



North Carolina Voters for Clean Elections

**2014 Campaign Reform Questionnaire**

**Candidate Name:**

**Party Affiliation:**

**Office Sought:**

**District:**

**Campaign Address:**

**Campaign Phone:**

**Campaign Email:**

**Campaign Website:**

Please indicate your position on the following issues by marking yes, no, or undecided. If you need to explain your position, you may elaborate. **Responses should be returned by email to [melissa@ncvce.org](mailto:melissa@ncvce.org) or postmarked by September 26<sup>th</sup> and mailed to PO Box 10402, Raleigh, NC 27605.**

1. Do you think the rising cost of campaigns in North Carolina pushes candidates to spend too much of their time fundraising?

Yes  No  Undecided

**Voter-Owned Elections**

2. Until 2013, North Carolina had a law allowing statewide judicial candidates and some Council of State candidates to qualify for public campaign funding or "Voter-



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Owned Elections” - if they refuse special interest funds, adhere to spending limits, and prove their grassroots support by obtaining a large number of small contributions from N.C. voters. 80% of candidates used this program in N.C. from 2004-2012.

a. Did you support this program?

Yes  No  Undecided

b. Will you vote to implement a new Judicial “Voter-Owned Elections” public campaign funding law?

Yes  No  Undecided

3. Do you support reviving and expanding the public financing option for Council of State offices?

Yes  No  Undecided

4. Would you support the creation of a “Voter-Owned Elections” public financing option for state legislative races?

Yes  No  Undecided

5. Several cities, including Raleigh, Wilmington, and Greenville, have passed resolutions for state authority to explore local public campaign financing options. If elected, would you support passage of a state law that would give North Carolina



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counties and cities the authority to create local “Voter-Owned Elections” or public financing programs for local candidates, as an alternative to the current privately financed campaign finance system?

Yes  No  Undecided

### **Disclosure**

6. The U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Citizens United v. FEC* allows corporations and unions to create political groups to sponsor independent expenditures that directly support or oppose candidates. Would you support new disclosure and reporting requirements for these groups that require:

a. Increased disclosure of the income sources and the expenses of independent groups that spend money directly opposing or supporting the election of candidates?

Yes  No  Undecided

b. Public attribution of the independent group’s top five donors in each political advertisement the group sponsors?

Yes  No  Undecided

### **Money in Politics**

7. Do you support or oppose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to reverse the *Citizens United* Supreme Court decision?

Yes  No  Undecided



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8. If you have any other ideas for addressing money-in-politics problems please list them below.