

2026 State Legislative Candidate LGBTQIA+ Public Policy Issue Survey by Equality Indiana Advocates, a 501(c)(4) entity

Survey Instructions

Thank you for participating in the Equality Indiana Advocates Candidate LGBTQIA+ Public Policy Survey.

Equality Indiana Advocates is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization dedicated to educating Hoosiers and advocating for public policies that advance fairness, opportunity, and equal treatment for all Hoosiers with a focus on LGBTQIA+ people. As part of our nonpartisan voter education efforts, we ask candidates for public office to share their positions on issues that affect LGBTQIA+ Hoosiers. We publish candidates' responses to help voters make informed decisions. Learn more at [EqualityIndiana-Advocates.org](https://equalityindiana-advocates.org).

This survey begins with a brief candidate information section, followed by questions covering six public policy areas:

- Civil Rights
- Education
- Health Care
- Public Safety & Criminal Justice
- Pro-Democracy Election Reforms
- Economic Justice

Please note that the questions are intended to measure your position on the underlying public policy goals and may not reflect the exact language of any specific legislation.

The survey should take approximately **20-25 minutes** to complete. Most questions require a response. **Your responses will not be saved until you click the "Submit" button at the end of the survey.** If you close your browser or leave the survey before submitting it, your responses will be lost and you will need to begin again.

We respectfully request that you complete and submit the survey as soon as possible so your responses can be included in our voter education materials. If a candidate chooses not to participate, Equality Indiana Advocates may note that no survey responses were received when publishing candidate information for voters.

Thank you for taking the time to participate and for helping Hoosier voters become better informed about the candidates seeking public office.

* Indicates required question



1. 1a. Candidate Name *

2. 1b. Primary email to reach your campaign *

3. 1c. Secondary email to reach your campaign

4. 1d. Candidate pronouns

Mark only one oval.

☐ She/Her

☐ He/Him

☐ Them/They

☐ Other:

5. 1e. Campaign Phone *

6. 1f. Office Sought including District Number (if necessary) *

7. 1g. Political Party affiliation *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Democratic

☐ Libertarian

☐ Republican

☐ Other

Section 2. LGBTQIA+ Civil Rights Issues:



8. **2a. Would you publicly support and vote in favor of legislation, that our organization has titled The Hoosier Freedom from Discrimination Act**, which bans all discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression in housing, employment, and public accommodations, thus providing for a statewide non-discrimination law? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

9. **2b. Would you publicly support and vote in favor of legislation, that our organization has titled The Hoosier Freedom to Marry Act**, which would modernize state marriage law to affirm marriage equality for all couples and ensure legal rights for same-sex families? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. **2c. Would you publicly support and vote in favor of legislation** that allows *
for establishing a private, accessible, and streamlined legal process for
Hoosiers to update gender markers on state identification documents?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

11. **2d. Would you publicly support and vote in favor of legislation** that would *
repeal SB 289, which restricts diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives in
public agencies, K–12 schools, and higher education institutions?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

12. **2e. Would you be interested in authoring legislation** that would include one or
more of the legislative initiatives listed in the **Civil Rights** section?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

13. 2f. Comments and/or explanations about the **Civil Rights** questions and/or your answers. *

Section 3. LGBTQIA+ Education Issues:



14. 3a. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation, which our organization has titled **The Hoosier Freedom for Education Act**, which repeal laws that ban transgender students from participating in school sports, force schools to out LGBTQIA+ students, and exclude transgender students from college athletics? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

15. 3b. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would strengthen school anti-bullying laws to explicitly protect students from harassment based on race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, or disability? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

16. 3c. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that requires any school receiving public funds through Indiana's choice scholarship program to comply with nondiscrimination protections for students and staff? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

17. 3d. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that requires age-appropriate, LGBTQIA+-inclusive sexual health education in public schools and repeal SB 442, which restricts comprehensive instruction? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

18. 3e. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that require public school curricula to include LGBTQIA+ contributions in Indiana and U.S. history? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

19. 3f. Would you be interested in authoring legislation that would include one or more of the legislative initiatives listed in the **Education** section?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

20. 3g. Comments and/or explanations about the **Education** questions and/or your answers. *

Section 4. LGBTQIA+ Health Care Issues:



HEALTH CARE

21. **4a. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation, which our organization has titled The Hoosier Freedom for Medical Privacy Act,** *
which will restore healthcare freedoms by repealing Indiana's abortion ban and bans on gender-affirming care for youth and incarcerated individuals, and by protecting medical decisions from political interference?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

22. **4b. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would modernize** *
and align Indiana's HIV-specific criminal laws with current medical science, eliminate stigmatizing penalties, and support effective prevention, testing, and treatment strategies?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

23. 4c. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would ban conversion therapy statewide and repeal SB 350, which prevents licensing boards from disciplining providers who engage in this harmful practice? *
- The statute should recognize conversion therapy and similar practices as professional malpractice, subject to appropriate disciplinary action by licensing boards.

