

Saturday, July 27, 2024



## 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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<b>Level of Government</b>	State
<b>Political Position</b>	House of Representatives District 68

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

I will support the LGBTQ+ community with the same passion and focus that I do now.

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

By pushing to void out all the hate bills already passed and prevent any other bills from passing.

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

No one other than an educated librarian should decide if a book is right for a certain child, because they are educated on reading levels and other scientific factors to decide the level book for a reader.

**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.**

It is legislative hate and needs to be stopped.

**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.**

If elected, I am committed to playing a proactive role in passing in our area and laws across the state. These ordinances and laws are crucial for promoting equality and protecting the rights of all individuals regardless of their race, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or any other characteristic.

To achieve this goal, I will:

1. **Advocate for Inclusive Policies:** I will work with local government officials, community leaders, and advocacy groups to draft comprehensive NDOs that address various forms of discrimination and ensure equal treatment for everyone in our community.
2. **Build Coalitions:** I will collaborate with diverse stakeholders, including businesses, religious organizations, civil rights groups, and residents, to build broad support for NDOs. By fostering dialogue and understanding, we can overcome opposition and rally support for inclusive policies.
3. **Educate the Public:** I will engage in outreach efforts to educate the public about the importance of NDOs and dispel misconceptions or fears surrounding them. This may include hosting community forums, distributing informational materials, and leveraging social media platforms to raise awareness.
4. **Lobbying and Legislative Advocacy:** I will work with other elected officials at the local, state, and possibly national levels to advocate for the passage of NDOs. This may involve lobbying legislators, testifying at hearings, and mobilizing grassroots support to pressure decision-makers to enact nondiscrimination protections.
5. **Enforcement and Oversight:** Once NDOs are in place, I will ensure they are effectively enforced and monitored to address any instances of discrimination. This may involve establishing mechanisms for reporting violations, conducting investigations, and imposing penalties for non-compliance.

There is not a NDO in my area, I will actively work to bring similar ordinances forward across the state by:

1. **Sharing Success Stories:** I will highlight the positive impact of NDOs in our community and share success stories with policymakers and advocates in other regions. Demonstrating the benefits of nondiscrimination protections can help build momentum for similar legislation elsewhere.
2. **Collaborating with Allies:** I will collaborate with other municipalities and organizations that have successfully passed NDOs to share resources, strategies, and best practices. By working together, we can coordinate efforts and amplify our collective impact.
3. **Engaging in State-Level Advocacy:** I will advocate for nondiscrimination protections at the state level by supporting or sponsoring legislation that mirrors the NDOs in our area. This may involve working with state legislators, governors, and other officials to advance inclusive policies statewide.

Overall, my goal is to be a tireless advocate for equality and justice, both locally and statewide. By

championing nondiscrimination ordinances and promoting inclusive policies, I am committed to creating a more equitable and welcoming environment for all residents.

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

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**Please explain your answer.**

Everyone should be able to marry or be in a relationship with anyone they love who is over the age of consent no matter the race, religion, national origin, disability, or gender. This IS decided law at the federal level, but as we saw with Dobbs we cannot rely on stare decisis to keep it decided law. If it gets moved back to the states, every state including North Carolina must pass bills to protect the right to marry and to not marry the person you love while in a relationship.

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

I am the President of Union County Pride, the Treasurer of Pauli Murray LGBTQ Bar Association, and the Treasurer of United States Association of Prides plus volunteer or a member with many other LGBTQ+ organizations.

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

I am a licensed attorney in North Carolina, Texas, and District of Columbia along with having an MBA focused in Accounting with a BBA in Finance. I have represented almost 1000 clients, including Federal agencies like the IRS, jury trials, and appellate cases in over 46 state and federal courts over the last 16 years. I have been in business for 25 years in real estate and law.

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

Yes