

Monday, August 28, 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](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

**Candidate Name**

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**Campaign Website**

Surluta Anthony for Monroe City Council

**Party Affiliation:**

Democrat

**Level of Government**

City

**Political Position**

City Council

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

I will represent all citizens fairly. Citizens are not determined by race, religion, sexual orientation, age, color, social or economic status.

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

As the Chair of the DEI Committee, I support diversity, equality and inclusion.

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

Not evading question but not in my area of government. City Council does not vote on books in schools but I believe reading is important and it only makes sense that characters in books reflect the reality in society.

**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. It is a ridiculous law.

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

City Council does not vote on books in schools but I believe reading is important and it only makes sense that characters in books reflect the reality in society.

**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.**

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere

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

Unknown

**Please explain your answer.**

It is unlikely that marriage equality will become a municipal issue.

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

As a woman of color; I understand being marginalized and don't wish to see anyone discriminated against. I have had both family and friends who are members of the LGBTQ+ community and I treat all people with respect.

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

I am a public servant. That means serving the public with equity. While many of these questions are seemingly directed toward candidates governing education, I believe that all people have a right to live freely and in pursuit of the happiness our nation's Bill of Rights promises.

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

Yes