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Question 1	Do you wish to receive the endorsement of the Stonewall Democrats of Austin (SDA)?
County Attorney David Escamilla	Yes.
Sheriff John Sisson	Yes.
Tax Assessor-Collector Bruce Elfant	Yes.
Commissioner Pct 1 Ron Davis	Yes.
Commissioner Pct 3 Karen Huber	Yes.
Constable Pct 2 Adan Ballesteros	Yes, I would like to have the endorsement of the Stonewall Democrats.
Constable Pct 3 Sally Hernandez	Yes, I would be honored to have the endorsement of Stonewall Democrats.
Constable Pct 4 Maria Conchola	I am actively seeking and would be honored to receive the Stonewall endorsement.
Constable Pct 5 Carlos Lopez	Yes.

Question 2	Should you receive this endorsement, would you publicize our endorsement in your campaign advertisements and campaign literature?
County Attorney David Escamilla	Yes.
Sheriff John Sisson	Yes.



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Tax Assessor-Collector Bruce Elfant	Yes.
Commissioner Pct 1 Ron Davis	Yes, proudly.
Commissioner Pct 3 Karen Huber	Yes.
Constable Pct 2 Adan Ballesteros	Yes, I would publicize your endorsement in my campaign advertisements and literature.
Constable Pct 3 Sally Hernandez	Yes, I would display the Stonewall Democrats endorsement on my campaign advertisements and campaign literature.
Constable Pct 4 Maria Conchola	Absolutely, as I have in my past elections.
Constable Pct 5 Carlos Lopez	Yes.

Question 3	Please tell us why you are seeking the endorsement of SDA. Do you have a history of involvement in Democratic politics? If so please briefly describe this history.
County Attorney David Escamilla	Stonewall Democrats represent an important part of Austin's diverse and vibrant community and I would be honored to receive public support from the group and its members. As examples: 1) Many years ago, as an assistant county attorney, I provided legal support to County Clerk Dana Debeauvoir and her initiative to create a domestic partnership registry; 2) On October 17, 2005, I stood with then-Mayor Will Wynn and several other locally elected officials at a press conference to publically oppose passage of proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 2; 3) As County Attorney, my office has provided legal support for the Commissioners Court's existing policy of providing domestic partnership benefits for its employees; and 4) As leaders of the Community Justice Council, District Attorney Rosemary Lehmsberg and I have served as joint conveners and supporters of the Austin Hate Crimes Task Force.



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Sheriff	
John Sisson	I am seeking the endorsement because Travis County needs a Sheriff who is passionate about all the communities in Travis County including the LGBT community. I am a member of the LGBT police Officer's Association with the Austin Police Department. I have marched in several Gay Pride Parades in Police Uniform and Civilian Clothes. I marched representing the Austin Police Department. I have attended several Hate Crimes Taskforce meetings and intend to start a hate crimes unit at the Sheriff's Office. I have been to many events at the Gay clubs during Sunday afternoons for various fundraisers.
Tax Assessor-Collector	
Bruce Elfant	I have always supported and worked to advance civil rights for all people. I campaigned for the Fair Housing initiative in Austin and have supported efforts to extend rights including adoption, domestic partner benefits and marriage for all people.
Commissioner Pct 1	
Ron Davis	I value the support of the gay, lesbian and transgendered communities. You are an important part of Travis County's multi-racial/multi-ethnic coalition, which is a key part of our argument in the battle over redistricting in federal court. I received support from ALGPC in my 1994 city council campaign when I supported city benefits for domestic partners over the objections of some East Austin pastors. ALGPC again supported my first successful run for Commissioner in 1998. You and I value diversity in all its forms, and we abhor every form of bigotry and discrimination. I consider myself your old friend and your tried-and-true friend, and in that spirit, I ask you to please renew your support, which meant so much to me in the past and would mean so much to me again.
Commissioner Pct 3	
Karen Huber	I seek the endorsement of Stonewall Democrats of Austin because, like you, I believe that discrimination in any form is unjust. Everyone should be judged on the basis of their character and quality of work and not their innate characteristics such as skin color, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.
Constable Pct 2	
Adan Ballesteros	I received your endorsement in 2008. It was important to me and my vision to always do what's right, and fair for all people. I have been supportive of the issues in the gay lesbian and transgender community. I have employed gay and lesbian men and woman in my career in law enforcement.



