



# 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>	County
<b>Political Position</b>	County Commissioner

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

The biggest thing that I can do for the LGBTQ+ community in Union County is to listen. I'm not a member of the community but I am and will always be a strong ally. I pledge to engage with and amplify the voices of LGBTQ+ folks in the county and use their experiences, opinions, and guidance in my actions both in office and in my daily life.

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

As a County Commissioner I wouldn't have a lot of oversight of what the school board does in regards to specific actions. However, I would absolutely go to war with them, including filing discrimination lawsuits and withholding funding, if they continue to degrade the LGBTQ+ community in the classroom. I will work to ensure that their policies don't harm and instead uplift LGBTQ+ students so that they feel safe and comfortable in their place of education. Additionally, though outside the classroom, I'd work to reinstate all equality programs at the libraries

in the county. All Union County residents deserve representation and programs that promote equality benefit the whole county.

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

Schools have a responsibility to educate students. As I have interacted with the LGBTQ+ community more and more, I have learned how important representation is for them and additionally, for those who aren't a part of the community in order to further educate all children on the LGBTQ+ community. Currently our school board, mostly for political posturing, has been trying to marginalize different communities in Union County. This will not stand if I'm elected. As I mentioned above, I'd absolutely be willing to go to war with the school board over this. I don't think that there are two sides to this issue; we shouldn't negotiate with folks who discriminate.

**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 was recently trying to get some insight into the LGBTQ+ community and wound up on the website for The Trevor Project. As the page opened a pop-up informed me that I could exit quickly by hitting "esc" three times. It took me a second to realize why the site would have a quick hide action. But, to answer the question above, I'm going to quote the front page of that site:

"LGBTQ youth are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society."

Children who are starting to realize that they may not get support at home will need to find support in other places. This includes their schools. Ensuring safety from mandatory reporting and other laws that force students to feel unsafe and live in fear of being outed is one way that we can prevent harm to students within the LGBTQ+ community.

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

Books that contain LGBTQ+ characters are no different than any other book. Passing laws, or allowing schools to pass policies, that are discriminatory should never be allowed. As mentioned above, a school board who tries to enact such deplorable policies will have a fight on their hands.

**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.**

The LGBTQ+ community is constantly under attack from idiots. It's always led by politicians trying to rile up their moronic voting base. To exclude an entire group of people simply for who they love and/or how they identify is immoral. Until these self-serving politicians stop trying to treat portions of the population as second-class citizens, it is the responsibility of elected officials to protect the people that are the victims of these aggressions.

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

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**Please explain your answer.**

We are in danger of the SCOTUS overturning the right for people in the LGBTQ+ community to get married. Most likely it will become an issue for the states to decide. If NC falls to the theocrats, I will defend the right for citizens to marry who they want. Gay marriage, or any type of marriage for that matter, is nobody's business except the people who are getting married. It should not be up to the politicians to decide which kind of love should be legal and any type of protections available to those in "straight" marriages should be available to every marriage. In 2018 there was uproar over ICE's policy of asking local law enforcement to act as immigration officers by detaining individuals suspected of being illegal residents. Five of NC's sheriffs went against the ICE policy. If elected, you can expect the same kind of resistance to any state law that goes against keeping citizens equal

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

All of my actions towards the LGBTQ+ community have come from a place of allyship. I have always been one to treat people with respect, regardless of who they are. From a political standpoint, I have consistently used my voice to promote LGBTQ+ affirming candidates through voting, managing campaigns, and continued work with the Union County Democratic Party. Most recently, I have enjoyed getting involved with Union County Pride. I think that the creation of Pride is one of the greatest things to happen to Union County! This will not only support individuals and families within the LGBTQ+ community, but it also helps citizens like me learn how we can get involved! Regardless of the outcome of this race, I look forward to being a part of Pride for years to come!

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

I have recently been endorsed by EqualityNC. They are an organization that supports LGBTQ+ rights and protections and I am honored to be considered a worthy candidate to be a voice for the LGBTQ+ community in the Union County government.

From their website:

Equality North Carolina is the oldest statewide organization in the country dedicated to securing rights and protections for the LGBTQ community. We're invested in ensuring that every North Carolinian can see themselves in this movement and help create a safer, more equitable world for all marginalized folks.

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

Yes