterness and gossip. They were backbiters, haters of God, insolent, proud braggerts, always thinking of new ways of sinning and continually disobedient to their parents. They tried to misunderstand, broke their promises, and were heartless without pity....They went right on ^{and} them any way, and encouraged others to do them too." Romans 1:14-32, Living Letters edition.

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... call me Senator



Elect

Lee McLEMORE

SENATORIAL DISTRICT NO. 13
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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77027
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April 17, 1972

Mr. Scott Tillinghart
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Dear Friends:

Thank you for mailing me one of your questionnaires concerning my stand on several issues of importance to your organization.

It has long been my position on important matters, such as these, not to give a quick unqualified answer. Obviously I have not had time to study the contents of such legislation and an off-the-cuff answer to obtain your favorable endorsement would prove harmful to you and certainly to me.

I will be glad to meet with you or your organization and discuss any and all issues to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee McLemore".

Lee McLemore

... experience makes the difference

HOUSTON GAY LIBERATION
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Houston, Texas 77052

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you support repeal of Texas' sodomy law? *yes; limiting it to consenting adults only. no, punishing prostitution, soliciting.*
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4. Do you have, or would you be willing to have, friends or associates who are known to be homosexual? *yes as to both*
5. Do you, or would you be willing to, employ a known homosexual? *yes; with limitation that activities & interests not be expressed in employment.*

Comments:

Since I live & office in Montrose my contacts with the gay people is rather common.

*Robert L. Edmiston
Legislative District 79*

HOUSTON GAY LIBERATION
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Houston, Texas 77052

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you support repeal of Texas' sodomy law?

yes

2. Would you use your influence to help stop discriminatory harassment of homosexuals by means of catch-all laws such as those relating to loitering or vagrancy?

yes

3. Would you support the right of a place of business serving a primarily homosexual clientele to operate without discriminatory harassment of either management or customers?

If operated with discretion

4. Do you have, or would you be willing to have, friends or associates who are known to be homosexual?

Yes, if kept on a proper level.

5. Do you, or would you be willing to, employ a known homosexual?

yes, if kept on a high "plane"

Comments:

"Discretion" is the key to this situation. The level or the "plane" one engages himself with determines the "acceptable" or "non-acceptable." This, to me, applies to all sex acts.

*Tom Loomis
Tom Loomis
DIST SD*

November 13, 1972

Dear Chuck,

Until this week our group has had a period of relative inactivity, but now we are preparing for a number of speaking engagements, especially at U.T. El Paso, in several classes. We spoke to a Methodist congregation a few days ago, and next week we'll be participating in a sex education program given by the Unitarian Community. Another thing we'll be having next week is a sensory awareness session. We tried it once in the summer, and it was immensely popular.

Attendance to our Forum has leveled off at about 10 steady members. While we lack the numbers to be effective in some areas of activism, one advantage we have is the potential to become a strong, dedicated group that can do things which a larger body might find more difficult as a result of decreased interpersonal relationships within it.

Have you received any results from your survey? After next week we'll let you know how some of the responses to our presentations were. Meanwhile, keep up the struggle.

Yours in Gay fellowship,

Ediot Rubin

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QUESTIONNAIRE

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YES
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YES
4. Do you have, or would you be willing to have, friends or associates who are known to be homosexual?
YES
5. Do you, or would you be willing to, employ a known homosexual?
YES

Comments:

The private lives of any human being should not be discriminated or harassed, it being the nature of God, unless harmful physical injury or robbery in society is made where legal law is broken.

Reuben Balago, Jr. District #79

HOUSTON GAY LIBERATION
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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you support repeal of Texas' sodomy law?

Definitely YES. I would be proud to introduce such Legislation.

2. Would you use your influence to help stop discriminatory harassment of homosexuals by means of catch-all laws such as those relating to loitering or vagrancy?

Certainly. I believe that the office should be used to protect the private lives of the citizens of our district.

3. Would you support the right of a place of business serving a primarily homosexual clientele to operate without discriminatory harassment of either management or customers?

YES.

4. Do you have, or would you be willing to have, friends or associates who are known to be homosexual?

YES.

5. Do you, or would you be willing to, employ a known homosexual?

YES.