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<p>Constable Pct 3 Sally Hernandez</p>	<p>I believe that the LGBT community is an important part of the Democratic Party and our society; and as one of the main LGBT political groups in Austin, I believe that an endorsement from Stonewall would represent the values that I want reflected on my campaign. I am part of the Austin/Travis County Hate Crimes Task Force. The task force mission is to create a forum that fosters open dialogue about hate and discrimination and strengthens the bonds of our community through prevention, response and restoration. This task force experience has opened my eyes and has allowed me to be more educated about and support LGBT issues.</p>
<p>Constable Pct 4 Maria Conchola</p>	<p>Stonewall has a very rich history and is an important part of our society. I attend PFLAG Meetings in my neighborhood headed by Joe Farley because I am an employer and must understand and be sensitive to the needs of my employees who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered. I am also in my 12th year of a mentor group of at risk girls at Travis High School and had a student who struggled with her identity as a lesbian. I wanted to learn how to be and was very supportive of her "coming out" as a mentor of the at risk girls group.</p>
<p>Constable Pct 5 Carlos Lopez</p>	<p>Support from the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgendered community will allow me as an elected official to represent all communities in Travis County. I teach prevention of domestic violence and enforcement of laws related to domestic violence which affects all of our communities including the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered population.</p>

<p>Question 4 Why are you seeking this public office? (Please be brief)</p>	
<p>County Attorney David Escamilla</p>	<p>I have served as Travis County Attorney since 2003 and desire to facilitate our efforts to operate the office with efficiency, accountability and transparency while continuing to concentrate on lessening the incidence of DWI, family violence and crimes against the environment.</p>



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Sheriff

John Sisson

I want to be Travis County Sheriff because I believe the citizens of Travis County, as well as those who work for the Sheriff's Office, deserve a strong leader with proven experience as both a corrections officer and a police officer. We need a Sheriff with a clear vision for a Sheriff's Office that actually reflects the community it serves. There are policies currently being implemented by the Sheriff's Office that unfairly target communities that make up the backbone of Travis County. There are also policies currently in place that put those who work for the Sheriff in unnecessary danger. As a 30 year veteran of the Austin Police Department, I have the leadership experience to make the Sheriff's Office one that everyone in the county can be proud of. This experience has given me the necessary tools to build a better working relationship between the different entities of law enforcement in Travis County as well as a better relationship between law enforcement and the communities that make up our county. I have the skills and the desire to manage the funds of the Sheriff's Office in a way that benefits county employees as well as the taxpayers.

**Tax Assessor-
Collector**

Bruce Elfant

I believe that the mission of the Tax office is a good fit for my experience and skills. As constable I have made customer service our top priority and have worked closely with the Tax office to help collect delinquent taxes and train, deputize and register voters. I am a strong and innovative administrator and have been recognized by numerous organizations for my work to make government work better for its citizens.

