Guide to LGBTQ Issues at the Mayoral Budget Engagement Forums

Education

Question #9 - What other ideas do you have to help the city provide equitable resources for students?

Increased funding for LGBTQ+ Youth Sexual Health and Healthy Relationships Training. $400,000 would support the partnership of an LGBTQ organization with DCPS to hire dedicated staff person(s) to provide LGBTQ inclusive services and supports regarding the training and implementation of the Student Safety Act’s health curriculum.

Health

Question #3 - Prioritize Health Education and Prevention Services

Question #6 - Discrimination in health care settings endangers LGBTQ people’s lives through delays or denials of medically necessary care.

Stats from a 2017 Center for American Pathologists Survey about barriers to LGBTQ healthcare:

- 14 percent of those who had experienced discrimination on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity in the past year—avoided or postponed needed medical care because of disrespect or discrimination from health care staff. Among transgender people, 22 percent reported such avoidance.

The DC LGBTQ Coalition requests $700,000 to enhance the budget of DOH and OSSE to fully implement and administer the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRYSS) and Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) to collect information on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

Question #8 - What else contributes to health?

- Housing
- Add other: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Question #9 - Other ways to enhance healthcare?

- $600,000 for FTE(s) and expenses to fulfill the following goals in DACL: Establish and maintain a weekly congregate meals program for LGBTQ+ elders
- $100,000 for FTE(s) and expenses to fulfill the following goals in DACL: increase Cultural Competence/Humility training to users of wellness centers and other public venues.
Public Safety

Fill in the Grid
Specific areas to check:
- Trauma-counseling/ street-based counseling teams
- Other-please specify: Add "Increase LGBTQ-specific cultural competency training, end backlog of bias-motivated violence, increase staffing to increase capacity of hate crime response unit

Housing for All

Question #1 - What best describes your current housing situation?
Write in: Representing under-sheltered LGBTQ youth and seniors

Question #4 - Do you agree with the following statement?
Checking "agree" would mean that more of the people who provide services to the LGBTQ community would live in DC, and therefore better understand the context in which they work.

Question #5 - Which affordable housing programs are you aware of?
All are important to keeping housing affordable and accessible to DC residents. Directly related to our asks are "Voucher" programs.

Question #6 - Rank in order your concerns related to housing.
Our top priority is "The ability of those experiencing homelessness to find housing."
You can also add, "Other: The ability of LGBTQ seniors and youth to access affordable housing programs."

How would you spend $1,000,000?
Our budget request touches on each of these areas. Please specify that you want to see money allocated towards LGBTQ-specific programs within:
- Health
- Education
- Public Safety
- Housing
For other, please write in: "Fund LGBTQ services"

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