



# 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>	<input type="text" value="Federal"/>
<b>Political Position</b>	Candidate for the North Carolina Eighth Congressional District

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

Scott Huffman has made it a priority in his campaign to advocate the passage of the Equality Act, which would prohibit discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in areas including public accommodations and facilities, education, federal funding, employment, housing, credit, and the jury system.

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

In Congress, Scott Huffman would advocate the normalization of discussions of sexual orientation and gender identity, specifically in schools.

Rates of depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts among LGBTQ+ youth are staggeringly high. The perceived taboo nature of discussions around identity is one of the roots of these rates. To help reduce suicide among LGBTQ+ youth, we NEED to end heteronormativity in schools.

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

LGBTQ+ people exist in real life. LGBTQ+ characters should exist in literature.

Scott Huffman will vote to protect freedom of expression, especially in regard to LGBTQ+ voices and stories.

**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.

The prohibition of conversations regarding sexual and gender identity in schools will lead to higher rates of suicide in LGBTQ+ youth. We must protect our youth from dangerous bills like this.

Scott Huffman will vote against any bills similar to the Don't Say Gay Bill and NC HB 755.

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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.

Scott Huffman will vote for any such bill that comes before him in Congress.

Right now, H.R. 5, or the Equality Act, sits before Congress. Scott Huffman specifically supports this bill.

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

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### Please explain your answer.

With the recent Dobbs decision reversing decades of abortion precedent in this country, we cannot assume that all of our existing rights are guaranteed by this right-wing Supreme Court. Roe and Casey were first, Obergefell might be next. Congress must act now to ensure Marriage and Relationship Equality in the country.

In Congress, Scott Huffman will do everything in his power to protect Marriage and Relationship Equality.

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

Scott Huffman is an ally and will continue to be so in Congress.

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

Yes