**2016 North Carolina General Election Candidate Questionnaire**

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**Questions:**

1. What inspired you to run for NC House 49 and if elected what do you want your legacy to be after you leave?

I am dissatisfied with the partisanship and games played by the Republicans and Democrats in North Carolina. I would hope a major accomplishment of mine would be leading the change in North Carolina that disrupted the balance of power by introducing the Libertarian Party to the North Carolina Legislature.

2. In your opinion what is the biggest issue on the minds of North Carolinians right now and how do you believe you could have the biggest impact?

There are many issues that need to be addressed but I would like to end Duke Energy’s monopoly in the energy sector. An energy market driven by consumer choice is what North Carolina needs. States like Texas and Pennsylvania already have energy markets driven by consumer choice and these states should serve as models.

3. What policy areas are the most important to you and if elected what changes would you make?

We need to raise pay for public employees while at the same time moving their retirement plans to a defined contribution system. Criminal justice reform is also critically important.

4. As a large community organization we don’t always agree with each other on the best way to accomplish many of our projects, but we always work together to get the job done. In what way do you believe you will be able to work together with members of the opposite party to work together?

Libertarians often find themselves agreeing with one party or the other depending on the issue or question. Having even a handful of Libertarians in the NC Legislature would have a dramatic impact as it might deprive either side of an outright majority.

5. Just for fun: North Carolina doesn’t have an “official State dessert”, but if we did what would you want it to be?

Sweet potato pie seems to be a good option based on the importance of sweet potato farming in North Carolina. The citizens of North Carolina would have been better served if our Legislature had worked on this question in March of this year instead of HB2.