

## 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

**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

**6. Marriage between one man and one woman should be the only domestic legal union that is valid in North Carolina.**

Agree

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 The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) should be repealed.**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

Agree

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

Agree

**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.**

Agree

**15. North Carolina should repeal mandated renewable energy quotas on electric companies in order to decrease energy costs.**

Agree

**16. In terms of state regulation of businesses, which most closely resembles your view?**

The state should eliminate many regulations to allow entrepreneurs more flexibility

**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

**20. Students should be able to perform at or above grade level before being promoted to the next grade.**

Agree

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

Agree

**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.**

Agree

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

Disagree

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

Disagree

**29. North Carolina should allow collective bargaining for:**

No public employees

**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:**

The individual

**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

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

Agree

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

Disagree

**Additional comments**

#16 I have to study this question

#25 School vouchers may work, too

#27 no response - Pension is nothing. The pay is nothing. Would you work for nothing? A Legislator gets \$13,000 per year.

You have to pay for your own car. You drive 40,000 to 50,000 per year. In two years you destroy your car. Who pays you for a new car every two years? Are you going to help or fund my campaign? PS We need your financial help. The DNC is spending

#30 I do not know this situation

#33. no response - Minimum wage is an entry level wage period. It is not a livable wage, and it is not intended to be. What is the question? High wages? Higher wages? No wages? People should be paid something for their time and labor. Do you work for free? Is food free? etc. Minimum wage is not intended to be a living wage. You get another job or get a better education to improve your wage.

#34 no response - I have to study this question. I do not know what is the right amount for education.

#35 Judges vote as if they were liberal or conservative. I would force them to identify their views.

Most legislators put in great amountst of time and money to serve the public. They also work all year round to meet with voters, and businessmen. They attend hundreds of meetings to learn about new regulations and new proposals. They receive no pay for many of the meetings they attend. They are truly a public servant. How much did I get paid for completing 15 surveys? Nothing! PS If you want to help conservative candidates, then send money.