**Commissioner
Pct 1**

Ron Davis

I hope to continue the work that I'm doing. The East Side of Austin and Travis County was once neglected and put-upon. I strive to make the East Side as good or better as any other part of our community. I started out by fighting what was bad—garbage dumps, sludge farms, gravel mines—and have made strides in bringing in what's good—a solar farm near Pflugerville, a new civil aviation airport, parks and conservation land, and east-west thoroughfares connecting State Highway 130 to the core city. Over 40% of the last Travis County bond package went to Precinct One, and I'll take that as my report card on how doggedly I look for opportunities to improve Precinct One. In 2003, I was the first to advocate Travis County intervening in the federal courts on the matter of Congressional redistricting. Travis County's standing as a plaintiff allowed us to propose a remedy resulting in the 2006 boundaries that brought Lloyd Doggett back into Central Texas and more into Travis County. Through our current involvement with Congressional and legislative redistricting, we are tenaciously arguing that Lloyd Doggett's Congressional District 25 deserves protection as a coalition district. Since I am a beneficiary of the coalition building that is the very fabric of Travis County politics, I firmly believe in this cause and wish to see it through.



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**Commissioner
Pct 3**

Karen Huber

I am very interested in three main issues, and I desire to continue working on them as your Travis County Commissioner, Precinct 3. 1. Water is a huge on-going problem in our region and I have worked diligently to assure that we have a reliable and safe supply for the future. I took the lead in organizing, funding and producing the first-ever economic impact study of Lake Travis – a critical tool needed by policymakers for determining minimum lake levels for our water supply needs in Travis County. I have represented Travis County interests at LCRA and at Legislative hearings. I also led the County in contributing to and supporting the local acquisition of water and wastewater utilities targeted for divestiture by LCRA. At my request, the County developed a stakeholder process to review the groundwater issues in the county and make new rules to protect existing and future residents' groundwater resources. 2. Transportation Issues. (1) Led Travis County in partnering with the City of Austin and TXDOT to create an interim fix to the Y in Oak Hill. (2) Better transportation planning -- I identified and led the effort at CAMPO to increase and diversify the membership of CAMPO's Technical Advisory Committee which allows for more consideration of other infrastructure components for transportation planning. e.g. housing that is affordable should not be burdened with a new toll road that is unaffordable to those residents; roads should be built where there is water available to support growth, etc. 3. Wildfire Response – I organized a County Task Force to meet with new challenges in wildfire response created by the devastating wildfires experienced in Travis County last year. (The Pinnacle fire and the Steiner Ranch and Spicewood fires were in Precinct 3.) The effort is on-going and includes community preparedness (Ready, Set, Go! brochure), improved public information during a crises, and increased coordination between agencies involved in emergency response. Have initiated a rule review to require appropriate emergency evacuation routes for subdivisions requiring new applications.

Constable Pct 2

Adan Ballesteros

I am the current incumbent Constable of Travis County Pct. 2. With your help I unseated a three (3) term republican incumbent. I respectfully request your continued support.



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<p>Constable Pct 3 Sally Hernandez</p>	<p>I am committed to lead the Constable's Office Pct. #3 with integrity and strong Democratic values. Devoted to hire and promote qualified women and people of diversity to law enforcement positions, I want to make the constable's office a more professional, fair and equitable place to work. The constable's office needs to reflect the diversity of our community. That's why the Austin Central Labor Council stands by my message of changing the Constable Pct. #3 office. One of my top priorities will be providing up to date and effective training. Deputies will not only receive mandatory training required by TCLEOSE, specific training for duties and responsibilities but also training in the area of discretion. Peace officers have the right to do many things, but discretion helps them do the right thing at the right time. Discretion comes from good training and strong leadership. I am dedicated to working with our community and Public Safety, collaborating resources and efforts to reduce crime and the cost to our community. I have been endorsed by all of Travis County Public Safety Unions; Travis County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Association, Travis County Sheriff's Officer Association, Austin Police Association, Fraternal Order of Police, CLEAT, Austin-Travis County EMS Association and Austin Fire Fighters Association. The endorsement of ALL of Travis County Public Safety sends a strong message that it is time for a change. Our public safety community has indicated that they want a constable who will work well with other agencies. Our community cannot afford a constable that cannot effectively coordinate all the resources of Travis County in order to better serve precinct 3.</p>
<p>Constable Pct 4 Maria Conchola</p>	<p>I am running for my 4th term because I believe that I am a positive impact on my community by running an effective, efficient office, providing good customer service, and being very involved in my community. This past year Constable Bruce Elfant and I were instrumental in creating a Veterans Court for our veterans charged with misdemeanors who were effected by returning from war zones and I believe I should be around to expand this court</p>
<p>Constable Pct 5 Carlos Lopez</p>	<p>I believe in providing a high level of service to our courts and the legal community which include the service of process and warrants coming out of our judicial system. I believe in the strong enforcement of domestic violence orders, disabled parking and child support. I believe that as a public servant I can do more than that of which is constitutionally required of me. I believe that as an elected official I am morally and socially required to make the lives of our citizens the best that they can be by whatever means are accessible to me.</p>

