



For Your County

2022 General Election Candidate Questionnaire

Caldwell County

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Introduction

Christian Perspective Representatives Inc. is a cooperative group of volunteers from churches who stand in unison for Biblical values and Constitutional rights, support and affirm human dignity, and value all people.

C.P.R., Inc. began in 2021 as a nonpartisan group to circumvent the loss of freedoms of our children, parents, and employees in public schools and institutions throughout our state and nation. Since we believe there is a potential for topics such as sexuality, gender identify, and extreme theories to be taught to our children in harmful and potentially damaging ways, we want to be part of the solution.

C.P.R. Inc. operates strictly on a volunteer basis. No one involved with C.P.R. receives any type of compensation.

C.P.R. does not endorse or oppose any candidates for public office or any political party. This questionnaire is being distributed electronically through our website, mainstream and social media, supporting churches, and other means. We have produced a questionnaire for: (1) Caldwell County Board of Education and (2) Caldwell District Judge.

The purpose of our questionnaire is to inform and educate voters of each candidate's position on a variety of general topics that are relevant to C.P.R.'s mission. As a faith-based organization, the questionnaire was designed to be distributed through Churches where the topics of the questions are of the utmost interest to a Christian voter.

Questionnaire Information

The information received from the questionnaire came directly from the candidates themselves. C.P.R. asked the questions in a multiple choice format with the option to elaborate on the response with a limit of 920 characters. To ensure the integrity of the questionnaire, candidate answers are published verbatim. No edits for grammar, spelling, etc. were made to the candidate's answers. An attempt was made to contact each candidate inviting them to respond to the questionnaire. Candidate responses are presented by office and then alphabetical order by last name. If a response was not submitted the publication will state "Did not respond."

Caldwell County Board of Education Questionnaire

- 1.) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. If Yes, please explain.
- 2.) Human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every stage until natural death. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 3.) Before students are taught courses such as Comprehensive Sex Ed (CSE), they must opt-in with written parental permission. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 4.) The loss of local control in education is too high a price to pay in exchange for federal dollars. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 5.) Do you support schools having armed resource officers? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 6.) Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools? Parents, Teachers, School Boards, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 7.) I support allowing public school students to participate in athletic competition based on the gender with which they identify instead of biological sex. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 8.) As a representative, would you support CRT type curriculum being used in the public schools? Support, Do Not Support, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 9.) Schools should be allowed to require COVID vaccinations? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 10.) Would you support mask mandates or school closures again in similar circumstances we experienced in 2020 & 2021? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.

Caldwell County District Judge Questionnaire

- 1.) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. If Yes, please explain.
- 2.) Human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every stage until natural death. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 3.) Do you have previous public service/community service experiences? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 4.) The loss of local control in government is too high a price to pay in exchange for federal dollars. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 5.) Should local law enforcement funding remain the same, decrease, or increase? Remain the same, Decrease, Increase, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 6.) Do you support the National School Board Association's characterization of parents who speak out at school board meetings as "domestic terrorists"? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 7.) Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools? Parents, Teachers, School Boards, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 8.) Should there be community participation in law enforcement? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.

- 9.) Should rehabilitation programs require drug testing? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 10.) Do you support creating an option to charge low-level drug possession as a misdemeanor rather than a felony? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.

Caldwell County Board of Education

Teresa Branch (R)

Did Not Respond

William (BJ) Fore (R)

Did Not Respond

Mark Gerson (R)

- 1.) **Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. If Yes, please explain.**

No.

- 2.) **Human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every stage until natural death. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**

Agree.

- 3.) **Before students are taught courses such as Comprehensive Sex Ed (CSE), they must opt-in with written parental permission. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**

Agree. This was one of the main issues I ran on during the primaries to fight against sexual indoctrination.

- 4.) **The loss of local control in education is too high a price to pay in exchange for federal dollars. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**

Agree. I also have talked to the current board that we MUST fight for what is RIGHT even if it means some lost revenue.

- 5.) **Do you support schools having armed resource officers? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**

Yes. I also would like to investigate what some other states, including Colorado, have done. They are training and allowing teachers and other staff to carry guns in schools.

- 6.) **Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools? Parents, Teachers, School Boards, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**

Parents. This is a big reason I am running for school board as a parent of two kids in Caldwell schools.

- 7.) **I support allowing public school students to participate in athletic competition based on the gender with which they identify instead of biological sex. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**

Disagree. I will fight for ONLY biological gender in sports!

- 8.) **As a representative, would you support CRT type curriculum being used in the public schools? Support, Do Not Support, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**

Do Not Support. Another major issue I ran on during the primaries to FIGHT against CRT in our schools.

- 9.) **Schools should be allowed to require COVID vaccinations? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**

No. I pulled my daughter out of public schools last year over the forced mask issue. I will lead protests and fight 'tooth and nail' if the even TRY to force 'the shot' on my kids.

10.) Would you support mask mandates or school closures again in similar circumstances we experienced in 2020 & 2021? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer.

Optional Elaboration.

No. As stated above, I'm ready to lead the protests and pull my kids out of schools if masks come back.

Elaine Setzer-Maxwell (D)

Did Not Respond

Joe Sims (R)

Did Not Respond

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