



EQUALITY NC PAC 2017 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Equal Rights

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

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

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, queer, 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 as employers. (1) Contrary provisions of HB142 notwithstanding, would you support such a provision at the local level?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:



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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. Contrary provisions of HB142 notwithstanding, would you support protections for LGBTQ people in public accommodations?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

- C. Contrary provisions of HB142 notwithstanding, 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:

3. Marriage Equality

- A. 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:



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- B. 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:

- C. Magistrate Recusal

Federal court appeals notwithstanding, 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, transgender and queer 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:

4. Issues that disproportionately affect transgender people

- A. Anti-violence initiatives: Transgender and gender non-conforming people, particularly transgender women of color, face disproportionately high levels of violence, including hate crime violence, street violence and intimate partner violence. How would you work to address this epidemic of violence?



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B. Law enforcement: Transgender and gender non-conforming people, particularly transgender women of color, have disproportionately high rates of negative interaction with police, which leads to fear of approaching police when victimized. How would you work to address discrimination in law enforcement?

C. Identity documents: A 2015 survey of transgender North Carolinians shows that 77% have not been able to update any identity documents. Do you support modernizing local court procedures where possible in compliance with applicable state law in order to clarify and simplify court procedures that allow transgender people to update their name and gender marker?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

D. Immigration: Transgender immigrants have greater difficulty obtaining basic identification documents. Do you support access for undocumented immigrants to basic identification at the municipal level that reflects their lived name and gender?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:



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5. Youth & Education

A. 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:

B. Discriminatory Schools

North Carolina law currently allows taxpayer money to fund private and religion-based schools that discriminate against LGBTQ 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:

C. Reducing the School-to-Prison Pipeline

How would you work to address the disproportionate number of LGBTQ young people who are pulled out of school for disciplinary violations and end up in the adult prison system?



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D. Anti-Conversion Therapy Measures

Do you support measures that would deem conversion therapy for minors to be fraudulent or deceptive trade practices and acts?

Circle Yes or No:

Please explain your answer:

6. Sponsorship of Ordinances

Contrary provisions of HB142 notwithstanding, 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:



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Thank you for completing our questionnaire!

I request that Equality NC endorse my candidacy in the 2017 elections.

Candidate Signature

Date

Please return this questionnaire by **July 31, 2017 to: Maddie Majerus
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