<p>Question 5</p>	<p>Would you advocate for and support a State law that would prohibit employment discrimination against gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered individuals on the basis of sexual orientation, gender expression or gender identity?</p>
<p>County Attorney David Escamilla</p>	<p>Yes.</p>



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Sheriff John Sisson	Yes.
Tax Assessor-Collector Bruce Elfant	Yes.
Commissioner Pct 1 Ron Davis	Yes.
Commissioner Pct 3 Karen Huber	Yes.
Constable Pct 2 Adan Ballesteros	Yes, I will support to prohibit employment discrimination. I have fought that fight before. No person should ever be discriminated against.
Constable Pct 3 Sally Hernandez	Yes.
Constable Pct 4 Maria Conchola	Absolutely.
Constable Pct 5 Carlos Lopez	Yes.

Question 6	Would you advocate for and support a State law that would prohibit discrimination against or harassment of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgendered students or teachers in Texas public schools on the basis of their sexual orientation, gender expression or gender identity?
County Attorney David Escamilla	Yes
Sheriff John Sisson	Yes.
Tax Assessor-Collector Bruce Elfant	Yes.



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Commissioner Pct 1 Ron Davis	Yes.
Commissioner Pct 3 Karen Huber	Yes. Harassment in any form is wrong. I have voted for resolutions that have come before Commissioners Court that decried bullying in our schools.
Constable Pct 2 Adan Ballesteros	Yes, I will support to prohibit any discrimination in the schools and work force.
Constable Pct 3 Sally Hernandez	Yes.
Constable Pct 4 Maria Conchola	Absolutely.
Constable Pct 5 Carlos Lopez	Yes.

Question 7	Did you support or oppose (publicly and with your vote) the Proposition 2 on the November 2005 ballot that amended the Texas Constitution to prohibit same-sex marriage or "any legal status identical or similar to marriage."?
County Attorney David Escamilla	I publically opposed passage of Proposition 2, was a supporter of the "No Nonsense in November Campaign" working to defeat the Proposition (See question #3, above), and voted against the Proposition 2 at the ballot box.
Sheriff John Sisson	In November 2005 I voted against this proposition.
Tax Assessor-Collector Bruce Elfant	I opposed Proposition 2 and my name was included with the list of elected officials and others who actively opposed passage.
Commissioner Pct 1 Ron Davis	Yes, I publicly opposed Proposition 2 and with my vote.



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Commissioner Pct 3 Karen Huber	Opposed Prop 2.
Constable Pct 2 Adan Ballesteros	I do not oppose same sex marriages; I respect the rights of the people. All people have the right to marry whomever they choose.
Constable Pct 3 Sally Hernandez	I did not support or oppose publicly Proposition 2, but I did vote for Proposition 2. I regret to say that I did so, and as easy as it would be to not discuss a vote at the ballot box I respect this membership too much not to be fully honest.
Constable Pct 4 Maria Conchola	I opposed publically and voted against it.
Constable Pct 5 Carlos Lopez	I supported and still support same-sex marriage.

