

2018 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate name: Bob Lotane

Office sought: Tallahassee City Commission Seat 5

Incumbent? Gil Ziffer

Are you a member of the Capital Equality Democratic Caucus or the Florida LGBTA

Democratic Caucus? Yes

Party Affiliation? Democrat

District? N/A

Election Date? November 6, 2018

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Please attach a photo of you. If selected for endorsement, this photo will be used for all communications to our members.

Answer the following with a brief YES, NO, or NO ANSWER.

Safe Schools

1. Would you support safe school policies that include protections from bullying and harassment based on race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, national origin or disability? <u>YES</u>

Domestic Partnerships

- 2. Do you support providing domestic partnership benefits to unmarried public employees, regardless of sexual orientation? <u>YES</u>
- 3. Do you support marriage equality for same-sex couples? YES
- 4. An equal benefits ordinance requires companies that contract with the city/county to provide the same benefits to domestic partners that they provide to married employees and their spouses. Would you support adding an equal benefits ordinance to your city/county? <u>YES</u>

Training



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5. Would you support including specific training regarding sexual orientation and gender identity or expression in diversity training programs for public employees? <u>YES</u>

Non-Discrimination Policy

6. Do you support policies banning discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression in housing, employment, public accommodations? <u>YES</u>

Transgender Equality

- 7. Do you support transgender inclusive healthcare for city or county employees? YES
- 8. Do you support fair adoption rights for LGBT people? YES
- 9. Do you believe that a woman has the legal right to terminate an unwanted pregnancy? <u>YES</u>

Financial

- 10. What is the overall budget for the campaign? \$103,000 to date
- 11. What is your fundraising goal for the general? \$10,000 additional
- 12. How much has the campaign raised thus far? (required) \$103,000 to date

Other

- 13. Please list other endorsements you have received:
 - Tallahassee Firefighters
 - Big Bend Police Benevolent Association
 - Tallahassee Board of Realtors
- 14. Is there anything else you would like us to know about why the LGBT community should support your candidacy?

My friendships and support for the LGBT community literally go back to the 1970s growing up on Cape Cod. At a time when it was obviously difficult to live openly as LGBT, Cape Cod was a welcoming place and the restaurant industry where I worked as



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a teen was a welcoming employer. Additionally, my parents were extraordinarily progressive on these issues. In our expanded "Preserve and Advance" platform available at BobLotane.com, we pledge to introduce and pass a human rights ordinance for the City of Tallahassee. While Leon County has already passed a human rights ordinance, I feel the Capital City should lead on this issue going forward.

By signing this questionnaire, you are stating that if selected you would accept the public support and endorsement of the Capital Equality Caucus and the Florida LGBTA Democratic Caucus.

Signature	
Date (10/07/2018)	

Additional Comments (due to space limitations, comments may not be included in all candidate summaries):

We ask that you return your completed questionnaire no later than 14 days after the qualifying period.

Return your questionnaire by email to ryan@capitalequality.org

Questions should be emailed to ryan@capitalequality.org