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<b>Question 1</b>	<b>Do you wish to receive the endorsement of the Stonewall Democrats of Austin (SDA)?</b>
<b>Lloyd Doggett</b>	Yes.
<b>Candace Duval</b>	Yes, I would consider it a great honor to receive the endorsement of the Stonewall Democrats of Austin.
<b>Paul Sadler</b>	Yes.

<b>Question 2</b>	<b>Should you receive this endorsement, would you publicize our endorsement in your campaign advertisements and campaign literature?</b>
<b>Lloyd Doggett</b>	Yes.
<b>Candace Duval</b>	Absolutely!
<b>Paul Sadler</b>	Yes.

<b>Question 3</b>	<b>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.</b>
<b>Lloyd Doggett</b>	We share a commitment to human rights.
<b>Candace Duval</b>	I believe that the endorsement of the Stonewall Democrats will highlight my support for the values I share with this important Democratic group.
<b>Paul Sadler</b>	I am seeking the endorsement of Stonewall Democrats of Austin because I am running to be a United States Senator for all Texans, not just a chosen few.

<b>Question 4</b>	<b>Why are you seeking this public office? (Please be brief)</b>
<b>Lloyd Doggett</b>	To continue my work as an effective advocate for the public interest.
<b>Candace Duval</b>	I believe that the people of Congressional District TX21 deserve better representation than they are currently receiving from Congressman Lamar Smith. I am confident that I can do a better job of serving the people in this central Texas district and that my values and priorities are much more closely aligned with the diverse constituency in the district. I am also confident that I can defeat Lamar Smith who has come under increased criticism from all sides of the political spectrum. If elected, I will seek to make protecting the rights of all people a top priority and will champion the fight for equality of all gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgendered people.



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<b>Paul Sadler</b>	I am running for the United States Senate because it is time Texas returned to it's long historical tradition of sending fiercely independent problem solvers to Washington D.C., and not partisan ideologues. Our U.S. Senate seat does not belong to one political party, and I am running to return this seat to its rightful owners – the people of Texas.
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<b>Question 5</b>	<b>Would you support the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, a law that would prohibit discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation and sexual identity?</b>
<b>Lloyd Doggett</b>	Yes, I have done so at every opportunity.
<b>Candace Duval</b>	Yes.
<b>Paul Sadler</b>	Yes.

<b>Question 6</b>	<b>Would you voluntarily adopt a written policy for the employees of your office indicating that sexual orientation would not be a factor in employment decisions regarding them?</b>
<b>Lloyd Doggett</b>	Yes, I long ago adopted and fully implemented this policy.
<b>Candace Duval</b>	Absolutely!
<b>Paul Sadler</b>	Yes.

<b>Question 7</b>	<b>Do you think federal funds should go to support religious or charitable organizations that discriminate in their hiring or provision of services against individuals on the basis of sexual orientation?</b>
<b>Lloyd Doggett</b>	No.
<b>Candace Duval</b>	No, I believe that the rights of individuals outweigh the rights of organizations or corporations that wish to discriminate against individuals based on their sexual orientation.
<b>Paul Sadler</b>	See my answer to question 5. I oppose employment discrimination. However, many religious and charitable organizations provide services and shelter to the homeless and food to needy Americans. I do not believe it is right to deny those services to those in need based on any kind of litmus test.

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<b>Question 8</b>	<b>Would you support the Permanent Partners Immigration Act, a law that would provide the same-sex partners of US citizens and permanent residents the same immigration benefits legal spouses of US residents enjoy?</b>
<b>Lloyd Doggett</b>	Yes.
<b>Candace Duval</b>	Yes.
<b>Paul Sadler</b>	I have not read the Act, but I do believe our immigration law should recognize the rights of same-sex partners, and should value all loving relationships.
<b>Question 9</b>	<b>Would you support the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act, a law that would provide benefits to the same-sex partners of federal employees equal to that provided to the spouses of such employees?</b>
<b>Lloyd Doggett</b>	Yes.
<b>Candace Duval</b>	Yes.
<b>Paul Sadler</b>	I support providing benefits to same-sex partners of federal employees, but without seeing final legislation I cannot commit to voting for a specific bill.
<b>Question 10</b>	<b>Would you support a change in the IRS Code to no longer treat domestic partnership benefits as "imputed" taxable income?</b>
<b>Lloyd Doggett</b>	Yes.
<b>Candace Duval</b>	Yes, but I have to admit that I do not know what alternative approach would work best and would warmly welcome the input of your members on this and other issues impacting same-sex partners.
<b>Paul Sadler</b>	I am not familiar with this IRS provision, but I am happy to study it.
<b>Question 11</b>	<b>Would you support increased federal funding for AIDS prevention and treatment?</b>
<b>Doggett</b>	Yes, I have done so at every opportunity.
<b>Candace Duval</b>	Absolutely, I am thrilled that so much progress has been made in recent years and strong support increasing funding for AIDS prevention, treatment, and research.
<b>Paul Sadler</b>	Yes.

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<b>Question 12</b>	<b>Would you oppose a Constitutional amendment that would define civil marriage as being between a man and a woman and that would deny same-sex couples “marital status or the legal incidents thereof”?</b>
<b>Lloyd Doggett</b>	Yes, I have consistently opposed such an amendment and voted against it when presented to the House in 2004 and 2006.
<b>Candace Duval</b>	Absolutely!
<b>Paul Sadler</b>	Yes.

<b>Question 13</b>	<b>Would you support and co-sponsor the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)?</b>
<b>Lloyd Doggett</b>	Yes, I already am a sponsor.
<b>Candace Duval</b>	Yes.
<b>Paul Sadler</b>	I believe DOMA is unnecessary legislation.

<b>Question 14</b>	<b>If elected, how would you stay informed of the concerns and interests of your gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered constituents?</b>
<b>Lloyd Doggett</b>	I will continue to be accessible, including at events such as those noted below.
<b>Candace Duval</b>	Once elected, I will stay informed on the issues and concerns of my gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered constituents by maintaining an open door policy as long as I am serving in Congress. I also would want to visit with your group and other leaders in the community on a regular basis to discuss current and upcoming issues and legislation.
<b>Paul Sadler</b>	I am running for the United Senate to return this seat to the people of Texas who rightfully own it. That means I am committed to being an accessible Senator to all Texans.

<b>Question 15</b>	<b>Have you attended other events in the gay and lesbian community? Which events?</b>
<b>Lloyd Doggett</b>	Yes, including the following: Hill Country Ride for AIDS, the HRC Dinner, AIDS walks in Austin and San Antonio, and meeting with the Stonewall Democrats-San Antonio.



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<b>Candace Duval</b>	Yes, I have. Most recently, I attended last year's ATICUS Circle Awards Luncheon in Austin and hope to be invited to attend again this year. Also, I was the Sales Manager for a premier and gay-friendly hotel, The Aspen Club Lodge now known as Sky Hotel; which served as a central venue for Aspen Gay Ski Week. My position offered invites to most of the activities of the week and the hotel was central to the infamous annual Downhill Costume Competition and Parade at Ajax (Apsen Mtn.)... an event I miss most from my life in Aspen.
<b>Paul Sadler</b>	Not to my knowledge.