

PA PAC Questionnaire for N. C. General Assembly Candidates - 2018

Please return this completed form along with your resume or a brief biographical statement describing your education, work history, community service, and prior political experience as soon as possible, but by March 9, at the latest.

You may e-mail your responses to Tom Miller at tom-miller1@nc.rr.com or you may send a printed copy of your responses to Durham PA-PAC c/o Tom Miller, 1110 Virginia Avenue, Durham, NC 27705

Please note that following the March 9 deadline, the Durham People's Alliance PAC may publish your responses to this questionnaire and your resume.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire and your willingness to serve the people of Durham.

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Marcia Morey, District 30

1. Off all issues confronting the State of North Carolina which single issue is most important and why? What would you do about it if you are elected?

Ensuring North Carolina has fair elections is the most important issue currently facing North Carolina. Partisan and racial gerrymandering has resulted in 7 years of an unconstitutional General Assembly super majority that has strangled our democracy. Millions of taxpayer dollars have been spent fighting and appealing redistricting challenges. In 2017, the redistricting shenanigans targeted the judiciary, which has led to chaos and confusion with proposed new politically motivated judicial maps; the delay for filing for judicial seats and the elimination of primaries in all judicial races. I will fight the political restructuring of our courts and all gerrymandering efforts. I have spoken throughout the state on these issues as well as being part of a federal lawsuit to reinstitute judicial primaries. I am a strong advocate for a nonpartisan independent redistricting commission. Voters must choose their legislators and stop legislators picking their voters. People must have confidence in our electoral system and any outside influence that could taint elections must be stopped.

2. Do you support or opposed placing state legislative and US Congressional redistricting in the hands of a non-partisan commission?

Absolutely, I support a non-partisan commission.

3. Should state agencies charged with the management and protection of our environment have the authority to make standards and rules which exceed federal standards?

We should exceed federal standards, especially with the Trump administration's failings. With the environmental threats of climate change and pollutants from coal ash, fracking and Gen X and undetermined contaminants, more than ever we need standards in North Carolina to protect our state.

4. Has the state created laws and regulations adequate to protect North Carolinians from the potential harmful impacts of fracking?

In 2014, then Governor McCrory signed a law that lifted N.C.'s ban on fracking. Fortunately, since the ban was lifted, legal issues have prevented any drilling permits. I would advocate for reinstatement of NC's fracking ban.

5. What tools would you support in the clean up of GenX, coal ash, and other pollutants in the state's water supplies?

DEQ's funding must be restored and increased to order and monitor clean-up of these pollutants. Chemours violated the Clean Water Act by discharging Gen X into our waterways and should be held responsible for all clean up. Duke Energy was ordered to close all its coal ash basins in NC and should not be allowed to charge their customers with rate hikes for their transgressions. The most reliable technology available must be funded and used to monitor water supplies.

6. What measures are necessary to improve public education in NC?

We must prioritize public education with adequate funding that attracts and retains the best teachers and administrators. While I believe in class size reduction, I did not support the unfunded mandate "fix" (HB 90) that would burden county government with capital construction costs. Under no circumstances should a sound, basic education exclude physical education, music, arts or languages. All provisions of the Leandro case must be funded and upheld. I am a strong proponent of universal Pre-K bill so all children are ready to start kindergarten. All children should have a rigorous and engaging education giving the schools flexibility to provide support and extra help for students that have been historically underserved. More social workers, nurses and counselors are needed. Finally, I will oppose any efforts to expand private charter schools at the expense of our public schools.

7. Are you satisfied with the current system of providing healthcare to NC residents?

The disgraceful failure to expand Medicaid to help 500,000 people must be undone. Medicaid expansion is a priority. More must be done for mental health and substance abuse treatment. There must be better oversight of LMO's to ensure they are providing timely, adequate mental health and behavioral health care. I have been a strong advocate of the Affordable Health Care Act.

8. Is the current system of state and local taxes and fees fair and adequate to meet the needs of North Carolina residents? Changes?

The 2017 tax cuts enacted by the GA are deplorable. Cutting corporate taxes and those for the most wealthy will result in still unforeseen public and social service and environmental protection cuts.

9. State and local governments provide substantial economic incentives for corporations to relocate to NC or to expand their operations in the state. What is your position on economic incentives for private business?

I support targeted incentive programs for economically distressed areas in rural NC. The Dept. of Commerce has implemented a tier system to encourage businesses and corporations to invest in economically distressed areas. However, I do not support

"corporate welfare" where economic incentives have gone to big business, not small. 93% of the "One North Carolina Fund" went to large companies like Smithfield Foods, GE, Goodyear. During the 2017 long session, local governments were forbidden to pass on impact fees to developers, resulting in tremendous costs to cities to bear all costs for sidewalks, streets, etc.

10. Would you support legislation designed to protect, gay, lesbian, and transgender people from discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodation, and access to government benefits and services?

100%. I will always fight for full equality.

11. What, if anything, should be done about gun violence and the proliferation of guns in NC?

I am the first and only NC legislator to call for gun violence legislation. Just days after the Parkland school shooting, I sent out a press release calling for a gun violence restraining order. I will fiercely advocate for universal background checks, raising the age to 21 to purchase a firearm, a ban on bump stocks. We must take action before the next massacre.

12. Should state and local government law enforcement agencies have the discretion to decide the extent to which they cooperate with US ICE with regard to detainers and programs such as Secure Communities and the 287(g) program?

Yes.

13. Do you support or oppose the recent statutory changes that discourages NC judges from waiving court fines and fees for indigent defendants? Why or why not?