Comments:

I hope that you will emphasize to your members, friends, and supporters the importance of electing someone, in this district, who will not only support necessary legislation but will also use all of the influence of the office to stop discriminatory harassment of all citizens. It is my belief (and it should be the state's) that sexual acts between consenting adults is no business of the state and the laws should be changed to protect all citizens right of sexual privacy. I am sincerely seeking your support.

Ron Water

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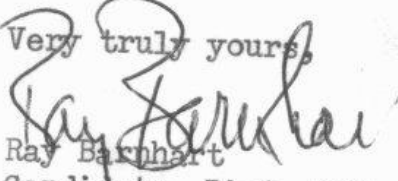
QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you support repeal of Texas' sodomy law?
As I understand them, they should be considerably altered, but out-right repeal is open for question.
2. Would you use your influence to help stop discriminatory harassment of homosexuals by means of catch-all laws such as those relating to loitering or vagrancy? This is to assume that such "harassment" actually occurs for the sole purpose of persecuting, not prosecuting, homosexuals, and no others, and I don't believe such is the case. But harassment for the sake of harassment should be stopped.
3. Would you support the right of a place of business serving a primarily homosexual clientele to operate without discriminatory harassment of either management or customers?
If a business abides with all legal requirements, it should be subject to the same treatment accorded all other similar businesses, with "equal protection" under the law.
4. Do you have, or would you be willing to have, friends or associates who are known to be homosexual? I do not to my knowledge have any homosexual friends, and any possible such friendships would depend upon the individual, or course.
5. Do you, or would you be willing to, employ a known homosexual?
Same as above.

Comments:

Members of my Advisory Board have recommended that I not respond to this questionnaire, but in all honesty I feel I cannot ignore it - since I'm running for a position which is supposed to be "Representative." While I am answering your questions, I do not request your support, for obvious reasons. I respect your right to obtain my views - and trust you will respect mine in declining your assistance, should you desire to give it.

Very truly yours,


Ray Barnhart
Candidate, Dist. 100

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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Should private homosexual relations between consenting adults be legal? No. "And so God let them go ahead into every sort of sex sin and sinful things with each other's bodies. Instead of believing what they knew was the truth about God, they deliberately chose to believe lies...That is why God let go of them and let them do all these evil things, so that even their women turned against God's natural plan for them-over
2. Would you use your influence to help stop discriminatory harassment of homosexuals by means of catchall laws such as those relating to loitering or vagrancy? No. "The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labor. Proverbs 21:25 "...He who does not use his endeavors to heal himself is brother to him who commits suicide." Proverbs 18:9, Amplified.
3. Would you support the right of a place of business serving a primarily homosexual clientele to operate without discriminatory harassment of either management or customers? No. "Legislation like this would tend to be a recognition of a false belief that this is right because there are many who want it. Many wanted to ~~surely~~ *surely* Jesus Christ, but that did not make them right. Matthew 24-26.
4. Would you be willing to employ a homosexual? Employment should be on the basis of ability, and that is the manner in which I would hire, however, there are certain positions which would be detrimental to both a homo and it's desires.
5. Comments: My motto is this: "But seek for aim at and strive after first of all His kingdom, and His righteousness, His way of doing and being right, and then all these things will be added to you besides." Matthew 6:33, amplified.

Sincerely submitted,


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P.S. It is my sincere hopes that you publish my answers in each publication, including the bulletin in the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church.

Jack 

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April 26, 1972

Houston Gay Liberation
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Gentlemen:

The following answers are to your questionnaire to legislative candidates:

1. Do you support repeal of Texas sodomy law?
I would not support a repeal but would support a reform.
2. Would you use your influence to help stop discriminatory harassment of homosexuals by means of catch-all laws such as those relating to loitering or vagrancy?
This seems to be an area that could be better directed toward to Sheriff candidates or other persons responsible for law enforcement. I feel that all law enforcement should be non-discriminatory but this is an area that is difficult to control.
3. Would you support the right of a place of business serving a primarily homosexual clientele to operate without discriminatory harassment of either management or customers?
I would support such a right but again I do not feel that this could be controlled by the legislature.
4. Do you have, or would you be willing to have, friends or associates who are known to be homosexual?
I personally do not engage in any homosexual activity and have no way of knowing what some of my friends or associates might be doing in their own private life.
5. Do you, or would you be willing to, employ a known homosexual?
This would depend upon the person; the quality of his work, whether he interfered with other employees on the job; every person should be judged individually.

