



Thursday, August 20, 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

David Dotson

Campaign Website

dotsonformonroe.com

Party Affiliation:

Republican

Level of Government

City

Political Position

Mayor

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

My responsibility as Mayor would be to serve all of Monroe fairly, follow the law, keep our community safe, manage taxpayer dollars responsibly, and make sure city government works efficiently.

What would you do to for LGBTQ students?

Public school policy is established by the appropriate school authorities and state law, not by the Mayor. As Mayor, I would respect those boundaries and focus on the responsibilities entrusted to the City of Monroe.

For any young person who interacts with city government, city programs, parks, public safety, or other city services, I would expect them to be treated in accordance with the law and in a safe manner.

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

The Mayor of Monroe and City Council do not set curriculum or determine what books are placed in Union County Public Schools. Those decisions belong to the appropriate school authorities and are governed by state law.

I believe parents should have the right to determine their children's education and that materials provided to children should be age appropriate.

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?

See Answer Below

Please explain your answer.

As Mayor, I would not have authority over public school curriculum or state education law. Those matters are governed by state law and the appropriate school authorities. North Carolina already has laws addressing these issues.

I believe parents should have the right to determine their children's education. I believe instruction and materials provided to children should be age appropriate.

I believe schools should focus on education and that parents should decide how and when to address social issues with their children.

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.

The City of Monroe is subject to applicable federal and state anti-discrimination laws. Any ordinance that would come before City Council would have to comply with those laws. As Mayor, I would not have the authority to change those laws. I believe the City should follow all applicable laws and treat every citizen fairly under them.

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

Unknown

Please explain your answer.

Marriage law is governed by state and federal law, not by the City of Monroe. As Mayor, I would not have the authority to change those laws or vote on them.

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

I have not taken any specific action regarding the LGBTQ community.

I have taken public positions when I believed activities intended for adults were being presented to children or when children were being brought into adult-oriented environments. My concern in those instances has been the age appropriateness of the activity or content, regardless of the sexual orientation of the performer or anyone involved.

It is not within the authority of the Mayor to determine how citizens live their private lives.

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

I am a Christian and a conservative. Those beliefs are an important part of who I am.

I believe government should stay within its proper role. I believe parents should have the primary role in decisions involving their children. At the same time, I believe that activities and programming involving children that fall within the City's lawful authority should be age appropriate. I also believe we have a special responsibility to protect the safety and security of children, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

I believe in controlled spending, less taxes, less high-density residential growth, and strong public safety.

People will not always agree with me on every social issue, and I do not expect them to. What they can expect from me is that I will tell you what I believe, be consistent in my positions, and fair in carrying out the responsibilities of the office.

I plan to attend the Candidate Meet-up.

No