Not only do I oppose, I spoke out on the House floor arguing that this policy provision that was basically hidden in the budget, was an legislative stampede on a judicial function. This provision which requires judges to give 15 days notice to all governmental agencies before court costs or fines are waived is an administrative train wreck that will only increase indigent people to debtor's prison. It is outrageous, unconstitutional and must be challenged in court. It will be overturned.

14. At times, both political parties have suggested moving from the election of judges to some form of "merit" selection." What do you believe is the best way to select independent and qualified judges?

In the current political climate, there is no credible offer of "merit" selection. This is a guise for legislative appointment, which is anything but merit. Consider South Carolina,

where every Supreme Court Justice was a former member of the state legislature. North Carolina's supermajority of Republican legislators want control of all branches of government and the judiciary is ripe for the picking as numerous laws have been declared unconstitutional. The proposed judicial redistricting is simply to reduce the number of minority judges and get more conservative Republicans on the bench. (HB717 slices Durham into 3 sub-districts for the first time. No longer would Durham voters be able to vote for all 7 district court judges.) Along with the maps, merit selection has been proposed only if the legislature picks the judges. I am opposed to this. If a true merit selection, by an independent body of lawyers, lay people, law school scholars was proposed, I would be open to a constitutional amendment to allow the voters to decide. However in today's politically charged environment, I put my trust the voters to elect their judges.

Yes or No

15. Please answer the following questions by circling (or underlining) YES or NO. You may explain or qualify your answer to any question, but *please use no more than 40 words*.

a. Should North Carolina voters have to present some sort of identification in order to vote?

YES or ☒ NO

b. Do you support increased state funding for a crisis pregnancy center?

~~YES~~ or ☒ NO

c. Should North Carolina have a paid sick leave law?

☒ YES or NO

d. Should cities and counties have the authority to use inclusionary zoning to promote affordable housing?

☒ YES or NO

e. Should cities and counties have the authority to control rents to promote affordable housing?

☒ YES or NO

f. Do you support or oppose requiring a supermajority city council vote in re-zoning cases when qualified neighbors file a protest petition?

☒ YES or NO

g. Under what circumstances should polluters be exempt from fines and civil penalties imposed by the state?

Never
YES or ☒ NO

h. Should magistrates or other government officials be excused from performing their lawful duties because of their religious beliefs?

YES or ☒ NO

i. Should the death penalty in North Carolina be abolished?

☒ YES or NO

j. Do you support the Jordan Lake and Falls Lake rules?

YES or NO

Concerning You

16. Have you ever been convicted of any criminal offence other than a minor traffic offense?

Have you ever been charged with a felony (without regard to the disposition of the charge)? If the answer to either of these questions is yes, please describe the charge or charges, the circumstances, and the outcome.

No

17. For whom did you vote in the 2012 and 2016 general presidential elections?

Obama and Clinton

Thank you and please don't forget to send us your resume or biographical statement.

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Marcia Morey

Marcia Helen Morey (born August 14, 1955) is an American former competition swimmer who represented the United States at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal. She competed in the preliminary heats of the women's 100-meter breaststroke and 200-meter breaststroke events, recording times of 1:17.30 and 2:41.85, respectively.^[1]

A graduate of Millikin University,^[2] she served as the Chief District Court Judge of the 14th Judicial District in North Carolina where she has sat since 1999.^[3]

In April, 2017, she was appointed to the NC House of Representatives. She served the 14th Judicial District Court as a district court judge for 18 years and as Chief District Court Judge for 5 years. Morey worked with law enforcement, defense attorneys, and prosecutors to develop new ways to deal with 16 and 17 year-olds who had been charged with a crime. She spearheaded a program, called the "Misdemeanor Diversion Program (MDP)," that diverts these youths to education and community service programs that allows the teens to avoid a criminal record which enables them to find jobs and receive financial aid for college. MDP has helped over 300 youth and is now a model that has been copied across North Carolina.

In 1998, Governor Jim Hunt appointed Morey as the executive director of the Governor's Commission on Juvenile Crime and Justice to reform North Carolina's juvenile justice system. During her tenure juvenile crime rates were reduced by approximately 40%. She previously served as an assistant district attorney in Durham and created the first diversionary program in the state (and second in the nation) for first-time youthful offenders charged with misdemeanors in district court in 1994, The Durham County Teen Court & Restitution Program..

Morey earned her undergraduate degree from Millikin University in Illinois, her master's degree in education from Reed College, and her J.D. from Northwestern University Law School.

Morey grew up in Decatur, IL, the soybean capital of the world. Both parents were active in their community and taught her the importance of giving back. Morey is committed to carrying out that mission and has called Durham her home for the last 25 years. Her father was a World War II and

Marcia Morey



Morey in 2017

Personal information

Full name	Marcia Helen Morey
National team	United States
Born	August 14, 1955 Decatur, Illinois
Height	5 ft 9 in (1.75 m)
Weight	146 lb (66 kg)

Sport

Sport	Swimming
Strokes	Breaststroke
College team	Millikin University

Medal record

Women's swimming
Representing the United States

ean War veteran, attorney, and city councilman. At the age of six years old, Morey became a competitive swimmer. She went on to win 7 national titles, competed in two world championship meets, and was co-captain of the U.S. Olympic Team at the 1976 Montreal games.

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See also

- List of World Aquatics Championships medalists in swimming (women)

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| S | 1973 Belgrade | 4×100 m medley |
| ● | 1975 Cali | 100 m breaststroke |

Pan American Games

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| ● | 1975 Mexico City | 4×100 m medley |
| S | 1975 Mexico City | 100 m breaststroke |
| ● | 1975 Mexico City | 200 m breaststroke |