



For Your County

2022 General Election Candidate Questionnaire

Mitchell 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) Mitchell County Board of Education), and (2) Mitchell County Commissioners.

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."

Mitchell 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.

Mitchell County Commissioner 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.) 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.
- 4.) As a representative, would you keep the local law enforcement funding the same, decrease funding, or increase funding? Remain the same, Decrease funding, Increase funding, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 5.) If elected, would supporting local law enforcement be a high priority for you? Yes, No, 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.) Schools should be allowed to require COVID vaccinations? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.

- 9.) Do you support schools having armed resource officers? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
- 10.) Would you support local ordinances that would place restrictions on the 2nd Amendment rights as they are now enjoyed in the county? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.

Mitchell County Board of Education

Ron (Ronnie) Bailey

- 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.
- 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. Money is not the answer to everything.
- 5.) Do you support schools having armed resource officers? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
Yes.
- 6.) Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools? Parents, Teachers, School Boards, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
Teachers.
- 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.
- 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.
- 9.) Schools should be allowed to require COVID vaccinations? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.
No.
- 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.

Angela Bailey Burleson

- 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.
- 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.
- 5.) **Do you support schools having armed resource officers? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**
Yes.
- 6.) **Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools? Parents, Teachers, School Boards, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**
School Boards. I believe all three are ultimately responsible for the education of our children.
- 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.
- 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.
- 9.) **Schools should be allowed to require COVID vaccinations? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**
Yes.
- 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. I support the mask mandates but would not support the school closures to the extent that they were in 2020 and 2021.

Alan English
Did Not Respond

Chad Greene

- 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.
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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.
- 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.
- 5.) **Do you support schools having armed resource officers? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**
Yes.
- 6.) **Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools? Parents, Teachers, School Boards, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**
School Boards.
- 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.
- 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.**
Support.
- 9.) **Schools should be allowed to require COVID vaccinations? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**
No.

- 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.

Brandon Pitman
Did Not Respond

Pam Pitman

- 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.
- 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.
- 5.) **Do you support schools having armed resource officers? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**
Yes.
- 6.) **Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools? Parents, Teachers, School Boards, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**
Parents. Parents ultimately have control because they vote for members of the school board and have the option to remove their child from public education.
- 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.
- 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.
- 9.) **Schools should be allowed to require COVID vaccinations? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**
No.

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. I would support closures only as the last resort. If there was any other way, I would opt for students staying in school and without masks.

Kathy Young

Did Not Respond

Mitchell County Commissioner

Jeff Harding (R)

Did Not Respond

Howard Larsen (D)

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No.
- 2.) **Human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every stage until natural death. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**
Refuse to Answer. Not an issue that would deal with County Government. It is a topic that cannot be addressed with simple multiple choice answers.
- 3.) **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.**
Agree.
- 4.) **As a representative, would you keep the local law enforcement funding the same, decrease funding, or increase funding? Remain the same, Decrease funding, Increase funding, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**
Increase funding. Funding would need to be addressed according to needs of the Sheriff's Department and tax revenues of the County.
- 5.) **If elected, would supporting local law enforcement be a high priority for you? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.**
Yes. In my view we could use more deputies and we must address the future of a County jail. Currently we are funding good jobs in other counties when those jail related jobs need to be in Mitchell County.
- 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.**

Refuse to Answer. Not really refusing to answer but not familiar with the statement and will need to research the question.

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

Refuse to Answer. Again not refusing to answer but to have effective successful schools. All policies and function of Public Schools must be determined with input from Educators, parents, and students.

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

Refuse to Answer. Not refusing to answer but the issues protecting the community, rights of privacy, and control of your own body are not able to be addressed with a simple yes or no.

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

Yes.

10.) Would you support local ordinances that would place restrictions on the 2nd Amendment rights as they are now enjoyed in the county? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional Elaboration.

No.

Steve Pitman (R)

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Clayton Roberts (R)

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