

Amy Taylor North Candidate Questionnaire

- What is your background in politics? **I've volunteered on several campaigns since 2016. Now I'm a candidate.**

- Why were you drawn to run for office? **I've invested thousands of hours fighting for democracy. Things are worse than ever (folks stripped of rights, affordable housing issues, and extremes that threaten our democracy) so I needed to step up, do more than ever before for my sons, my community and my state.**

- If you had to pick three issues (housing, economy, schools, policing, etc) which three issues would you say are most important to you? **The economy, fully-funding public schools, reproductive/personal freedoms.**

- If elected, how would you work with fellow representatives on the other side of the

political aisle? **Carefully, and kindly. Genuine relationships matter. First, we must break the supermajority to level the field, then we must find common ground and work together for systemic, effective change.**

- What do you see as the role of the office you seek? **To represent all of the folks in my district, and find ways to promote unity so we can make NC the best possible place to live and work. Some of that involves HOW we spend money in NC.**

- Which city do you live in and what are three favorite things about it? **Clemmons--the Clemmons Farmers' Market, the many small businesses that bring our community together/face-to-face, and West Forsyth HS--both of my sons go/went there.**

For state races:

- Where do you think our state is headed? What stands in the way? How can you help us get there?

Without breaking the supermajority, our state is in the hands of one party, and one that bends to extremists--that means losing our democracy and freedoms. Our economy looks to be stronger with clean energy and tech jobs, but without investing in our schools--we'll all suffer from an undereducated workforce.

We must break the supermajority in order to defend democracy and move NC forward. Extremes on either side don't help us find solutions and create systemic change. Listening, creative solutions, and representatives working toward a common goal will help.

- Our state seems divided by party. What are some of the things that both parties agree on? **Healthcare, safety, creation of jobs.**

- For state representatives: If elected, what are some pieces of legislation you would work to draft or sponsor? **Fully funding our kids' schools, making teacher's salaries competitive again, and supporting universal pre-K. Reduce wasteful spending so we have the funds for other needs. Protecting the rights of ALL--women, couples, LGBTQ+ persons, and voters.**

- Which laws that have been passed in the last few years are you most in support of? Which do you least support?

Education is the great equalizer; and I support choice, but 8 of 10 kids attend public schools, so the expansion of private school vouchers (which my opponent co-sponsored) that takes \$460M in tax dollars away from our public schools is destroying our schools. Teachers in these schools don't have to be certified, there's no standard learning metric so taxpayers have no way to assess their ROI.

- Who are your legislative role models and why? **Natasha Marcus--she's fought for women and blown the cover off fraudulent crisis pregnancy centers. Jeff Jackson--he's made politics accessible and found followers on social media who weren't tuned in before.**

- What are the drawbacks of gerrymandered districts to our state? Are there any benefits? **I know of no benefits; gerrymandering makes it tough on voters to know where to go to vote/what district they are in, etc.; it's allowed Republicans to gerrymander in the most extreme ways because they also own the court.**

