2014 Campaign Reform Questionnaire

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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 or postmarked by September 26th 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?

__X__ 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-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?

__X__ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

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

__X__ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

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

__X__ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
4. Would you support the creation of a “Voter-Owned Elections” public financing option for state legislative races?

_x__ 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 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?

_x__ 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?

_x__ Yes  ____ No  ____ Undecided

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

_x__ 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?

_x__ Yes  ____ No  ____ Undecided

8. If you have any other ideas for addressing money-in-politics problems please list them below.
At the very least we need non partisan redistricting. Elections have drifted away from the voter. In North Carolina’s case it has gone to outside groups who in most cases do not have a connection with those who actually live in the state. They try to represent the whole state
with their ideology instead of allowing the voters to represent themselves. How can voters have representation if they can’t compete with the money that is spent by outside groups. It’s taxation without representation and in my opinion, unconstitutional.