



## Union County Pride, Inc

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](http://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**

Candidate for U.S. Senate

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

We need leaders in the Senate who will fight every day for the LGBTQ+ community – leaders who will be courageous and bold in shaping the future we want for our children and standing up as an ally with the LGBTQ+ community. I will always fight for LGBTQ+ rights and would strongly support passage of the Equality Act, or similar legislation to help protect these rights across the United States.

**What would you do to for LGBTQ students?**

Nothing is more important to me as a mother than ensuring our children are safe and affirmed for who they are. For policymakers, this must include banning the harmful practice of conversion “therapy” nationwide, along with ensuring that schools remain a safe space for students regardless of their sexuality or gender identity. I would support federal legislation, like the Equality Act, that bans discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation and would pay special attention to ensure that bills protect trans rights in public school sports.

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

I'm a mom of twin sons and I know that every parent wants to make sure their kid can get a quality education. And part of ensuring that students across the United States are safe and affirmed is making sure that they can see themselves in what they're reading in school. Our nation is already divided enough, and we should not make classrooms the next battleground; we do not need politicians in Washington, or anywhere, trying to interfere with our schools.

**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.**

This type of legislation is designed to harm LGBTQ+ students and teachers, and there is no room for hate in our state. Period.

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**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.**

Throughout my public service, I have been driven by the pursuit of justice – and the belief that North Carolinians deserve leaders who will fight for them. Along these lines, I pledge to always fight for LGBTQ+ rights and strongly support the passage of the Equality Act, and will advocate similar legislation to help protect these rights across the United States.

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

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**Please explain your answer.**

As a former judge and Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, I have spent over two decades in service upholding our constitutional rights and respecting the Constitution. And marriage equality is no different; these rights should be respected and Congress should act to ensure that they are protected.

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

Throughout my career of public service, I've fought hard to ensure the law is applied equally for all North Carolinians – and I will continue to fight for fairness and equality in the Senate. I am proud to have earned the endorsements of multiple organizations working to support LGBTQ+ communities throughout this campaign, including Equality NC and Human Rights Campaign.

**I plan to attend the Friday, September 16 Candidate Meet-up and Art Show at East Frank's in Monroe.**

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