

LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO VONCIEL JONES HILL TO DART BOARD



August 2, 2021

Dear Members of the City of Dallas Transportation Committee,

The Executive Board and Membership of the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas write in opposition to the nomination of Ms. Vonciel Jones Hill to fill the vacancy of Position 4 on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board.

It is both concerning and disappointing that three current Dallas City Council members would put forward a candidate with a clear record of vitriol and opposition to the LGBTQ+ community. Among other things, Ms. Jones Hill has publicly stated she does not support the LGBTQ+ community, and her public statements and prior record as a council member demonstrate her opposition. Finally, we see no evidence of any effort on the part of Ms. Jones Hill to learn from and work with our community, even when it would benefit her fellow citizens.

Ultimately, this nomination sends the wrong message not only to the broader LGBTQ+ community in Dallas County, but it also sends a terrible message to those members of our community who are employed by DART, or who utilize the public transportation system. Therefore, we urge that this nomination be removed from consideration immediately. If the nomination is not pulled, we recommend a NO vote on candidate Ms. Jones Hill.

The Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was founded in 1996 by local activists. Our membership numbers in the hundreds, including former and current elected officials. We are one of the largest political organizations in Dallas County and one of the largest chapters of Stonewall Democrats in the United States.

We thank you for your service to the City of Dallas, and appreciate your consideration of our request to withdraw or oppose the nomination of Ms. Jones Hill to Position 4 on the DART Board.

With thanks,

Executive Board and Members of the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas

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