

ABCPOA Candidate Questionnaire 2020
State House District 17

Candidate:
Charles W. Miller

Please complete the following questionnaire and return it not later than September 25, 2020

Please limit responses to 200 words

Question 1.

Please define the one clear change that you wish to accomplish and how you intend to build support for this change during your tenure in office if elected”?

Response 1.

My background is law enforcement. Unfortunately, this year has seen protesting, rioting, and violence against law enforcement officers simply doing their jobs and protecting people and property. In the Legislature, I will use my experience as a Deputy Sheriff to balance criminal justice reforms, public safety, and rebuilding the respect our society once had for the police.

Question 2.

The Covid-19 Pandemic has exposed major deficiencies in the delivery of health care in North Carolina, particularly when viewed from the perspective of overall health and preexisting conditions of the residents of this state.
If elected, what would you propose to address this fundamental health care issue?

Response 2.

The critical problems we face with healthcare are 1) Cost, and 2) Access to Care (especially in rural communities). I would support policies that reduce cost while expanding access to care. One example of a commonsense healthcare reform that would accomplish these two goals – without burdening the taxpayers with additional entitlements and costs – is to 1) reform our CON (Certificate of Need) laws, taking away the barriers to entry and competition for healthcare providers, and 2) reform our licensure rules so that mid-level providers can provide care – especially in rural areas with doctor shortages – to the level of their education and training. These reforms would reduce cost and expand access.

Question3

Revenue shortfalls will likely need to be addressed in the current fiscal year. Where do you see opportunities to reduce expenses? To increase revenues?
Many municipalities of all sizes are struggling to maintain services and support staff in light of revenue shortfalls brought about by the impact of COVID-19 on the economy. What would you propose to help municipalities maintain their service and staff levels

Response 3.

I would not support revenue increases in the form of tax increases. The simplest way to solve our revenue shortfall issues is to allow businesses to safely reopen from the COVID-19. I understand that

municipalities are struggling and facing dire fiscal situations due to the lockdowns. I will do everything in my power to help them. But truly, the best thing I could do as an elected leader to help cities and towns with their revenue issues – and more importantly to help people who are struggling with job or income loss – is to allow businesses to safely reopen.

Question 4.

For years Department of Environmental Quality's budget has been inadequate to enable them to conduct the level of investigation and evaluation of environmental pollutants to 21st century standards. What would you do to improve the overall capabilities of DEQ?

Response 4

Every state agency must learn to do more with less. Now is not the appropriate time to push through expansions of government or tax increases. The people and job creators of our state are struggling. DEQ has the resources it needs to do its job of keeping protecting our waterways and the environment.

Question 5

North Carolina is considered a developer friendly state Unfortunately some developers of communities of common interest" fail to maintain storm water, roads and other major infrastructure, creating an untenable situation for the local government of home owners' associations having to bear the cost for bringing deficiencies up to standard.

How would you propose to strengthen existing law to protect the local government or home/property owners' associations in these circumstances?

Response 5.

This is an issue I look forward to learning more about from your organization and other home-owners associations. I want Southeastern North Carolina – and the entire state – to remain business-friendly and pro-growth, attracting new jobs and growing our economy. However, I recognize that developers have to be responsible and contribute where appropriate when water, sewer, transportation, and other infrastructure needs are inadequate for rapidly growing communities. Speaker Tim Moore proposed a water and sewer bond package last year. That is something I am interested in working on in the General Assembly.

Thank you for participating in the ABCPOA candidate questionnaire.