



Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Union County Pride, Inc

Union County Pride, Inc - Political Candidate Questionnaire

Dear Candidate:

On behalf of Union County Pride, Inc, I write respectfully to request that you respond to the questions submitted below regarding your agenda for the LGBTQ+ kids and their families living in Union County. Union County Pride Inc. is the foremost organization working to promote a thriving LGBTQ community in Union County, North Carolina.

The questions and answers, if received in time, will be published verbatim at www.unioncountypride.org on **September 15**. To meet our publication deadline, your responses must be received by no later than **September 5**. If you do not respond, the publication will state *Did Not Respond*.

Please submit your responses through the online survey. As a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, we cannot support or oppose any candidate for public office. We hope that you will take this opportunity to communicate your views on how you as a political candidate will deal with policy and investments regarding LGBTQ+ kids and their families.

Sincerely,

Union County Pride, Inc

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Party Affiliation:

Democrat

Level of Government

Federal

Political Position

US house of Representatives

What would you do for LGBTQ+ people in your political area?

Protect the constitutional rights and individual liberties of members of the LGBTQ+ community.

Oppose discrimination by government based on who someone is or who they love.

What would you do for LGBTQ students?

I would work to ensure LGBTQ+ students have the same rights, protections, and educational opportunities as every other student. Every student deserves to feel safe at school and be treated with dignity and

respect.

How would you vote on policies or laws regarding books in schools with LGBTQ+ characters?

I do not believe books should be removed from schools simply because they include LGBTQ+ characters. Decisions about age-appropriate educational materials should be based on the content of the material and its educational value, not simply on the identity of the characters.

Would you vote for a policy or law similar to the Florida Don't Say Gay Bill or NC HB 755 at the school, state, or other government level?

No

Please explain your answer.

I do not believe LGBTQ+ people or families should be excluded from educational materials simply because of who they are. Standards should apply equally to everyone.

Would you vote for a city, state, or state anti-discrimination ordinance or law that covers the protected classes including sexual orientation and gender identity (LGBTQ+) people?

Yes

Please explain your answer.

I support protecting LGBTQ+ Americans, as I would all Americans, from discrimination in areas such as housing, employment, education, and access to public services, and ensuring equal treatment under the law. At the same time, I do not believe government should police people's private beliefs or opinions, even offensive ones.

How would you vote if Marriage or Relationship Equality becomes a state or local issue?

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Please explain your answer.

All Americans should have equal rights under the law, including the right to marry the person they choose.

Please explain your current and past actions towards the LGBTQ+ community.

I have attended LGBTQ+ community events to listen and learn more about the issues affecting the community, and in the process I have built relationships and made friends within the community. I will continue listening, learning, and working to ensure LGBTQ+ Americans are treated with dignity, respect, and equality under the law.

I plan to attend the Candidate Meet-up.

Yes