



# 2020 North Carolina Voter Guide Questionnaire 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 2020 Voter Guide.)

1. Should lower income 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?

Yes  No  Undecided

2. Should the advertising budget for the State Lottery be increased in an effort to increase lottery ticket sales?

Yes  No  Undecided

3. Should the N.C. Lottery Commission authorize the use of "digital instants," which would be equivalent to instituting Internet-based video poker or video sweepstakes operated online by the State Lottery?

Yes  No  Undecided

4. Should the State offer tax breaks and other financial benefits as an incentive for businesses to locate in N.C.?

Yes  No  Undecided

5. Should state nondiscrimination laws include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" as protected classifications?

Yes  No  Undecided

6. Should North Carolina continue to provide abstinence until marriage sexuality education in public schools?

Yes  No  Undecided

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7. Should organizations that provide abortions be allowed to receive state funds?

Yes  No  Undecided

8. Should North Carolina law allow a medical professional to assist another person in ending their life?

Yes  No  Undecided

9. Should state law require a health care practitioner, who is present at the time a child is born alive after a failed abortion attempt, 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

10. Should access to public multiple occupancy bathrooms, showers and changing facilities be based on an individual's biological sex as designated on their birth certificate?

Yes  No  Undecided

11. Should churches and other qualified religious organizations continue to receive tax-exempt status?

Yes  No  Undecided

12. Should the number of terms a state legislator may serve in the North Carolina General Assembly be limited?

Yes  No  Undecided

13. Should a person's religious beliefs influence the decisions they make while serving in public office?

Yes  No  Undecided

14. Should North Carolina legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Yes  No  Undecided

15. Should the N.C. General Assembly reinstate a cap on the number of public charter schools in North Carolina?

Yes  No  Undecided

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**Please return completed questionnaire to the  
NC Family Policy Council by Friday, June 19, 2020**

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By Email to: [vote@ncfamily.org](mailto:vote@ncfamily.org)

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1. Should lower income 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?

*A: YES - North Carolina has an obligation under Article 1, Section 15. of the State Constitution to guard and maintain the right of the people to an education. To that end, the money for education should follow the child and the state government has an obligation to not stand in the way of choice and options for North Carolina families as it pertains to education.*

2. Should the advertising budget for the State Lottery be increased in an effort to increase lottery ticket sales?

*A: NO – The State Government has no business involving itself in gambling, let alone centrally controlled government sanctioned gambling. State Lotteries disproportionately prey on the poor. The State spending taxpayer funds, which would be best allocated elsewhere, to promote the vice of gambling is a cynical and potentially harmful practice.*

3. Should the N.C. Lottery Commission authorize the use of “digital instants,” which would be equivalent to instituting Internet-based video poker or video sweepstakes operated online by the State Lottery?

*A: NO – The State Government has no business involving itself in a centrally controlled gambling industry. Such an industry must be privatized and decentralized, outside the direct control of the State Government. The role of the N.C. Lottery Commission should be one of regulatory oversight only.*

4. Should the State offer tax breaks and other financial benefits as an incentive for business to locate to N.C.?

*A: NO – The State Government should not give hard earned tax dollars to private companies as an incentive to locate here. Not only is such a practice unfair to businesses already in N.C., but it doesn't provide the right kinds of incentives to promote and foster a friendly business climate that would lead to businesses naturally wanting to locate to N.C. If local governments, want to issue a property tax credit for a business or industry, that is for the local citizens to decide and judge without State level interference.*

5. Should state nondiscrimination laws include “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” as protected classifications?

*A: YES – The State Government has an obligation to provide legal recourse to citizens who are discriminated against due to arbitrary characteristics they have no control over. Likewise, local governments should be empowered to provide for legal recourse demanded of them by their local constituents without the fear of reprisal or retribution by an overbearing State Government.*

6. Should North Carolina continue to provide abstinence until marriage sexuality education in public schools?

*A: UNDECIDED – It should be left up to local school districts how education is approached. It is appropriate for the State Government to offer guidelines and a minimum baseline standard. Anything beyond the baseline would be up to the locally elected school boards to decide.*

7. Should organizations that provide abortions be allowed to receive state funds?

*A: NO – It is presumed hospitals are exempt from this question and that NCFPC is referring to privately run clinics. In the case of private clinics, or any private business, taxpayer money should not be used to subsidize their operation, no matter the product or service.*

8. Should North Carolina law allow a medical professional to assist another person in ending their life?

*A: UNDECIDED – Libertarians believe that you own yourself and your body. While the idea of physician assisted suicide is an uncomfortable one, I find it hard to argue against the right of a terminal cancer patient of sound mind, for example, to pick the time and place of their exit from the mortal world. Ultimately, I believe this kind of very hard decision is deeply personal and government involvement in such choices are inappropriate.*

9. Should state law require a healthcare practitioner, who is present at the time a child is born alive after a failed abortion attempt, 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?

*A: YES – Life is precious and should be preserved, especially in the instance of a child. Fortunately the hypothetical situation proposed in the question is highly unlikely given the methods used in current medicine, but should that near impossible situation arise, it would be expected that all healthcare professionals present would have a duty to act in the best interest of the child.*

10. Should access to public multiple occupancy bathrooms, showers, and changing facilities be based on an individual's biological sex as designated on their birth certificate?

*A: YES – The obvious exceptions to this rule are for private property owners and individuals who have medically transitioned from their birth sex.*

11. Should churches and other qualified religious organizations continue to receive tax-exempt status?

*A: YES*

12. Should the number of terms a state legislator may serve in the North Carolina General Assembly be limited?

*A: YES – all public offices should be term limited.*

13. Should a person's religious beliefs influence the decisions they make while serving in public office?

*A: NO – Public officials have a duty to be as even handed and dispassionate as possible as they make the laws and policies that the rest of us must follow. However, we are all human and it is expected that our deeply and sincerely held religious or philosophical beliefs will temper our approach to issues, laws, and policies.*

14. Should North Carolina legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

*A: YES – The Cannabis plant has several proven medical uses. Cannabidiol for example is used to treat childhood epilepsy with great success, with an FDA approved version now on the market. The opportunity for our farmers to have access to a medicine producing cash crop would certainly be a boon to our rural communities.*

15. Should the N.C. General Assembly reinstate a cap on the number of public charter schools in North Carolina?

*A: NO – Public charter schools are immensely popular in our state, particularly among poor and working class communities. As the right to an education is explicitly called out in our State Constitution's Declaration of Rights, increasing not only the cap, but access to Opportunity Scholarships would go a long way to providing more opportunity for our fellow citizens.*