

Monday, August 15, 2022



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 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

County

Political Position

County Commissioner

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

As someone who is unfamiliar with the issues and experiences of the LGBTQ+ community, if elected, I would listen to their needs and ensure that any ordinances or legislation that is passed does not negatively affect them, as their rights should be protected as any other group of citizens.

What would you do to for LGBTQ students?

I would ensure that LGBTQ+ students were provided with safe spaces to express themselves and have options for inclusive activities.

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

The Board of County Commissioners works closely with the Board of Education on budget issues to ensure adequate funding to meet the educational needs of all students. Members of the BOCC are not involved with the selection of books or other instructional materials.

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.

No, as it excludes and is dismissive to an entire group of people/children and goes against the belief of equality and inclusion for all students.

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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.

The Civil Rights Act protects groups of people from being discriminated against, therefore I will vote for anti-discrimination policies and ordinances to continue the support of protected classes and groups.

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

Unknown

Please explain your answer.

As a County Commissioner, I do not believe a vote on relationships would fall within my realm of government for consideration.

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

While I have not had the opportunity to assist the LGBTQ+ community specifically, much of my volunteerism has centered on marginalized communities. I wholly believe that every person should be valued for who they are and safe in Union County.

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

Thank you for your questions. They have given me an insight into issues of concern to the LGBTQ + community. I wish to assure you that as a BOCC Member, I will work equally hard for all citizens of Union County.

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

Possibly