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

24. 4d. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would protect the right to access IVF, safeguard providers' ability to offer care consistent with medical standards, and ensure insurance coverage without interference? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

25. 4e. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation which will recognize racism as a public health crisis and require state agencies to assess and address health disparities caused by systemic discrimination? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

26. 4f. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that will recognize gun violence as a public health crisis and fund evidence-based prevention strategies? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

27. 4g. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that will recognize Indiana's mental health system as a public health crisis and invest in accessible, culturally competent, and affirming mental health services statewide? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

28. 4h. Would you be interested in authoring legislation that would include one or more of the legislative initiatives listed in the **Health Care** section?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

29. 4i. Comments and/or explanations about the **Healthcare** questions and/or your answers. *

Section 5. LGBTQIA+ Public Safety/Criminal Justice Issues:



**PUBLIC SAFETY /
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

30. 5a. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation, which our organization has titled **The Hoosier Freedom from Hate Act**, a law that strengthen hate crime laws by explicitly including protections for transgender and gender-diverse Hoosiers? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

31. 5b. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that bans the 'gay and trans defense' in criminal trials, which would prohibit using a victim's sexual orientation or gender identity as a justification or mitigating factor for violence? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

32. 5c. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would provide state funding for body-worn and dash cameras with clear accountability standards? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

33. 5d. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would decriminalize possession of up to two ounces of marijuana and establish a comprehensive medical cannabis program? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

34. 5e. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would require background checks for all firearm purchases, including private sales? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

35. 5f. Would you be interested in authoring legislation that would include one or more of the legislative initiatives listed in the **Public Safety/Criminal Justice** section?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

36. 5g. Comments and/or explanations about the **Public Safety/Criminal Justice** questions and/or your answers. *

Section 6. LGBTQIA+ Pro-Democracy Election Reforms Issues:



PRO-DEMOCRACY ELECTION REFORMS

37. 6a. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would permanently allow no-excuse absentee voting? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

38. 6b. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would automatically register eligible Hoosiers at age 18, with opt-out provisions? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

39. 6c. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would create a citizen-led, nonpartisan commission to draw legislative district boundaries? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

40. 6d. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would adopt "clean elections" laws that provides public grants to candidates who limit private fundraising? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

41. 6e. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would repeal SB 10 and restore student college IDs as a valid voter identification? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

42. 6f. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would preserve Indiana's open primary system and oppose efforts to establish a closed primary election system that restricts voter participation? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

43. 6g. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would require legislative redistricting to occur once every ten years immediately following the decennial U.S. Census? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

44. 6h. Would you be interested in authoring legislation that would include one or more of the legislative initiatives listed in the **Pro-Democracy Election Reforms** section?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

45. 6i. Comments and/or explanations about the **Pro-Democracy Election Reforms** questions and/or your answers. *

Section 7. LGBTQIA+ Economic Justice Issues:



ECONOMIC JUSTICE

46. 7a. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would raise Indiana's minimum wage to a living wage that reflects the real cost of living, especially for transgender and LGBTQIA+ workers who face wage gaps and job discrimination? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

47. 7b. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would expand access to safe, affordable housing and strengthen tenant protections, particularly for LGBTQIA+ people disproportionately impacted by housing instability and homelessness? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

48. 7c. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would strengthen *
small businesses and nonprofits—including LGBTQIA+-led organizations—
through fair access to capital, technical assistance, and workforce
protections?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

49. 7d. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would ensure *
access to affordable, inclusive child care for all families, including
LGBTQIA+ parents and caregivers?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

50. 7e. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would expand *
access to affordable, culturally competent health care that meets the needs
of transgender and LGBTQIA+ Hoosiers?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

51. 7f. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would invest in affordable, accessible infrastructure—including utilities and public transportation—that supports low-income and marginalized communities statewide? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

52. 7g. Would you support and vote in favor of legislation that would establish a comprehensive, inclusive paid family and medical leave program that guarantees all Hoosier workers—regardless of family structure, gender identity, or employment type—time off to care for themselves or loved ones without financial hardship? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

53. 7h. Would you be interested in authoring legislation that would include one or more of the legislative initiatives listed in the **Economic Justice** section?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

54. 7i. Comments and/or explanations about the **Economic Justice** questions *
and/or your answers.

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