



Friday, September 4, 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:	Libertarian
Level of Government	Federal
Political Position	Candidate for the United States Senate

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

I would defend the equal constitutional rights, individual liberty, privacy, personal safety, and dignity of LGBTQ+ North Carolinians. At the federal level, I would oppose government discrimination, support equal treatment under the law, protect access to public services, insist that hate-motivated violence and threats be investigated fairly, and ensure that federal programs do not exclude people because of sexual orientation or gender identity. I would also listen directly to LGBTQ+ residents and families before voting on legislation that affects their lives.

What would you do to for LGBTQ students?

Every student deserves a safe learning environment free from bullying, harassment, and violence. I would support enforcement of equal protection, access to appropriate counseling and mental-health resources, student privacy, and clear due-process protections. Schools should communicate transparently with parents while recognizing that students must not be placed in danger or denied an education because of who they are. Policy should focus on safety, age-appropriate education, and the rights of individual students rather than turning children into political symbols.

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

I would oppose blanket government bans based solely on the presence of LGBTQ+ characters or viewpoints. Schools and libraries should use transparent, age-appropriate, viewpoint-neutral standards developed with educators, parents, and their communities. Parents should be able to review materials and guide their own children, but government should not erase lawful ideas, criminalize librarians, or let one family dictate what every other family may read.

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 would not support vague or sweeping restrictions that censor ordinary discussion, stigmatize students, or substitute state political mandates for transparent local educational judgment. Age-appropriate curriculum and meaningful parental access matter, but those goals can be achieved without denying that LGBTQ+ students and families exist or preventing schools from protecting vulnerable students.

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.

Government must provide equal protection and may not discriminate against people because of sexual orientation or gender identity. I support carefully written protections in employment, housing, education, and public services, with clear due process and appropriate safeguards for constitutional speech, religious exercise, and private association.

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

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Please explain your answer.

Consenting adults should receive equal civil treatment under the law. Government should not deny a marriage license, legal recognition, or related civil protections solely because the couple is same-sex.

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

I have consistently approached LGBTQ+ issues through the principles of individual liberty, equal protection, privacy, and opposition to government discrimination. As a candidate, I have answered voter questions directly, accepted invitations to engage with LGBTQ+ organizations and families, and made clear that constitutional rights do not depend on party affiliation or identity. I will continue listening, showing up, and evaluating policy by its real effects on people rather than by partisan slogans.

Please tell us anything else you would like the public to know about you and the LGBTQ+ community.

The rights of LGBTQ+ North Carolinians are not a niche issue and should not be used as a political

weapon. Liberty means each person may live honestly and safely while respecting the equal rights of others. We can protect children, support families, preserve open debate, respect faith, and defend LGBTQ+ citizens without treating those values as mutually exclusive.

I plan to attend the Candidate Meet-up.

Yes