



STONEWALL DFL

The LGBTQ Caucus of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

Dear Supporter,

Shortly after the police murder of George Floyd, we canceled all events and meetings through the month of June to put all our energy into advocating for justice. As an organization named after the riots against police brutality that set the foundation of our movement for liberation, it is essential for us to show up in solidarity and *act* in solidarity through the work of our caucus. As we resume the regular work of our caucus, we will continue to uphold the legacy of LGBTQ rights, and focus on solidarity within our community and among allies.

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LGBTQ Leadership Event

Join Minnesota Congresswoman Angie Craig as she moderates a [virtual panel](#) of fellow LGBTQ leaders throughout the country **today at 5PM!** Panelists will be:

- Chasten Buttigieg to share his experiences on the campaign trail with his husband Pete Buttigieg
- Reggie Greer, the Biden campaign's director of LGBTQ vote effort
- Delegate Danica Roem of Virginia and the first transgender person to serve in any U.S. state legislature.

All [ticket purchases](#) will benefit the Minnesota DFL during this crucial time. Your support will go a long way as the DFL prepares to take back the White House, protect Senator Smith, and take back the State Senate.

If you haven't yet sent in your refundable Political Contribution Refund (PCR) contribution of \$50 (\$100 per couple) for 2020, now is the PERFECT time to make the most of it. You can use it towards the purchase of your ticket.



Endorsements

In June, our board voted to endorse [Alex Palacios](#) for Minneapolis Ward 6 special election. Alex is an active Stonewall DFL member and member of the LGBTQ community. [Our endorsement announcement.](#)

And earlier this month, we endorsed [Jen McEwen](#) for Minnesota Senate District 7 (Duluth). [Our endorsement announcement.](#)

Alex's special election and Jen's contested primary election are scheduled on **Tuesday, August 11**, although early voting is already underway. Please consider making a donation and sharing our endorsement with anyone you know in these districts!

Additional recent endorsements will be announced over social media and will be updated on our website soon.

Upcoming Board Meeting

Our next board meeting is **Sunday, August 2 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM** to take place via Zoom. Stonewall DFL members and guests are welcome at all board meetings; please join us!

Our agenda includes:

- Voting on endorsement recommendations of the Political Support Committee
- Introduction/discussion of bylaw amendments to be voted on at a future meeting: Sexual Misconduct Policy (expanding on Constitution), revised

Social Media Policy

- An updated agenda will be posted in the [Facebook event](#) closer to the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Candidate Screenings

Stonewall DFL's Political Support Committee is holding three candidate screening sessions over this week and next week. All candidates we will be meeting are DFL endorsed. Each session will last approximately 15-20 minutes long. The first half hour is for reviewing process, introductions, and preparing questions.

If you do not already receive Political Support Committee notices, **fill out the form** through the button below and sign up for the Political Support Committee **to receive candidate questionnaires and an updated agenda** via email before each screening.

[Join a Committee](#)

Candidate screenings for endorsement:

- **Thursday, July 23**, starting at 6:00 pm and adjourning approximately 8:45
 1. Omar Fateh – SD62
 2. Aleta Borrud – SD26
 3. Heather Keeler – HD04A
 4. Logan Kortgard – HD17B
 5. TBD; updated agenda will be posted in our [Facebook event](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

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- **Saturday, July 25**, starting at 10:00 am adjourning approximately 1:45
 1. Candidates for Minnesota Legislature, TBD (scheduling in progress); updated agenda will be posted in our [Facebook event](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

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- **Thursday, July 30** starting at 6:00 pm and adjourning approximately 8:45
 1. Candidates for Minnesota Legislature, TBD (scheduling in progress); updated agenda will be posted in our [Facebook event](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

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[Join/Renew Membership](#)

Vote By Mail

You can vote safely and securely from home during this pandemic. [Request your ballot](#) to vote by mail today!

Learn About Our Field Plan

Meet Stonewall DFL's new field director, Jack Fischer (he/him) who joined our board in June. Jack will be giving a presentation on **Sunday, July 26 from noon to 1PM** about our draft field plan and also introduce us to TEAM, a relational organizing tool we'll be using to support our outreach and voter contact work.

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An Acknowledgement

Near the end of June, we formally revoked the Allan Spear Award presented to Jefferson Fietek in 2011. Fietek was a teacher and activist in the Anoka-Hennepin school district community. We made this decision as soon as we learned of stories of students who have been manipulated, groomed, and sexually assaulted by Fietek, including around the time this award was presented. In 2014 Fietek ran for Minnesota House with Stonewall DFL's endorsement.

Since we shared this news over social media nearly a month ago, Fietek has been arrested.

We apologize for our role in giving Fietek a platform and bolstering his reputation over multiple years. Stonewall DFL has zero tolerance for sexual misconduct and we take seriously all allegations. The safety of our community is non-negotiable.

