



For Your County

**2024 Election
Candidate Questionnaire**

-Wake 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) McDowell County Board of Education and (2) McDowell County Board of 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 responses gathered from the questionnaire were provided directly by the candidates themselves. C.P.R. utilized a multiple-choice format for the questions, offering candidates the option to expand on their responses within a 950-character limit. Upholding the questionnaire's integrity, candidate answers are presented verbatim, without any modifications for grammar or spelling. Each candidate was contacted in an attempt to encourage their participation using the contact information obtained from the North Carolina State Board of Elections website.

If a candidate did not submit a response, the publication will indicate "Did Not Respond." In cases where a candidate replied via email, telephone, etc., but opted not to participate, the publication will note "Refused to Respond." The party affiliation of each candidate is listed beside their name: (D) for Democrat, (L) for Libertarian, (R) for Republican, (U) for Unaffiliated.

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) Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 3) Before students are taught courses such as Comprehensive Sex Ed (CSE), do you agree that parents must opt-in with written parental permission? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 4) Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools? School Boards, Teachers, Parents, State Government, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 5) I support Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, slogans, and/or training for students, teachers, and/or school staff. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 6) I do not believe school choice will improve educational opportunities for children in poor performing school districts? Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 7) I believe a detailed dress code policy should be firmly enforced by the administration, with support from the superintendent at all schools. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 8) Materials/books that are sexually explicit should be accessible to students in classrooms and/or libraries. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 9) I support policies and implementation of the Parents Bill of Rights (SB49). Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 10) As a representative, would you support Critical Race Theory type curriculum being used in the public schools? Support, Do not Support, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.

Board of Commissioners 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) Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death? Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 3) I support counties having a Pro Life Resolution. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 4) Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools? School Boards, Teachers, Parents, State Government, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 5) I support county tax dollars and/or grants to pay for Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) training for students and teachers/school staff. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 6) I support implementing Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, or slogans, for any local public entity. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 7) As a representative, how would you handle local law enforcement funding? Increase Funding, Decrease Funding, Keep the Same, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 8) Materials/books that are sexually explicit should be accessible to students in classrooms and/or libraries. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 9) 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.
- 10) Would you support local ordinances that would place restrictions on the 2nd Amendment rights as they are now applied in the county? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.

Wake County Board of Education (Coming Soon!)

**Candidate filling begins July 5 and ends
July 19.**

Wake County Board of Commissioners

District 04

Susan P. Evans (D)

Did Not Respond

District 05

DaQuanta Copeland (D)

- 1) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct?**

Response: No.

- 2) Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death?**

Response: Agree. I agree that human life begins at conception & deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death. This is why I don't understand why in 2023 maternal & infants mortality is so high and in Wake County. 13 of every 1,000 Black infants die in their first year; 2.5 white babies; 6.7 Hispanic infants. Why are we not implementing this legal protection? As a Black mother who was given a death sentence from the moment I conceived being told although my baby was healthy, I only had a 50% percent chance of surviving the delivery of my baby's birth if the pregnancy itself didn't kill me. I pleaded with the doctors to create a plan to care for me and my baby so that we both will survive the most natural experience a woman could have which is giving birth. It should be illegal to provide less than the best medical care to a mother because of her race.

- 3) I support counties having a Pro Life Resolution.**

Response: Disagree. I do not support a Pro Life Resolution as it is being implemented. I believe in a Pro Life resolution that will support and enhance All Lives according to the Word of God. We are not the enforcers of God's word. We are teachers and doers of the Word of God. It is not the place of government to take away the freedom of choice. God has given us a mandate and instructions to live but he also says, "Thou mayest choose for thyself, for it is given unto thee" (Moses 3:17). Before man can put a mandate on the choice of life there should be a mandate on the quality of health care, equitable resources, and sustainable livelihoods.

- 4) Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools?**

Response: State government. I really wish this question had an "All of the above" option. State Government is responsible for providing quality funding, legal mandate, & resources to insure the opportunity for quality public education. School Boards are responsible for distributing the funding and resources to the schools to create equitable opportunities for all schools & students to thrive. Teachers are responsible for ensuring no student is left behind & enhancing resources that will cater to all learning styles while creating a community for individual needs to address the unconscious bias that many

public school students faces. Parents are responsible for teaching students the basic morals required to allow a productive relationship with teachers & school staff that will support the community within the classroom. All of these are ultimate responsibilities & if anything is lacking everything is off balance & every child's quality of education is a stake.

5) I support county tax dollars and/or grants to pay for Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) training for students and teachers/school staff.

