



Thursday, September 3, 2026

Union County Pride, Inc
Union County Pride, Inc - 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	Madeleine Byl
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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?

I always advocate for the LGBTQ+ community. LGBTQ+ organizations should not be prohibited from reserving and using venues or facilities that other organizations would be permitted to use for similar events. I support social services like healthcare and suicide prevention programs. I would not support and would actively speak out against policies than ban drag.

What would you do to for LGBTQ students?

LGBTQ+ students deserve the same rights and protections as any child. All children should feel safe and

welcome at school. I would not support policies that make it difficult for LGBTQ students to comfortably and safely use the bathroom. I would work with the school board to discuss budgeting that ensures all schools employ a full time counselor that knows how to work with LGBTQ+ students.

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

I would vote against these types of policies or laws. I am against banning books and there is no reason to target books just because they have LGBTQ+ characters. These are representations of the normal population and those characters belong in media.

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.

Laws like this are harmful to students. Preventing discussion of sexual orientation or gender identity not only limits the student from being able to be their true selves at school but it also means some students would not be able to discuss their families while at school.

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.

Sadly ordinances/ laws like this are necessary.

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

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Please explain your answer.

All adults have the right to be in whatever consenting relationship they want. That relationship/ marriage is no less because it is not between two cis, straight people. Whether I'm elected or not, I would also stand up for marriage equality if it becomes a national issue.

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

I have always supported my LGBTQ+ community. I show up to protests in support of LGBTQ+ issues but I also show up to every day things. I support LGBTQ+ businesses and organizations, I have been working for years to get to legal sex vs sex at birth fields coded appropriately at my place of employment, I push against policies and laws that are anti LGBTQ+.

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

I was raised in a bisexual household. Most of my formative years were spent living with my mother and her partner. I grew up with the LGBTQ+ community as my normal. Many of my friends are LGBTQ+ so supporting the community is supporting my loved ones.

I plan to attend the Candidate Meet-up.

Yes