



**DONNELLY FOR ASSEMBLY  
119<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT  
GREEN PARTY**



***GAY RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS***

Homosexuals, Bisexuals, Gay, Lesbian, Transsexual, Transgender, Queer... it doesn't matter what the label is: We will no longer accept being third class citizens.

The right to marry, to have or adopt children, to employment and housing, to peaceful enjoyment of life, these rights taken for granted by many Americans have been too long denied to our community.

***Legalize Marriage Now***

Marriage is more than a symbolic recognition of common humanity; it is legal status that carries extensive rights in all aspects of the law, rights that are not attached to "civil unions".

"The freedom to marry has long been recognized as one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness", "Marriage is one of the basic civil rights of man, fundamental to our very existence and survival.", "Under our Constitution, the freedom to marry, or not marry, a person ... resides with the individual and cannot be infringed by the State. Loving v. Virginia, US Supreme Court (1967).

"'Separate but equal' has no place. Separate ... [is] inherently unequal." Brown v. Board of Education, (1954)

"At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life... Persons in a homosexual relationship may seek autonomy for these purposes, just as heterosexual persons do." Lawrence v. Texas, (2003)

***Vote Green for Equal Rights***

As a bisexual Gay man I have been actively involved in this aspect of the civil rights movement since 1993. I have personally faced discrimination, violence, and arson. Only the Green Party has been consistently for GLBT rights. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity rights have always been a key part of the Green Party Platform:

In keeping with the Green Key Values of diversity, social justice and feminism, we support full legal and political equality for all persons, regardless of sex, gender, or sexual orientation.

a. The Green Party affirms the rights of all individuals to freely choose intimate partners, regardless of their sex, gender, or sexual orientation.

b. We support the recognition of equal rights of persons gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender to housing, jobs, civil marriage, medical benefits, child custody, and in all areas of life provided to all other citizens.

c. We support the inclusion of language in state and federal anti-discrimination law that ensures the rights of intersex individuals and prohibits discrimination based on gender identity, characteristics, and expression. We are opposed to intersex genital mutilation.

d. We support the right of all persons to self-determination with regard to gender identity and sex. We therefore support the right of intersex and transgender individuals to be free from coercion and involuntary assignment of gender or sex. We support access to medical and surgical treatment for assignment or reassignment of gender or sex, based on informed consent.

e. We support legislation against all forms of hate crimes, including those directed against people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, transgender, and intersex.