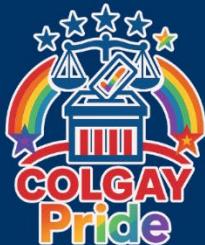


EQUALITY FOR ALL CANDIDATE FORUM

Hosted by ColGay Pride

2026

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*"Ensuring accountability, visibility, and equality in
Columbus 2026 Non Partisan Election."*



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Columbus, Georgia is entering one of the largest nonpartisan elections in our history. Yet in past cycles, voter turnout has been alarmingly low — often less than 20% of registered voters. That is not a true consensus, and it leaves our city struggling with disengagement and frustration.

This year, we are determined to change that. The Equality for All Candidate Forum is your chance to hear directly from the candidates who will shape our city's future — whether as Mayor, City Council members, School Board representatives, or in law enforcement and judicial offices.

We want leadership that will do something, not just talk about it. Leadership that will:

Ensure greater voter participation and civic engagement.

Support Columbus's LGBTQ+ community with resources, jobs, and inclusive spaces.

Establish long-term commitments like an LGBTQ+ liaison in the Mayor's office.

Advance long-stalled non-discrimination ordinances.

Improve Columbus's failing HRC Municipal Equality Index score.

Build a city where diversity is celebrated and equality is non-negotiable.

This forum is not just about hearing campaign promises — it's about demanding tangible, actionable visions for the next four years and beyond.

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• Held virtually via Zoom, streamed live on Facebook, and shared across our social media platforms.

Community Participation

At the end of each forum, you will have the chance to ask your own questions. This is your opportunity to hold candidates accountable and ensure your voice is heard.

Our Goal

We want this to be the biggest turnout in Columbus history. A true consensus for leadership moving forward — leadership that works for all citizens, not just some.

Together, we can ensure Columbus becomes one of the most diverse and inclusive cities in America.

👉 RSVP by April 05, 2026 to jeremy@colgaypride.org 👉 Follow COLGAY Pride on Facebook, TikTok, and Instagram for updates

Always Be You. Always Be Heard. Always Vote!

To participate in the Forum and ask questions of the candidate log into this address. You will be told when it is time to ask questions.

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