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  [ ] No  [ ] Undecided See addendum

2. Should a person’s religious beliefs influence the decisions they make while serving in public office?
   - [ ] Yes  [ ] No  [ ] Undecided See addendum

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

4. Should North Carolina legalize sports betting?
   - [ ] Yes  [ ] No  [ ] Undecided

5. Should the State offer tax breaks and other financial benefits as an incentive for businesses to locate in North Carolina?
   - [ ] Yes  [ ] No  [ ] Undecided See addendum

6. Should state nondiscrimination laws include “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” as protected classifications?
   - [ ] Yes  [ ] No  [ ] Undecided See addendum

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

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

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

10. Should human embryos be used for research purposes?
   __ Yes  ✔ No  __ Undecided  See addendum

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  __ No  __ Undecided  See addendum

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

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

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

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  __ No  __ Undecided  See addendum

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

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1. I assume this is referring to opportunity scholarships and I support these scholarships. The General Assembly, for decades, has approved appropriations for private universities.

2. I believe that Judeo-Christian values should influence public policy.

5. *Note:* The answer for the economic development question was answered after reading the North Carolina and U.S. constitutions and *Economic Development Law for North Carolina Local Government*, by David M. Lawrence. This is a complicated area of the law that involves many legislative and constitutional issues.

   It would be best not to be required to use incentives; however, North Carolina has utilized incentives since before the Civil War. If they remain legal, they should be made available for existing businesses as well as new businesses.

   I am willing to entertain the use of some incentives, especially education, workforce development, and assistance with infrastructure. The state Constitution and statutes provide the authority for several incentives.

   If financial incentives are legal and constitutional, we should make sure that we utilize “claw back” provisions and we need to clearly define the commitments and performance expectations. It might be necessary to require security in the form of liens and I do not support cash handouts.

   I do not support taking private property for private purposes.

   I do believe that tax breaks, meaning tax cuts, are good public policy. In fact, I have voted for numerous tax cuts.

   I did vote for a provision to help a North Carolina company comply with then-President Obama’s environmental mandates; our provision helped save hundreds of North Carolina jobs.

6. According to my understanding, “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” can’t be adequately defined and are not clear terms under our jurisprudence.

8. I did work for a Congressman who supported the Hyde Amendment, and I support the principles included in the Hyde Amendment.

9. I support Hospice and other organization that provide comfort when a person’s life on earth is coming to an end.

10. Research using adult stem cells seems to be adequate.
11. A parent, legal guardian, caretaker or others legally entitled to care for a child should be able to take children of the opposite sex into a restroom to use changing tables. For example, a father should be able to take a daughter into the men’s room to use a changing table.

13. I think legislative terms should be limited as is provided in the North Carolina Constitution. The term limits in the North Carolina Constitution provide that House and Senate members stand for election every two years. I support these limits. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Congressional term limits are unconstitutional, except for the provision included in the U.S. Constitution.

14. According to numerous reports, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently approved the first prescription drug made from marijuana to treat rare forms of epilepsy and North Carolina recently approved limited uses of CBD oil; however, this does not include THC. This is a complicated area of the law and involves numerous state and federal marijuana laws. I answered affirmatively assuming the question relates to the approved uses of CBD oil. The approved measures do not include the unlimited use of marijuana for medical purposes; even if the unlimited use of “medical marijuana” were approved in North Carolina, the unlimited use is not currently legal at the federal level.

15. Eminent domain involves the power of governments, and certain agencies and public utilities to compel a property owner to transfer property to the public authority if that property is needed for public purposes and the citizen is paid “just compensation” for the property.

Legal decisions, in general, do allow for the involuntary alienation of title to real property by eminent domain when the property is taken for public purposes, such as a highway widening; however, I am not in favor of the involuntary taking of private property for private purposes. I think the involuntary taking of private property for private purposes violates private property rights protections provided in the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

In *Mitchell v. N.C. Industrial Development Financing Authority*, members of the N.C. Supreme Court wrote: “That the power of eminent domain should or could ever be used in behalf of a private interest is a concept foreign to North Carolina, and it transcends our Constitution.” I agree with this assessment.

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N.C. House questionnaire addendum