



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

State

Political Position

Judge NC Court of Appeals

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

As a judge I cannot take positions on issues that may come before me. However, as the first and only openly LGBTQ+ person elected Statewide in the South I believe my presence changes the narrative in rooms I occupy.

What would you do to for LGBTQ students?

I hope that being the first openly LGBTQ+ person elected Statewide in the South, i serve as an example that you can live your life openly and honestly and still achieve your goals.

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

I don't get to vote on policies and laws, I decide cases. I cannot express opinions on issues that may come before me.

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?

I cannot vote on issues and cannot take positions on issues that may come before me.

Please explain your answer.

See response to the earlier questions about votes above.

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?

Unknown

Please explain your answer.

I don't get to vote on these policies or bills and cannot express an opinion on how I would rule on issues that may come before me, thus the only option to check for me was unknown

Please explain your answer.

I don't get to vote on these issues and cannot express an opinion on how I would rule on issues that may come before me

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

As explained above I am the first and only openly LGBTQ person to win a Statewide election in the South. I served almost 15 years on the Boards od Directors of the LGBTQ + Victory Institute and Victory Action. I have served on the Board of Equality NC and its PAC Board. I served on the Board of the Brothers Foundation that was an early participant in helping to provide housing for people living with HIV Aids. I was an early founding donor for the Plus Collective (formally know as the Lesbian and Gay Fund) have been a donor to other LGBTQ organizations such as Time Out Youth, RAIN and Twirl to World Foundation.

I plan to attend the Candidate Meet-up.

Possibly