



Equality NC PAC 2015 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire

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1. Equal Rights

I believe that all citizens, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender citizens, are deserving of equal treatment under the law, access to the same opportunities and subject to the same responsibilities, regardless of their age, race, gender, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or other inherent characteristics.

Circle: Yes or No
Comments:

2. Non-Discrimination

- A. **Public Employment:** In North Carolina, it is legal to fire or refuse to hire someone just because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual, heterosexual or transgender. Polls have shown that 74% of North Carolinians support legislation that would ban employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression by state and local governments. (1) Would you support such a provision at the local level?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

Chapel Hill has the strongest municipal employment protections right now. It is important to me to maintain and strengthen our ordinances.



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B. Public Accommodations: North Carolina law does not currently prohibit public accommodations, such as restaurants and hotels, from denying service to customers on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. Would you support protections for LGBT people in public accommodations?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

Do you believe that transgender and gender non-conforming individuals should be able to use the restroom that best conforms with their gender identity and expression?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

A "NO" answer reflects a complete lack of understanding of this issue.

3. Sex Education

In 2009, the legislature passed H.B. 88, the Healthy Youth Act. This law allows parents of public school students to choose between "abstinence only" sex education programs and comprehensive programs that emphasize abstinence while providing students with accurate information about contraception and disease prevention. Would you support the continued implementation of the Healthy Youth Act and oppose attempts to weaken the sexual health education curriculum?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

I privately lobbied for passage of H.B. 88 and will work to support & strengthen it.



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4. Anti-LGBT Statewide Legislation

Senate Bill 2 allows for magistrates and registers of deed to “opt-out” of performing marriages if doing so would violate their religious beliefs. This bill is discriminatory not only to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals, but is harmful against all North Carolinians. Do you support Senate Bill 2 or other local or statewide measures allowing civil servants to opt out of portions of their job?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

Under my leadership, Chapel Hill is currently evaluating options for litigating this issue.

5. Discriminatory Schools.

North Carolina law currently allows taxpayer money to fund private and religion-based schools that discriminate against gay or transgender children and/or their parents. Would you vote for legislation that excludes these schools from taxpayer funding?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

6. Electeds for Equality. Equality NC currently hosts a political peer network (“Electeds for Equality”) devoted to education and engagement on issues impacting LGBT North Carolinians. Is it important to you to understand the legal and policy issues impacting the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and engage in dialogue around LGBT issues?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

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7. Marriage Equality

Marriage Equality is the law of North Carolina as of 10/10/14 and the law of the entire nation after 6/26/15. Did you support marriage equality before these rulings?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

I successfully represented the UCC in the case bridging marriage equality to NC.

Will you work to protect full access to marriage equality for same-sex couples in your community and in North Carolina?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

8. Sponsorship of Ordinances

Would you be willing to Sponsor or Co-Sponsor ordinances addressing any of the issues outlined above?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

I have in the past and will continue to do so.

Thank you for completing our questionnaire!

I request that Equality NC PAC consider my candidacy for endorsement in the 2015 elections.


Candidate Signature

8/9/15
Date

**Please return this questionnaire by August 17, 2015 to: Crystal M. Richardson
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