



## **Cleveland Stonewall Democrats endorse local pro-equality Democrats for September 8, 2009 primary election and November 3, 2009 general election.**

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**Cleveland, OH - July 16, 2009** – On July 16, 2009, members of the Cleveland Stonewall Democrats voted to endorse several candidates running in local elections including Cleveland Mayor, Cleveland City Council and Lakewood City Council at-large. The Cleveland Stonewall Democrats endorses the following candidates for the September 8, 2009, primary election:

Cleveland Mayor – Frank Jackson  
Cleveland City Council, Ward 6 – Mamie Mitchell  
Cleveland City Council, Ward 8 – Jeffrey Johnson  
Cleveland City Council, Ward 14 – Brian Cummins  
Cleveland City Council, Ward 18 – Martin J. Sweeney  
For Lakewood City Council, At-Large: Nickie J. Antonio and Monique Smith

The Cleveland Stonewall Democrats also endorses the following candidates for the November 3, 2009, general election:

Cleveland City Council, Ward 3 – Joe Cimperman  
Cleveland City Council, Ward 11 – Michael D. Polensek  
Cleveland City Council, Ward 15 – Matt Zone  
Cleveland City Council, Ward 16 – Jay Westbrook  
Cleveland City Council, Ward 17 – Dona Brady

Further endorsements will be considered at the September 17, 2009 general meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland, 6600 Detroit Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44102.

### **About Cleveland Stonewall Democrats**

The Cleveland Stonewall Democrats' club is one of more than 90 national affiliates of the National Stonewall Democrats, a national organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Democrats and allies. The Cleveland Stonewall Democrats are devoted to secure equal rights for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Toward this mission, we are committed to implement the following action plan:

- Engage voters to elect Democratic candidates who support issues of importance to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community;
- Energize the LGBT community to provide financial and volunteer support for LGBT and LGBT-supportive Democratic candidates; and,
- Advocate for public policy that ensures equal rights and protections for all Americans.

For more information about these endorsement and to learn how you can be involved and helpful, contact Rob Rivera, Vice President for Political Strategy at [strategy@clevelandstonewalldemocrats.org](mailto:strategy@clevelandstonewalldemocrats.org) or 216-374-2964. Also, be sure to visit our website ([www.clevelandstonewalldemocrats.org](http://www.clevelandstonewalldemocrats.org)) for more information about the candidates and our election activities.