

## **Brandon Gray-Hill Candidate Questionnaire**

**What is your background in politics? If you are an incumbent, please state which offices you have held and when.**

**Why were you drawn to run for office?**

I currently represent District 6 and it is the honor of my life to serve my community. I got my start in politics being activist and then volunteering and working on campaigns. Running for office and being elected is how I believe I can best serve my community at this time. It is important that we have people in elected office who are truly representative of our community.

**If you had to pick three issues (housing, economy, schools, policing, etc) which three issues would you say are most important to you?**

Schools, Economic Development, and public health/safety.

**If elected, how would you work with fellow representatives on the other side of the political aisle?**

We as a board have a great relationship with working together for the good of our Community.

**What do you see as the role of the office you seek?**

Being a Commissioner is having an instant impact on folks every day life. We are the voice for our districts we address the concerns of our citizens and make sure the county is being ran efficiently.

**Which city do you live in and what are three favorite things about it?**

I live in Greensboro, this is my home. My friends went off to college and moved away I stayed here to make it a better place. This home, I love the community feel, I love the different cultures, as well as the incredible local restaurants we have here.

**What things does the county need to work on, and how would you contribute to those efforts?**

I am proud of the work we are doing, I think we should continue to invest in these essential services that ensure that our community thrives.

**What areas do you think the county spends too much money on? What areas should they be spending less?**

I think our team does a great job of allocating funding. As republicans in the General Assembly continue to defund our public schools the county has to step in and fill the gap. If over half of our budget did not have to go to our schools we would be able to afford to spend more money in other places but at this time we cannot.

**Earlier this year, the Supreme Court passed a ruling that allows for municipalities to fine or ban unhoused people for being in public spaces. What relationship should the county commission have with the county's homeless community?**

As a member of the Homelessness task force this is something I am passionate about. We should not be criminalizing people we should be helping them and that is what I am committed to continuing to do.

**Do you support tax increases to support school infrastructure or teacher pay?**

I support the one quarter CENT sales tax that will be on the ballot.

**Do you have any personal or professional relationships that would be a conflict of interest? How would you navigate them as a county commissioner?** No.

**Guilford County candidates: What's your take on a 1-percent prepared food tax that would go toward sports tourism projects? Would you support it? Why or why not?**

This was in talks before I became a Commissioner so I am not familiar with the proposal. However, I am not in favor of taxing food I think it disproportionately affects low income families.