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**Questions:**

1. What inspired you to run for [House of Representative – Wake County – District 49] and if elected what do you want your legacy to be after you leave? Mental Health, Job Creation, Education, Transportation. I campaigned for my first term with mental health as my first priority, especially the shortage of 500 in-patient psychiatrist beds. We approved adding 351 more beds by 2019. I will continue the fight for the 149 more beds.
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? Education, Jobs, Transportation. Since I have been in the House of Representative, teachers have received 11.3% raises and NC will have the highest teacher pay in the South. I worked hard to defeat the Senate bill to abolish the 8,500 teacher assistants and abolishing driver’s education. In the past I served as Assistant Secretary, NC DOT and worked three years on NC Transportation Systems.
3. What policy areas are the most important to you and if elected what changes would you make? Mental Health
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? I have reached out to Democrats in the House and helped them pass legislation. Also, I asked them to help me defeat certain fringe legislation from my party.
5. Just for fun: North Carolina doesn’t have an “official State dessert”, but if we did what would you want it to be? Watermelon