Question 8	Given the outcome of Prop. 2 in 2006, do you believe the Texas Constitution would allow a State law that would guarantee to gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgendered foster or adoptive parents (prospective or current) the same rights and protections afforded under current law to heterosexual foster or adoptive parents (prospective or current)? Would you advocate for and support such a state law?
County Attorney David Escamilla	I have not conducted sufficient research upon this legal question and, as a lawyer, am therefore hesitant to provide actual legal advice on this question. But I would support passage of such a law so that we could at least get the opportunity for a favorable ruling in the courts.
Sheriff John Sisson	LGBT couples should be afforded the same opportunity as any other couple to adopt children and to be parents.
Tax Assessor- Collector Bruce Elfant	I don't know whether such legislation would be compatible with the Texas Constitution but I absolutely support adoptive rights for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgendered foster parents.
Commissioner Pct 1 Ron Davis	Yes and yes.



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<p>Commissioner Pct 3 Karen Huber</p>	<p>Not sure if the state constitution would allow it, but I would support a legislative bill such as this.</p>
<p>Constable Pct 2 Adan Ballesteros</p>	<p>Yes, a child should never be denied a loving home.</p>
<p>Constable Pct 3 Sally Hernandez</p>	<p>I believe that currently the Texas Constitution allows for a State law that guarantees LGBT foster or adoptive parents the same right and protections afforded to heterosexual foster or adoptive parents and I would proudly advocate and support that state law.</p>
<p>Constable Pct 4 Maria Conchola</p>	<p>I would participate in advocating for this state law and would be supportive of the passage of this law.</p>
<p>Constable Pct 5 Carlos Lopez</p>	<p>I am not sure what the legal outcome will provide in the future but I support and would support laws that would guarantee to gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgendered foster or adoptive parents the same rights.</p>

<p>Question 9</p>	<p>Should the State of Texas provide the same benefits to the domestic partners of gay and lesbian State employees that it does to its married, employees? Does Prop. 2 constitutionally prevent domestic partnership benefits for public employees?</p>
<p>County Attorney David Escamilla</p>	<p>Yes. At least with respect to Travis County public employees, we have not found this to be the case, as is reflected by our current domestic partnership benefits program. But with respect to other public employees, I have not conducted sufficient research upon this legal question and, as a lawyer, am therefore hesitant to provide actual legal advice on this question.</p>
<p>Sheriff John Sisson</p>	<p>Yes. Not all public employees. I currently have domestic partner medical insurance on my partner through Travis County and I did as well with the City of Austin when employed with them.</p>
<p>Tax Assessor-Collector Bruce Elfant</p>	<p>Yes. I don't know.</p>



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<p>Commissioner Pct 1</p>	
<p>Ron Davis</p>	<p>Yes. I do not believe it is prohibited.</p>
<p>Commissioner Pct 3</p>	
<p>Karen Huber</p>	<p>Don't know the Prop 2 legal interpretations on regarding this. Travis County already has a "+ 1" provision in the health insurance that is provided to its employees. I fully support that and wish that state employees had the same consideration.</p>
<p>Constable Pct 2</p>	
<p>Adan Ballesteros</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>Constable Pct 3</p>	
<p>Sally Hernandez</p>	<p>Yes, the State of Texas should provide the same benefits to the domestic partners of gay and lesbian State employees that it does to its married, employees. I do not believe that Prop. 2 prevents domestic partnership benefits for public employees.</p>
<p>Constable Pct 4</p>	
<p>Maria Conchola</p>	<p>Yes. I don't believe so.</p>
<p>Constable Pct 5</p>	
<p>Carlos Lopez</p>	<p>Yes I believe that State of Texas should provide the same benefits that it does to its married, employees. I am not sure the legality of what the constitution would provide or prevent.</p>

