

2024 North Carolina Voter GuideQuestionnaire for State Candidates

Candidate Information

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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 2024 Voter Guide.)		
1. Should North Carolina 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?		
YesNoUndecided		
2. Should the N.C. General Assembly authorize non-tribal commercial gambling casinos in North Carolina?		
YesXNoUndecided		
3. Should abortion be prohibited in North Carolina once a fetal heartbeat is detected?		
YesXNo Undecided		
4. Should N.C. offer tax breaks and other financial benefits as an incentive for businesses to locate in the state?		
Yes No Undecided		
5. Should the N.C. General Assembly legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes?		
Yes No Undecided		
6. Should state nondiscrimination laws include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" as protected classifications?		
Yes No Undecided		

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7.	Should biological male students who identify as female be allowed to participate on female sports teams?
8.	Should organizations that provide abortions be allowed to receive state funds?
9.	Should North Carolina law allow a medical professional to assist another person in ending their life?
	Yes No Undecided
10.	Should a health care practitioner, who is present at the time a child is born alive after a failed abortion attempt, be required by state law to exercise the same degree of skill, care and diligence to preserve the life and health of that child as would be expected for any other child born alive at the same gestational age?
	Yes No Undecided
11.	Should North Carolina public schools be prohibited from instructing students in kindergarten through fourth grade about "gender identity," "sexual activity," and "sexuality?"
	YesNo Undecided
12.	Should N.C. law (NCGS §90-21.5) continue to allow minors to consent to the treatment of venereal disease or other reportable communicable diseases, pregnancy (not including abortion), abuse of controlled substances or alcohol, and emotional disturbance, without parental consent?
	Yes No Undecided
13.	Should churches and other qualified religious organizations continue to receive tax-exempt status?
	Yes No Undecided
14.	Should a person's religious beliefs influence the decisions they make while serving in public office?
	Yes No Undecided
15.	Should the number of terms a state legislator may serve in the North Carolina General Assembly be limited?
	Yes No Undecided
Can	didate Signature Lew Date Jag 2024 (required)

Please return completed questionnaire by Friday, July 19, 2024

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Additional Comments for 2024 NC Voter Guide Questionnaire

- Taxpayers' dollars should be used to support public schools, without exception. It is
 the responsibility of legislators to make certain that the state's elementary schools,
 high schools, community colleges, and universities are performing well. The best
 interests of the state, of local communities, of parents, and of students must be
 continuously evaluated. Failing schools are an indicator of a failing state legislature.
- 2. Personally, I do not support gambling in any form by any entity in North Carolina. I would not vote to support current or new gambling initiatives in our state.
- 3. Personally, I am opposed to abortion. However, abortions are medically necessary in many instances. Women and their medical advisers should be legally allowed to determine when an abortion is necessary. For example, in 1927, one of my grandmothers nearly died of sepsis when one of her children died of mumps before birth. Surgery was not available at that time in Surry County to safely remove the deceased unborn child from her womb, and the little boy was naturally stillborn. Thankfully, my grandmother was able to give birth to six healthy children, including my mother, and lived to within a few months of 100 years of age.
- 4. More tax breaks and financial incentives should be provided to small businesses (less than ten employees) and to self-employed individuals in North Carolina.
- 5. I have never used marijuana and would never encourage anyone to use it. However, marijuana should not be illegal for medical or recreational use by adults. Alcohol and cigarettes are as problematic or more dangerous than marijuana.
- 6. Sexual orientation and gender identity are not moral choices. Individuals who are LGBTQ+ should be protected from abuse and discrimination of every sort.
- Participation by transgender boys/girls and men/women on sports teams should be handled in a considerate manner on a case-by-case basis. Education and mediation should be required in every situation.
- 8. Abortion is a medical procedure that should be covered by all insurance plans, including those provided or subsidized by the state.
- Anyone with a medically diagnosed terminal illness should be legally allowed to
 obtain assistance by a medical professional to end their life. Unbearable suffering
 and the anticipation of unbearable suffering are unique forms of torment for which
 there should be medical exits.
- 10. I don't know how to respond to this question. If examples exist of children being born alive then killed, please let me know after law enforcement had been contacted.
- 11. When children become aware of sexuality and gender identity, they should be given age-appropriate information in cooperation with their parents or guardians. Schools

- must be prepared to deal with such information in appropriate ways. Blanket prohibition is not an appropriate way.
- 12. Parental consent should be sought and obtained except in cases where children could be subjected to physical and emotional abuse because of their situations.
- 13. Religious institutions are and should remain tax exempt. I would encourage churches to avoid partisan politics and to care for their members regardless of their political opinions.
- 14. I assume that every individual makes decisions based upon their religious or spiritual natures, whether publicly stated or not!
- 15. I would support a ten-year limit (five two-year terms in the House or Senate or combination thereof) for members of the North Carolina General Assembly. If elected, I would not serve more than ten years, whether required by law or not.