



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

School

Political Position

Union County School Board, At Large

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

The biggest thing that I can do is keep an open mind when making decisions and creating policy. I do not have specifics and I do not think I can give specifics until I am in office. There I will consider all information before to make the best decision for the greater good of Union County Public Schools.

What would you do to for LGBTQ students?

As a former teacher, I understand that each and every student of UCPS has individual needs and backgrounds. What I can do for UCPS Students is work to ensure an educational system that is free from restrictions and barriers to learning. What this means for LGBTQ+ students is a environment that seeks to understand and appreciate all of our differences and how our differences can contribute to the benefit of all.

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

I do not take issue with LGBTQ+ characters and think it is important to have resources in our schools

that reflect the diverse world and cultures that we interact with on a daily basis. At the same time, I will want to ensure the context and subject matter of all books are age/grade appropriate and that having the books in our school libraries serve a specific educational purpose.

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?

Undecided

Please explain your answer.

I have not yet fully researched those bills. On the surface they do not represent an inclusive educational environment that reflects our diverse world. However, I need to research more to fully understand what the tenets of the bills are and what they are attempting to accomplish.

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Duplicate questions but here is my response from the previous ask:

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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.

My answer of "Yes" is conditional depending on what the ordinance or law defines as additional protected classes and to the extent that those classes are protected. I want to make sure everyone is treated fairly and has an equal opportunity to reach their full potential and rewarded appropriately for their contributions.

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

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Please explain your answer.

I do not think that non-traditional marriages hurt our society. I think people are free to love whomever want and should have the same privileges and rights to express that love as everyone else.

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

I have not been involved in politics or other action groups.

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

I am open-minded and have no issue with the LGBTQ+ community. I think that being LGBTQ+ does not define one's character or worth. What defines us are our actions.

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

Yes