2018 North Carolina Voter Guide
Questionnaire for State Candidates

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Candidate Questionnaire

Please indicate your position on the following issues by marking “Yes,” “No,” or “Undecided.”
You may provide additional comments and explanations for your responses on a separate sheet of paper.
(Failure to answer a question will result in a listing of “No Response” in the 2018 Voter Guide.)

1. Should lower income parents who choose to educate their children in a non-public school be eligible to receive a state-funded scholarship grant to assist with the cost of tuition and fees?
   ____ Yes  X  No  ____ Undecided

2. Should a person’s religious beliefs influence the decisions they make while serving in public office?
   X  Yes  ____ No  ____ Undecided

3. Should the advertising budget for the North Carolina lottery be increased in an effort to increase lottery ticket sales?
   ____ Yes  X  No  ____ Undecided

4. Should North Carolina legalize sports betting?
   ____ Yes  X  No  ____ Undecided

5. Should the State offer tax breaks and other financial benefits as an incentive for businesses to locate in North Carolina?
   X  Yes  ____ No  ____ Undecided

6. Should state nondiscrimination laws include “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” as protected classifications?
   X  Yes  ____ No  ____ Undecided

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7. Should North Carolina continue to provide abstinence until marriage sexuality education in public schools?
   __ Yes  X  No  __ Undecided

8. Should organizations that provide abortions be allowed to receive state funds?
   X  Yes  __ No  __ Undecided

9. Should North Carolina law allow a medical professional to assist another person in ending their life?
   __ Yes  X  No  __ Undecided

10. Should human embryos be used for research purposes?
    X  Yes  __ No  __ Undecided

11. Should access to public multiple occupancy bathrooms, showers and changing facilities be based on an
    individual’s biological sex as designated on their birth certificate?
    __ Yes  X  No  __ Undecided

12. Should churches and other qualified religious organizations continue to receive tax-exempt status?
    X  Yes  __ No  __ Undecided

13. Should the number of terms a state legislator may serve in the North Carolina General Assembly be limited?
    __ Yes  X  No  __ Undecided

14. Should North Carolina legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes?
    X  Yes  __ No  __ Undecided

15. Should the N.C. Constitution be amended to prohibit governmental entities from using eminent domain
    powers to take private property for economic development purposes?
    __ Yes  X  No  __ Undecided

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Please return completed questionnaire to the
NC Family Policy Council by Friday, July 13, 2018.

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In general, the issues posed by this questionnaire do not address what families are challenged with in North Carolina. They are more hot button political issues. Families face challenges accessing health care, and are often forced into bankruptcy. Families face challenges accessing higher education for their children and for themselves. Job retraining is a fact of life. Families face challenges when wages fail to keep up with the increase in cost for housing, medical care, education, transportation and food. Families do not benefit when the tax burden on the wealthy is shifted to sales taxes. The expense of raising children and the stress on both parents to work has affected the birth rate in the US. These are more pertinent family questions than eminent domain, business incentives and medical marijuana issues.

Regarding question #1 (state-funded scholarships), I could be in favor if our public schools and charter schools were adequately funded, and the schools receiving funds were accredited and had no discrimination policies. I would also want the scholarship students to be tested the same as public school students, and require that the private school be held accountable.

Regarding question #7 (abstinence sex education), I could support that teaching as long as there was a broader curriculum that included knowledge of contraception and STD’s. As a church elder, I have supported a commitment by our young people to abstinence and believe the church is more effective than the school in garnering that commitment.