<p>Question 10</p>	<p>Would you support or oppose legislation that would prohibit private employers in the State of Texas from offering benefits to the domestic partners of its gay and lesbian employees? Do you believe that Prop. 2 prohibits these benefits?</p>
<p>County Attorney</p>	
<p>David Escamilla</p>	<p>I would oppose passage of such legislation. I have not conducted sufficient research upon this legal question and, as a lawyer, am therefore hesitant to provide actual legal advice on this question.</p>
<p>Sheriff</p>	
<p>John Sisson</p>	<p>I would oppose this. Again not with all public employers.</p>
<p>Tax Assessor-Collector</p>	
<p>Bruce Elfant</p>	<p>I would oppose such legislation. I don't know whether the passage of Proposition 2 would prohibit these benefits.</p>



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Commissioner Pct 1 Ron Davis	Yes. I do not believe it is prohibited.
Commissioner Pct 3 Karen Huber	Don't know the legal interpretations of Prop 2, but I strongly oppose legislation that would prohibit private employers from offering benefits to domestic partners of their gay and lesbian employees.
Constable Pct 2 Adan Ballesteros	I would oppose any legislation that would deny benefits and rights to domestic partners.
Constable Pct 3 Sally Hernandez	I believe that private employers should offer benefits to domestic partners of LGBT employees and that Prop. 2 does not prohibit these benefits.
Constable Pct 4 Maria Conchola	I oppose legislation that makes that prohibition. Prop. 2 does not prohibit these benefits.
Constable Pct 5 Carlos Lopez	I am not sure of what proposition 2 would do to the benefits but I support legislation that would allow private employers in the State of Texas to offer benefits to the domestic partners of its gay and lesbian employees.

Question 11	Would you oppose legislation that would prohibit the placement of foster or adoptive children in households with gay or lesbian parents?
County Attorney David Escamilla	Yes, I would oppose passage of such legislation.
Sheriff John Sisson	Yes, all couples whether Gay or Straight should be able to adopt or foster children.
Tax Assessor- Collector Bruce Elfant	Yes.
Commissioner Pct 1 Ron Davis	Yes, I would oppose such a prohibition.



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Commissioner Pct 3 Karen Huber	Yes.
Constable Pct 2 Adan Ballesteros	Yes, a child should not be prohibited from placement in gay and lesbian homes.
Constable Pct 3 Sally Hernandez	Yes.
Constable Pct 4 Maria Conchola	Yes.
Constable Pct 5 Carlos Lopez	Yes.

Question 12	Would you oppose legislation that would nullify existing adoptions by gay and lesbian parents?
County Attorney David Escamilla	Yes, I would oppose passage of such legislation.
Sheriff John Sisson	Yes.
Tax Assessor-Collector Bruce Elfant	Yes.
Commissioner Pct 1 Ron Davis	Yes, I would vigorously oppose such a hateful idea.
Commissioner Pct 3 Karen Huber	Yes.
Constable Pct 2 Adan Ballesteros	Yes.
Constable Pct 3 Sally Hernandez	Yes.



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Constable Pct 4 Maria Conchola	Yes.
Constable Pct 5 Carlos Lopez	Yes.

Question 13 Would you support legislation that would add gender identity and expression to the James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Act?	
County Attorney David Escamilla	Yes.
Sheriff John Sisson	Yes.
Tax Assessor-Collector Bruce Elfant	Yes.
Commissioner Pct 1 Ron Davis	Yes.
Commissioner Pct 3 Karen Huber	Yes.
Constable Pct 2 Adan Ballesteros	Hate crimes are crimes of malice. Gays and Lesbians need to be protected as well.
Constable Pct 3 Sally Hernandez	Yes.
Constable Pct 4 Maria Conchola	Yes.
Constable Pct 5 Carlos Lopez	Yes.

