

Response From

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Statement by Candidate

Answers

1. Do you support the full and equal treatment of same-sex couples in regards to issues like Healthcare, housing discrimination, and other related issues? **Absolutely. Any discussion of the issue of discrimination must begin with an acknowledgement that the problem is systemic, and the solutions must therefore be also to ensure that members of the LGBTQ+ community enjoy full and equal rights and treatment.**
2. Transgender women, especially transgender women of color, are being killed at a horrific rate. Do you support protections being advocated for the Transgender community? **I fully support protections being advocated for the Transgender community and I will work to ensure Transgender Washingtonians receive the protections that they need and deserve.**
3. Comprehensive Sexual Health Education is a very important thing for the LGBTQ+ community to help decrease sexual assault and suicide. Do you support SB 5395 and the "Approve R90" campaign? **Yes! Absolutely, 100%, yes. This is a critical piece of social-emotional education that students need. I am proud to endorse the "Approve R90" campaign.**
4. The Federal House of Representatives passed the Equality Act, however, it has not been taken up in the Senate. Do you support the Equality Act? **Yes! Not only do I support the Equality Act, but I was also an original cosponsor of the Equality Act in the US House of Representatives.**
5. Some conversations are being had about making Eastern Washington a Christian State that would remove state-level protections for the LGBTQ+ community. Do you support or reject the idea of stripping protections from LGBTQ+ people? **I fully reject the idea of stripping protections for the LGBTQ+ community. This community has fought hard to reach where it is today and under no circumstance would I**