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Burke County, NC Questionnaire - One Page Quick Reference Guide

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (Vote for 2)	Randy Burns (R)	Phil Smith (R)	Steve W. Starnes (D)	Kyle Whisnant (D)				
Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct?	No	No	No	No				
Human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every stage until natural death.	Agree	Agree	Disagree	Refuse to Answer				
The loss of local control in government is too high a price to pay in exchange for federal dollars.	Agree	Agree	Disagree	Refuse to Answer				
As a representative, would you keep the local law enforcement funding the same, decrease funding, or increase funding?	Increase funding	Increase funding	Increase funding	Remain the same				
If elected, would supporting local law enforcement be a high priority for you?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Do you support the National School Board Association's characterization of parents who speak out at school board meetings as "domestic terrorists"?	No	No	No	Refuse to Answer				
Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools?	Parents	Parents	Parents	Refuse to Answer				
Schools should be allowed to require COVID vaccinations?	No	No	Yes	Refuse to Answer				
Do you support schools having armed resource officers?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Would you support local ordinances that would place restrictions on the 2nd Amendment rights as they are now enjoyed in the county?	No	No	Yes	Yes				
BURKE COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGE DISTRICT 25 SEAT 08 (Vote for 1)	Scott D. Conrad (R)	Seve B. Potter (D)						
Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct?	Did Not Respond	Did Not Respond						
Human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every stage until natural death.	Did Not Respond	Did Not Respond						
Do you have previous public service/community service experiences?	Did Not Respond	Did Not Respond						
The loss of local control in government is too high a price to pay in exchange for federal dollars.	Did Not Respond	Did Not Respond						
Should local law enforcement funding remain the same, decrease, or increase?	Did Not Respond	Did Not Respond						
Do you support the National School Board Association's characterization of parents who speak out at school board meetings as "domestic terrorists"?	Did Not Respond	Did Not Respond						
Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools?	Did Not Respond	Did Not Respond						
Should there be community participation in law enforcement?	Did Not Respond	Did Not Respond						
Should rehabilitation programs require drug testing?	Did Not Respond	Did Not Respond						
Do you support creating an option to charge low-level drug possession as a misdemeanor rather than a felony?	Did Not Respond	Did Not Respond						

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