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Question 14	If elected, how would you stay informed of the concerns and interests of your gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered constituents?
<p>County Attorney David Escamilla</p>	<p>I would continue to do as I do today, by remaining connected to and listening to the Austin community, (gay, lesbian & transgendered constituents included) and the needs and concerns expressed by them. In addition, I am a past and present employer of gay, lesbian, and transgendered employees (including attorneys and other professional staff), and I believe it to be a necessary part of my job to remain informed and connected to the expressed needs and concerns of all my employees.</p>
<p>Sheriff John Sisson</p>	<p>I would keep in touch with them so they can always express their concerns. I want to create an advisory committee consisting people from all communities including the gay community so as to work together on issues involving each community.</p>
<p>Tax Assessor-Collector Bruce Elfant</p>	<p>I will continue to attend fundraisers, rallies and festivals for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered constituents and stay in touch with the leadership.</p>
<p>Commissioner Pct 1 Ron Davis</p>	<p>I have asked my staff to be attentive to any concerns brought to our attention by constituents who identify themselves as lesbian, gay or transgendered or as contacting us on behalf of the gay and lesbian community. Someone whom I relied upon on a variety of issues was the late Jennifer Gale, who often referred to me as her commissioner. I have also been recently appointed to the Anti-Defamation League Hate Crime Task Force and look forward to getting to know members of your community through that effort.</p>
<p>Commissioner Pct 3 Karen Huber</p>	<p>Do you know my Chief of Staff, Garry Brown?</p>
<p>Constable Pct 2 Adan Ballesteros</p>	<p>Through current friends and families in the gay community.</p>
<p>Constable Pct 3 Sally Hernandez</p>	<p>I want to continue working with the Austin/Travis County Hate Crimes Task Force. In the future I want to dedicate more time to help support and resolve concerns of my LGBT constituents and continue to be a regular face at meetings such as the monthly Stonewall meeting.</p>



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<p>Constable Pct 4 Maria Conchola</p>	<p>I will continue to be open and responsive to my gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered constituents and their issues and concerns. Gay lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered people are a very important segment of my community that I am in contact with daily because of my desire to be a great voice for my precinct.</p>
<p>Constable Pct 5 Carlos Lopez</p>	<p>I will continue to attend meetings and continue to educate myself on issues that are important to my community.</p>

Question 15	Have you attended other events in the gay and lesbian community? Which events?
<p>County Attorney David Escamilla</p>	<p>Yes. Several years ago and for a few years, I attended annual holiday parties sponsored by gay and lesbian community groups and hosted by Bettie Naylor.</p>
<p>Sheriff John Sisson</p>	<p>Yes. Gay Pride parades and festivals in the last 5 years. I have attended these events in Houston and San Antonio Texas as well. I played softball on a gay softball league in the summer of 2010 and went to the World Series in Columbus Ohio in September 2010. I am a member of the Austin Police LGBT association. I support LGBT owned businesses as well.</p>
<p>Tax Assessor-Collector Bruce Elfant</p>	<p>I have attended numerous rallies, fundraisers, festivals and parades over the past 30+ years.</p>
<p>Commissioner Pct 1 Ron Davis</p>	<p>I can't think of any. The events I go to tend to revolve around Precinct One. However, my pride and joy is East Metro Park, and I invite your community to consider that as a venue for your events. The Pavilion there is state-of-the-art, and is popular for all sorts of celebrations. If you invite me, I will surely be there.</p>
<p>Commissioner Pct 3 Karen Huber</p>	<p>I rode in the 2010 gay pride parade in Austin, and I have attended this year's HRC Austin gala.</p>
<p>Constable Pct 2 Adan Ballesteros</p>	<p>Yes, my chief deputy's family had a fundraiser to support his uncle who is gay with funeral expenses for his partner. We collected enough money to send his family to attend services.</p>



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Constable Pct 3 Sally Hernandez	Yes, 2011 Pride.
Constable Pct 4 Maria Conchola	As I mentioned above I attend PFLAG South meetings in my neighborhood Faith Presbyterian Church led by Joe & Pam Farley who are neighbors.
Constable Pct 5 Carlos Lopez	I participated in the Pride Parade.