



Thursday, August 29, 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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**Party Affiliation:**

Democrat

**Level of Government**

School

**Political Position**

District 2 UCPS school board

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

One of my main campaign statements is that I want to have a equality and fairness for all students. I will continue to fight for our lgbtq kiddos and let them know that they have a safe person in me as a school board member. I will fight to keep the GSA clubs afloat and will work on changing the policy that bans Pride flags and signage..

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

As an advocate for students, I would push for transparency in conversations with educators and staff members. I would be a a safe haven for parents to be able to discuss their children and the struggles they are having. In an ideal world, I would love to have workshops that help educate our staff on the importance of acceptance.

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

It is important that children see themselves in all aspects of the world from books to curriculum to pictures. There is never a time where segregation or homophobic-ness is an option!

**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.**

Absolutely not! Sb49 is dangerous for our transgender students and will only out them and that alone is detrimental to their safety and well-being. Any bill that forces a kid to come out before they are ready is detrimental to the them and I will never support anything that alienates or puts our rainbow community in Jeopardy.

**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.**

Unfortunately, until we can learn to have love in our hearts and acceptance, we have to pass laws and ordinance to protect the vulnerable communities.

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

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**Please explain your answer.**

100% would support equality in marriage in relationships! It is not my place to tell someone who to love. Love is Love and you be you!

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

All of them! Seriously though, I'm in all the spaces. I am a loud proud advocate here in Union County and I do my best to be a safe space for all.

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

I will never shy away from being an ally and a voice for all! It is important that our students and families know that they are seen. They are loved and they are important!

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

Yes