

## 2012 Civitas Candidate Survey

### Candidate Profile Information

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### Candidate Issue & Policy Questions

**2. North Carolina should raise the state sales tax by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of one cent – or 15 percent -- to provide additional resources to public schools.**

Disagree

**3. A nonpartisan redistricting commission should be established to draw North Carolina's Congressional and state legislative district maps.**

Agree

**4. North Carolina should allow offshore and natural gas exploration.**

Agree

**5. In order to address North Carolina's ongoing budget difficulties, state lawmakers should:**

Reduce spending

**7. The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) should be repealed.**

Agree

**8. North Carolina should retain capital punishment as a sentencing option.**

Agree

**9. North Carolina should adopt a constitutional amendment limiting the annual growth rate of state spending to a combination of inflation plus population growth.**

Disagree

**10. North Carolina's status as a "Right to Work" state should be written into the state constitution.**

Disagree

**11. Teacher pay should be tied to student performance and other factors reflecting teacher quality.**

Agree

**12. The North Carolina legislature should repeal Same-Day Registration.**

Agree

**13. North Carolina should amend the state constitution to ensure that all new issues of state or local debt require voter approval.**

Agree

**14. North Carolina should reinstate the cap on the state gas tax rate.**

Disagree

**17. The state should continue to fund Planned Parenthood.**

Disagree

**18. When state government spends more money to hire more state workers, it creates jobs and therefore stimulates the economy.**

Disagree

**19. North Carolina should repeal its estate tax.**

Agree

**21. North Carolina should have term limits for state Senators and Representatives.**

Disagree

**22. North Carolina should end the unofficial moratorium on the death penalty.**

Agree

**23. North Carolina should eliminate all targeted tax credits and subsidies for businesses and instead tax all businesses the same.**

Agree

**24. Judges should continue to be elected by the voters.**

Agree

**25. North Carolina should provide tax credits to individuals and businesses that fund scholarships for K-12 students to attend non-public schools.**

Disagree

**26. State lawmakers should make more laws requiring employers to provide certain benefits to workers (i.e. paid sick leave, lunch breaks, etc.).**

Disagree

**27. State pensions should be eliminated for elected officials in North Carolina.**

Disagree

**28. The federal government should provide healthcare under a single-payer system.**

Disagree

**30. The current K-12 teacher tenure system should be retained.**

Disagree

**31. Decisions about how to pay for healthcare services should be determined by:**

Undecided

**32. North Carolina needs to continue to aggressively offer targeted tax credits and subsidies to recruit businesses to expand or relocate in the state, thus creating jobs.**

Disagree

**33. Minimum Wage Laws:**

Undecided

**35. Party labels should be restored to judicial elections.**

Disagree

**36. North Carolina should implement a state health insurance exchange to comply with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).**

Disagree

**Additional comments**

#1 marked too high and about right - As a taxpayer I always think they're too high. Need more analysis to determine if we (can) feasibly lower taxes.

#5 This is my strong preference.

#6 no response - I personally agree; However as a representative I need to represent how my district feels as well.

#9 I don't believe that writing this into the constitution is appropriate.

#10 I don't believe that writing this into the constitution is appropriate.

#11 Needs study on how to make that happen.

#15 no response - Need further information

#16 generated own response - I believe in reduction of market regulation not criminal reduction.

#20 no response - This needs further study; agree with general princable but wording needs changing. Children should not be promoted just because.

#25 Vouchers should be handled as a matter of public policy not back doored.

#29 no response - The state works well with SEANC, but not as a collective bargaining unit.

#34 no response - It's not the amount of money being spent -- but where the money is being spent. We should be able to get quality education for that or less.