

PA PAC Questionnaire for NC House and Senate - 2022

Please return the completed form along with your resume or biographical statement describing education, work history, community service, and prior political experience, as well as a high-resolution headshot of yourself as soon as possible, but by Sat Mar 19 at 5pm, at the latest.

Please e-mail your responses to PAC Coordinators at papacboard@googlegroups.com by Saturday, March 19 at 5pm.

Please note that following the Saturday, March 19 at 5pm deadline, the People's Alliance PAC may publish your responses to this questionnaire and your resume.

When answering this questionnaire, please repeat the questions in your response document with each question numbered and organized as it appears here. Type your responses in italics, bold, or a different font to distinguish your responses from the questions. Do not use colors or shading.

Please try to confine your responses to no more than 300 words unless another word limit is indicated. Do not feel obliged to exhaust the limit for each question.

If you use words or ideas from another person, please attribute your source.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire and your willingness to serve the people of Durham.

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Why Are You Running?

1. What are the three most important issues facing North Carolina? What are your top priorities in addressing these issues?

My first priority is getting rid of corporate corruption. This includes such things as illegal spam calls to people on no call lists and refunds that are impossible to receive.

Employees will be able to object to pirated software without fear of dismissal. My second priority is school vouchers. Competition is the best way to give our school children the best possible education and have equality for all. My third priority is to improve school discipline by giving children a reason to behave.

State Revenues, State Spending, and the Economy

2. Is the current system of state taxation fair? What changes should be made, if any? Please cite specific examples

I believe that while there is always room for improvement, our current system is reasonably fair.

3. Are you in favor of reducing government spending in any specific areas? If so, please list your top three specific areas and explain your reasons. Are you in favor of increasing government spending in any specific areas? If so, please list your top three specific areas and explain your reasons.

A strong economy will increase revenue into the state allowing for additional spending in areas such as policing. All departments in the state should strive to reduce spending when possible.

4. What is your stance on the state of North Carolina utilizing economic development incentives, such as the One NC and JDIG programs to attract and recruit corporations?

A strong economy is the solution to everything. Anything to encourage strong businesses into the state is a good thing.

Secure Elections, Fair Elections, and the Right to Vote

5. What changes need to be made to NC law to protect the right of all people to vote in free and fair elections?

I would suggest that we get rid of the machines and have a camera on every vote at the end of the voting day so that everyone becomes an auditor. This would eliminate a lot of almost all fraud along with requiring id to vote.

Housing

6. What, if anything, should the NC government do to promote affordable housing and home ownership? What specific policies or programs would you use to do that? Do you support downpayment assistance for first time homebuyers? Rent control? Inclusionary zoning? Please detail your answer.

The best solution to insuring everyone has excellent housing is a strong economy.

7. What should the NC government do, if anything, to avoid an eviction crisis following the lifting of the COVID-era moratorium on evictions?

We have to be fair to both renters and rentees. This was a world wide crisis that hit everyone. The market will take care of itself if we leave it alone.

Wealth

8. What is your stance on the minimum wage? What do you consider to be a livable wage? What role should the NC government play in regulating wages?

Minimum wage is intended only for start up jobs. A strong economy will allow anyone with ambition and skill to make significantly more than minimum wage.

9. How can we bring more progressivity to North Carolina's tax code?

The rich already pay most of the taxes. I do not see changing the tax structure.

Guns

10. What, if anything, should be done to reduce the proliferation of firearms and reduce gun violence in NC?

I am the author of "The Theory of Biblical Patterns" which is 100 patterns in Genesis 1:1 that are beyond chance. If we would teach this theory in schools, children would realize that we now have proof that there is indeed a heaven and hell and crime would virtually disappear.

Civil Rights and Race Equity

11. What should the state do to promote racial equity and diversity, such as increasing opportunities for under-represented and under-served people of color? Can you provide an example of your advocacy for race-equity and diversity?

A strong economy will raise all boats. True Christians are by far the least racist group. Teaching "The Theory of Biblical Patterns" in schools would virtually eliminate racism in the United States.

The Environment

12. Addressing the climate crisis through transformative, intersectional policies will be essential to keeping NC communities safe, healthy, and vibrant. What do you see as the most critical environmental and climate justice issues facing NC and your district? If elected, how would you leverage your role to address them?

The climate crisis has been overblown. Even if CO2 were a major problem, solar and wind are already cheaper than coal in many cases. Once battery technology catches up in the next decade or so, the entire CO2 issue, even if there was one, will disappear.

13. Duke Energy's monopoly on our utilities has severely curbed the expansion of clean energy across North Carolina and locked us into the expansion of harmful gas plants – with disproportionate pollution and cost burdens falling on Black and Brown communities. What creative ideas will you bring to the Legislature to push back against Duke Energy to create a more safe, affordable, and resilient electricity sector?

I would encourage an increase in battery and fusion research to solve the energy crisis once and for all. Let the market solve the issue.

14. Other states like California and Colorado have rolled out “Climate Corps” programs that create thousands of good jobs increasing community resilience to climate change, reducing pollution, and building out renewable energy. What ideas do you have for how North Carolina can promote green jobs and workforce development, while addressing the climate crisis and reducing pollution in our most-impacted neighborhoods?

Increase research into batteries and fusion.

State and Local Government Relations

15. In what ways should NC preempt local governments? In what ways in which it currently does so should it not?

The people closest to the problem are often the best at solving it.

Education

16. What is your record of support for community colleges and what do you see as the role of community college in increasing access to economic mobility and higher education for those who want it?

Community colleges is one area I see us expanding grants to so that everyone can access to advanced education.

17. What policies would you pursue to increase access to four-year college, community college, training programs, and workforce development initiatives?

The state can offer work grants to business who offer to pay for employees college

18. What, if anything, should the NC government do to promote the education of youth in the history of civil rights, racial inequality, and the legacy of racial discrimination in the United States and NC?

CRT is not the solution, it is the problem. Teach our school children love to one another.

Party Politics

19. If you find your party in the minority in your elected body, what do you see as the role of the minority party? Please detail the role of deal making with members of the opposing party, especially on issues on which deep divisions exist. Please give specific examples from your past.

If I find myself in the minority, I will use my voice to convince the other side what I feel will best benefit the economy and society.

Campaign Funding

20. Does your campaign have specific policies regarding from whom it accepts donations? Please specifically detail any contributions from corporations to your current and prior campaigns. How do you see the influence of donors on policy, both for yourself and for others?

I am a small campaign and do not see any issues with accepting money from any person or organization that has high moral standards.

Your Politics

21. For whom did you vote in the 2020 United States Senate and presidential elections?

As a solid conservative, I always vote a straight conservative ticket. I always vote Republican.