2012 Civitas Candidate Survey

Candidate Profile Information

Name

Jacqueline Schaffer

Office sought

NC House of Representatives

District (if applicable)

105

Party

Republican

Address

12113 Shoal Creek Court
Charlotte, NC 28277

County

Mecklenburg

Occupation

Attorney

Public Phone #

(704)968-8820

Website

http://www.electjacquelineschaffer.com

Email

electjacqueline105@gmail.com

Candidate Issue & Policy Questions

1. Tax rates in North Carolina are

Too high

2. North Carolina should raise the state sales tax by ¾ 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

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 The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) should be repealed.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

Disagree

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

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

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

33. Minimum Wage Laws:

Are an unfair intrusion into the labor market, and hurt the employment opportunities for low-skilled labor

34. North Carolina currently spends about $8,400 per K-12 public school student. This is about the right amount of spending.

Agree

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

19. Provided that the repeal of the estate tax would not simply transfer those funds to the federal government.

23. MOST targeted tax credits and subsidies should be eliminated and MOST businesses should be taxed the same. As explained in question 32 below, I would support reasonable tax credits in very limited circumstances. Such tax credits must not overly burden the taxpayers and should provide real, sustainable fixes to our economy. Some businesses (such as those posing a significant environmental impact, for instance) may require a different tax rate than other businesses.

27. If term limits were imposed for elected officials, however, the pension system would require an overhaul.

32. To encourage businesses to expand or relocate in the state, NC should focus on improving the state business climate as a whole through measures such as reducing or eliminating the corporate income tax and reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens on businesses. That being said, however, I am not opposed to reasonable tax credits in certain circumstances that do not overly burden the taxpayers. We need to ensure that we are implementing long-term, sustainable fixes to our economy (rather than "quick fixes" that only serve to burden the taxpayers in the long-run), while remaining competitive with other states

in attracting new businesses.