Response: Agree. I am proudly DEI certified and I believe the County should invest in DEI training for students and teachers. DEI trainings will expose you to yourself. An exposed problem is a solved problem so by having a deeper understanding of how we as a people have unconscious bias that guides the way we interact with others on all levels will put us on a path of healing from all the conscious bias that has been put in place.

6) I support implementing Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, or slogans, for any local public entity.

Response: Agree. Out of site out of mind. By implementing DEI statements, policies, or slogans, in any local public entity we can support the training provided. It will also allow us as a people to be mindful of others and their differences.

7) As a representative, how would you handle local law enforcement funding?

Response: Increase funding. I will support increasing law enforcement funding according to livable wage metrics within the county. Our deputies and sheriff has a very unique responsibility to our community and deserve equitable pay to reflect the importance of their responsibilities.

8) Materials/books that are sexually explicit should be accessible to students in classrooms and/or libraries.

Response: Agree. Absolutely Not! It is the responsibility of the parents to educate our children on things that are sexual in nature. Sexually explicit books will require the same equitable opportunities in these spaces no matter what the content is on and that could cause a hostile environment according to the families beliefs. If we keep these conversations out of our schools and libraries then students wouldn't have to endure unnecessary conversations or teachings.

9) I support allowing public school students to participate in athletic competition based on the gender with which they identify instead of biological sex.

Response: Disagree. I do not support allowing an athlete competing in sports according to the sex they identify as over their biological gender. I will support creating competitive sport teams according to the identified gender so that everyone will have an opportunity to be active.

10) Would you support local ordinances that would place restrictions on the 2nd Amendment rights as they are now applied in the county?

Response: No. I believe in safety and order and I also believe in the right to bear arms. If it is my Constitutional right to bear arms then I don't feel I need extra permission to do so as a law abiding citizen. It would depend on the restrictions that would be put in place and rather that would violate our rights or jeopardize public safety.

Tara Waters (D)
Did Not Respond

Jacob Arthur (R)

- 1) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct?**

Response: No.

- 2) Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death?**

Response: Agree. I am an abortion abolitionist. I believe life starts at the moment of conception and incremental restrictions still facilitate the murder of babies.

- 3) I support counties having a Pro Life Resolution.**

Response: Agree.

- 4) Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools?**

Response: Parents. Ultimately, parents are responsible for the education of their children. As a society we have established the public school system, however that does not negate or replace the educational responsibilities of parents. Unfortunately, many parents have ceded that responsibility to the State.

- 5) I support county tax dollars and/or grants to pay for Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) training for students and teachers/school staff.**

Response: Disagree. I find DEI immoral. As a county commissioner I would refuse to support any spending on DEI programs or initiatives.

- 6) I support implementing Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, or slogans, for any local public entity.**

Response: Disagree.

- 7) As a representative, how would you handle local law enforcement funding?**

Response: Increase funding. The Wake County sheriff's office currently has 200 open positions. The main responsibility of the County should be providing public safety. As a commissioner one of my top priorities would be to prioritize spending to ensure we are providing the citizens of Wake County a safe place to live and work.

- 8) Materials/books that are sexually explicit should be accessible to students in classrooms and/or libraries.**

Response: Disagree.

- 9) I support allowing public school students to participate in athletic competition based on the gender with which they identify instead of biological sex.**

Response: Disagree. I am a father to three girls and there is nothing i find more disrespectful, and potentially harmful to girls, than allowing biological boys to compete in their sports.

- 10) Would you support local ordinances that would place restrictions on the 2nd Amendment rights as they are now applied in the county?**

Response: No. The more freedom that is applied to the 2nd Amendment at all levels of government results in more freedom for our citizens.

Darren Eustance (R)

- 1) **Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct?**
Response: No.
- 2) **Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death?**
Response: Agree.
- 3) **I support counties having a Pro Life Resolution.**
Response: Agree.
- 4) **Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools?**
Response: Parents.
- 5) **I support county tax dollars and/or grants to pay for Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) training for students and teachers/school staff.**
Response: Disagree.
- 6) **I support implementing Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, or slogans, for any local public entity.**
Response: Disagree.
- 7) **As a representative, how would you handle local law enforcement funding?**
Response: Increase funding. We also need to focus on doing more for mental health and rehabilitation.
- 8) **Materials/books that are sexually explicit should be accessible to students in classrooms and/or libraries.**
Response: Disagree.
- 9) **I support allowing public school students to participate in athletic competition based on the gender with which they identify instead of biological sex.**
Response: Disagree.
- 10) **Would you support local ordinances that would place restrictions on the 2nd Amendment rights as they are now applied in the county?**
Response: No.

Shinica Thomas (D)

Did Not Respond