Comment: In your letter you give a question from a survey: "Should private homosexual relations between consenting adults be legal?" I could also answer this question "yes" as did the majority who were questioned in the survey; however, in doing so I would want to emphasize the words "private", "consenting" and "adults".
By consent for my definition would mean absolutely no force or coercion.
"Adults" would have to be another part of the statement; i.e., I would not make the same statement applicable to minors.

Senfronia Thompson
State Legislature, Dist. 89

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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you support repeal of Texas' sodomy law? *Yes, This act should be left up to the individual or individuals participating.*
2. Would you use your influence to help stop discriminatory harassment of homosexuals by means of catch-all laws such as those relating to loitering or vagrancy? *Yes, one should have the freedom of sexual expression.*
3. Would you support the right of a place of business serving a primarily homosexual clientele to operate without discriminatory harassment of either management or customers? *Yes, but heterosexual should be allowed if they want to come and not harass or who chooses to participate in homosexual activities.*
4. Do you have, or would you be willing to have, friends or associates who are known to be homosexual? *Yes, I would appreciate assistance from any who has campaign experience or who is willing to help in my campaign.*
5. Do you, or would you be willing to, employ a known homosexual? *Yes, and would appreciate assistance from your organization during this campaign.*

Comments: *I realize the Gay Libers have encountered much harassment, and should be allowed the same privileges as any other members of our society who would go to a motel for sexual purposes and is protected while he perform adulterous acts and others.*

I believe in a free society, one where a person has a choice of sexual endeavors so long as, they do not infringe on the rights of others. Moreover, I believe there should be decency utilized in sexual expression and those who participate should not have to labor under fear and embarrassment but be able to derive sexual gratification by means satisfying to them.

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Further, I would appreciate any support or help you and your organization may be able to render during my run-off election June 3. I need volunteers who would assist in telephone calling, blockwork, sign building, traveling mate, etc.

I am waiting to hear from you,

Sincerely yours,
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April 10, 1972

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Dear Sir:

The Houston chapter of Gay Liberation requests that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire. The information hereby provided will be made available to members of the gay community, in order to assist in the decision for whom to vote in the coming primary election.

Persons of homosexual or bisexual orientation undoubtedly comprise at least five percent and possibly as much as twenty percent of the total population. Elections are often won by margins as small as five percent.

We believe that repeal of Texas' sodomy law, as well as other discriminatory legislation, would not be actively opposed by a majority of the electorate. As an example: in a 1969 opinion poll taken by the Detroit Free Press, one of that city's two major newspapers, over 70% answered "yes" to the question, "Should private homosexual relations between consenting adults be legal?" This compared to about 48% who favored legalization of abortion; and 52% who favored legalization of marijuana. Apparently, according to that poll, the issue is relatively non-controversial.

Thank you very much for your cooperation!

Respectfully,

Scott Tillington

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Dear Sirs:

Because of Mr. Austin's crowded schedule he has been unable to respond to your recent inquiry. He has asked me as co-chairman of his campaign to summarize our position on the issues.

The question of Texas laws relating to homosexuality and homosexual behavior has not previously been raised during this campaign and is probably not a problem of major community concern at this time. Consequently, we have not taken a firm position on these questions. However, we can understand that these are problems of most immediate concern to your group, as well as others, and it will be our intent to serve all interests within the community. As you know a new penal code has been proposed as a complete revision of Texas' criminal laws. We would appreciate your views with respect to the proposed revision in your area of interest, and any changes in the proposed penal code which you might favor. Passage of the new penal code is likely in either the next session or the one following.

I feel safe in stating that everyone connected with Russ Austin's campaign is in agreement with the principle that the State has a very limited interest in the private sexual conduct of consenting adults. We believe that the laws of Texas should reflect that principle.

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Comment continued:

In explanation to my answer to question one; regarding the sodomy law: Basicly I think that all of Article 524 could be eliminated except the last part regarding minor children; however, if the first part of the statute were eliminated I would want to replace it with a portion that would protect "non-consenting" adults.

I respect the concern of your organization and hope that my answers will assist you in making your evaluation of my position in regard to the issues that concern your organization.

Yours very truly


Leslie E. Reed

Candidate - 80th District - State Rep.