

Tuesday, August 1, 2023



Union County Pride, Inc

Union County Pride, Inc - 2023 Political Candidate Questionnaire

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

Candidate Name

Mike Jones

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Party Affiliation:

Unaffiliated

Level of Government

City

Political Position

Monroe for All

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

I would respect the LGBTQ+ community, as I do all people. I would speak up against bigotry and hate.

What would you do to for LGBTQ students?

Same as above.

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

I am against the banning of any books. I believe that the subject matter should be age appropriate...meaning sexual content should be age appropriate. However, I do not believe that books containing LGBTQ+ characters should be avoided.

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?

I would like to know more about this.

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

I'm against banning of books.

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?

Unknown

Please explain your answer.

I'm not of a generation that fully understands LGBTQ+ and gender identity. Just being honest here. I'm trying. I have a son that identifies as bisexual and a daughter that is an ally. I love them and I love all people. And, I am fully against discrimination of anyone. I support marginalized communities.

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

Unknown

Please explain your answer.

I want people to do what makes them happy and whole. I struggle with my upbringing. But, I do not feel that rights should be denied. I believe in live and let live.

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

Yes