



Fresno Stonewall Democrats

Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in Fresno Stonewall Democrats. In order to be considered for endorsement, candidates are required to complete this document. Do not make changes to any of the questions. Your answers are public information, and you must sign each page of this questionnaire, including the first.

Please attach your latest biography, all current endorsements, and any campaign literature, your website, and social media information. Complete, sign, and scan the questionnaire to fresnostonewalldemocrats@gmail.com or send via regular mail to: Fresno Stonewall Democrats, 2037 W. Bullard Ave #253, Fresno, CA, 93711.

PART I: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Name:	Daren A. Miller Ed.D.
Occupation:	Educator
Employer:	In transition for K-12 to Community College
Office Sought:	Fresno County Board of Education
Campaign Committee ID Number:	FPPC #1426403
Name of Campaign Committee:	Elect Dr. Daren Miller for Fresno County Board of Education, Area 3 2020
Campaign Address (including city, state, zip):	PO Box 4662, Fresno, CA 93744
Campaign Phone:	559-382-9909
Campaign Email:	electdarenmiller@gmail.com
Campaign Website:	www.electdarenmiller.org (not launched yet)
Campaign Manager:	Pedro Ramirez
Fundraising Consultant:	Self

PART II: CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Goals and Purposes of Fresno Stonewall Democrats

- ❖ Advance equal rights for all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.
- ❖ Support public policies that advance lesbian, gay, bisexual, & transgender (LGBT+) equality at all levels of government.
- ❖ Elect qualified, openly LGBT+ people to public office as well as other Democratic Party candidates who support LGBT+ equality.
- ❖ Work within the Democratic Party to advance LGBT+ equality and full recognition of LGBT+ families.
- ❖ Educate the public at large about LGBT+ issues and concerns.
- ❖ Promote the Democratic Party's message of economic justice and social equality for all.

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1. Do you support the goals and purposes of Fresno Stonewall Democrats, as outlined above?
Yes
2. Identify one goal from the list above and elaborate on how you have helped to achieve it.
Working as a K-12 school counselor and administrator for the past 30-years provided with numerous opportunities to work with students from the LGBT+ community. In each case, the student's individual needs were paramount. I have also served as an LGBT+ student club advisor.
3. Are you a member of the Fresno Stonewall Democrat Club? If yes, when did you join? If no, do you plan to join?
I am not currently a member of FSDC. I have been a member in the past and willing to reactivate my membership.
4. Have you been endorsed by Stonewall before? If yes, for what race?
I believe I was endorsed by Stonewall in a previous race for FUSD Trustee in 2014.
5. Have you endorsed a Republican over a Democrat for an elected partisan race? If yes, when and why?
No
6. Are you openly LGBT+?
I am not.
7. Is any of your staff or key volunteers openly LGBT+?
Not now, but my campaign will be inclusive and will welcome anyone to join our team.
8. Would you support mandatory diversity training that includes LGBT+ issues for public and private employees?
I would most definitely support that.
9. If your place of employment has diversity training, did you advocate for inclusion of LGBT+ issues? Why or Why not?
I have always advocated for full inclusion and recognition of all students (and people) including the LGBT+ community. I, myself, have been the victim of discrimination in the workplace.
10. Would you support mandatory diversity training for all law enforcement, including correctional peace officers, that includes LGBT+ issues?
YES. I have organized and participated in such trainings myself.
11. Do you support marriage equality laws permitting same-sex couples to marry under state law?
YES
12. Do you support laws enabling individuals, such as property owners, businesses and government officials to disregard LGBT+ rights, such as marriage, employment or housing, on the basis of personal or religious belief exemptions?
I do not support the discrimination of any person, for any reason.
13. Do you support an age-appropriate public school curriculum that teaches awareness and sensitivity regarding sexual orientation and gender identity?
YES



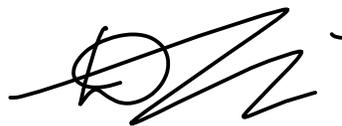
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14. Do you support protections for transgender, gender non-conforming and questioning youth, regardless of sexual orientation, from discrimination in schools, foster care, juvenile justice and other institutional settings, including personnel training and zero tolerance for disparagement by peers?
Yes, I do.
15. Do you support requiring health insurance companies to cover medically necessary gender reassignment surgeries and follow-up care for individuals identifying as transgender?
Yes
16. Do you support allowing transgender Americans to serve in the U.S. military?
Yes
17. Do you support local funding for HIV/AIDS services, including, but not limited to, needle-exchange programs?
Yes
18. Please describe your top goals, if elected to office.
1) Providing oversight and support to our school district battling the Coronavirus pandemic. 2) Reforming our 100+ year old educational delivery practices. 3) Expansion of educational access by bolstering Fresno Counties technology infrastructure. 4) Supporting CTE and other career ready programs for our students to prepare them for the jobs of the future.
19. If you receive endorsement from Stonewall, will you list and disclose Stonewall as an endorsing organization?
Yes
20. Please describe how your election to this office would benefit the LGBT+ community.
Daren Miller has always been an advocate for the LGBT+ community, especially as a school site administrator and counselor. I will continue to advocate for policies and practices that will benefit the LGBT+ community throughout Fresno County. And I will continue to champion programs that offer safe spaces and support for our LGBT+ students.



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PART III: SCHOOL BOARD SUPPLEMENTAL

21. Why are you running for school board? What is your background in education?

I have spent the previous 30 years working in K-16 education in the Fresno metropolitan area. Working as a K-12 administrator and counselor, and community college adjunct professor and counselor has provided me with many opportunities to serve the educational needs for numerous students. I was appointed to the FCBE in Feb. 2019 and desire to continue to serve as an educational policymaker in the county.

22. Does your district have an LGBT+ Task Force to address the needs and challenges facing LGBT+Q students, parents and employees in your district? If not, what do you plan to do to protect LGBT+ students, parents and employees?

FCSS does not have an LGBT+ Task Force. FCSS addresses the needs of LGBT+ students via training and in servicing teachers and administrators to ensure that they understand laws and policies impacting students. I believe, and would advocate for, safe spaces, student identified "safe teachers", and student clubs and programs.

23. Does your district have anti-bullying policies that include LGBT+ students?

Yes.

24. What have you done to help make schools safer for LGBT+ students and staff, both classified and non-classified?

I served as an LGBT+ student club advisor and as an administrator worked to foster an environment of inclusion for all students and staff members.

25. Do you support full implementation of the Fair Education Act, which requires California K-12 schools provide Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful representations of people with disabilities and people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender in history and social studies curriculum including recognition of Harvey Milk Day?

Yes.



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