

GERTRUDE STEIN POLITICAL CLUB OF GREATER PITTSBURGH QUESTIONNAIRE

1. what is the office sought ? *Commonwealth Court Judge.*

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3. what is your experience in government ? *In my career I have held three positions in government. While attending Duquesne Law School, I worked full time as a law clerk including three years as Senior Law Clerk in the Allegheny County Law Department. Immediately after law school I served as a law clerk for the Commonwealth Court for 9 months working for Judge Bernard McGinley. In 2006 I was appointed by former mayor Bob O'Connor to an unpaid position on the Board of the Pittsburgh Parking Authority. Presently, I serve as Treasurer of the Board, applying my legal knowledge in matters of zoning, land use, finance, workers' compensation and other labor issues.*

4. do you support the enactment of laws amending anti discrimination statutes to protect the rights of sexual minority people ? if so , what specifically would you be willing to do to secure their passage , implementation, and enforcement ? *I support laws amending and enhancing anti discrimination statutes. In particular I strongly support the passage in Pennsylvania of House Bill 1400 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations. As a judge I will see that all laws regarding discrimination are applied as liberally as the law allows.*

5 .do you support domestic partnership benefits ? *Yes. I support partnership benefits for public and private sector employees.*

6.what is your position on civil marriage for same - sex couples ? *I support civil unions for same sex couples. In an area of law related to civil unions, I have written co-habitation agreements for same sex couples on a pro bono basis.*

7. what is your position on the rights of sexual minority people to be considered on their individual merits in custody and adoption matters ? *I believe sexual minority people should have the same rights and privileges in matters of custody and adoption as heterosexual parents. Gender orientation should not be a consideration in custody and adoption matters.*

8. do you favor government support for AIDS prevention programs, including needle exchange ? *Yes.*

9. do you support access to insured medical care for transgendered persons, including hormone therapy and sexual reassignment surgery ? *I believe that the choice of hormone therapy and sexual reassignment surgery is between a transgendered person and their doctor and such procedures should be covered by private and public health insurance programs.*

10. what is your position on preserving a women's right to choose a safe and legal abortion ? *I adamantly support a women's right to choose a safe and legal abortion.*

11. what measures would you support to combat racism and sexism, to help eliminate rape and domestic violence , and to lesson bullying among young people ? *As a judge I will use every legal tool available to me combat racism, sexism, rape, domestic violence and bullying.*

12. do you support equal pay for comparable work ? *Unequivocally, yes.*