



**EQUALITY NC PAC 2018 STATE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Candidate's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Sought:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District Running In (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate's Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate's Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Campaign Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Campaign Social Media:**

**Facebook:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Party:**     **Democratic** \_\_\_\_\_     **Republican:** \_\_\_\_\_     **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_



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### 1. Equal Rights

- A. I believe that all NC 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:

- B. Describe in detail your relationship to the LGBTQ community in your district.

### 2. Non-Discrimination

- A. Employment: In North Carolina, it is legal to fire or refuse to hire someone just because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, transgender, or heterosexual. Would you support legislation in NC that would ban employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, any applicable contrary provisions of NC HB142 notwithstanding?

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 NC HB142 notwithstanding, would you support protections for LGBTQ people in NC public accommodations?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

- C. Contrary provisions of NC 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:

- D. The 2003 Federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards require that a transgender inmate's own views with respect to their safety shall be given serious consideration in making safety determinations about correctional housing. While in police custody, many transgender people are placed in solitary confinement for months or years just because of who they are, or are housed with a gender that does not conform with their gender identity and expression. Would you support efforts to give controlling weight to house transgender people according to their gender identity, unless they object based on concerns for their safety?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:



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### 3. Relationship Recognition & Parenting Laws

- A. 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:

- B. Magistrate Recusal

Federal court appeals notwithstanding, NC 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 also harmful to all North Carolinians. Do you support NC Senate Bill 2 or other local or statewide measures allowing civil servants to opt out of portions of their job due to their religious beliefs?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

- C. Laws Permitting Discrimination in Adoption/Foster Placement

Do you support state legislation that would impede the ability of same-sex couples to adopt or foster children by granting child placement agencies a moral or religious objection to placing children with those couples, even if it is in the best interest of the child?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:



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### 4. Hate Crime Laws

- A. The Federal hate crimes law does include sexual orientation and gender identity, but only pertains to violent offenses with a federal nexus. Would you support legislation that broadens the scope of North Carolina's hate crimes laws to include sexual orientation and gender identity?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

- B. Would you support NC legislation that would prohibit the use of an affirmative defense based on a "gay panic" or "trans panic" claim: that the victim's sexual orientation or gender identity caused the defendant to lose control and excused the defendant's violent act?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

### 5. Youth & Education

- A. Sex Education

In 2009, the NC 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 sex education 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:



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### 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 in NC to address the disproportionate number of young people of color and LGBTQ young people who are pulled out of school for disciplinary violations and end up in the adult prison system?

### D. Anti-Conversion Therapy Measures

Do you support measures which would deem 'conversion therapy' for minors to be fraudulent or deceptive? Conversion therapy is a program that tries to change an individual's sexual orientation and/or gender identity using psychological or spiritual methods.

Circle Yes or No:

Please explain your answer:



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### 6. Healthcare

- A. Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis, commonly called PrEP, is the use of anti-HIV medications to keep HIV negative people from becoming infected. PrEP is approved by the FDA and has been shown to be safe and effective at preventing HIV infection. Would you support efforts to increase the number of locations where PrEP is available in the state?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

- B. Health Data Collection: Do you support the collection of sexual orientation and gender identity information on the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System and the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:

### 7. Sponsorship of Legislation

- A. Would you be willing to sponsor or co-sponsor measures as it applies to your office addressing any or all of the issues outlined in the previous sections?

Circle: Yes or No

Please explain your answer:



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B. Do you support the full repeal of HB142?

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 2018 elections.**

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Candidate Signature

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Date

**Please return this questionnaire by **March 19, 2018** to: Maddie Majerus  
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