

CANDIDATE Q&A: *The Herald sent all candidates for local election a series of questions, to follow are their responses...*

Candidates for District 110 NC House

Question #1: Name your Top 3 Priorities if elected - be specific

1 - Economic Development - I intend to fight for jobs and continue the progress we made in 2011 and 2012. I plan to help cut more taxes, cut more wasteful government spending, fight illegal immigration, protect North Carolinians from the individual mandate in Obamacare, increase funding for transportation and other infrastructure and focus on energy security.

2 - Education - We had a great session for education and I plan to continue to fund education in the classroom, not the bureaucracy in Raleigh; I also plan to monitor the implementation of the laws we passed. I voted for the Safe Students Act; this act generally requires proof of age when enrolling a student for the first time. We added teaching positions, consolidated programs to help students



Kelly Hastings

pursue a college or career path while in high school, granted local budget flexibility, eliminated many standardized tests, appropriated money for liability insurance for teachers and other school personnel and added funds for capital/technology improvements.

3 - Public Health and Safety - I plan to continue to crack down on illegal immigration, habitual criminals, violent criminals and child molesters. We passed numerous laws to crack down on these criminals; I plan to continue the progress. I am sure we'll take a look at ways to increase public health in various settings, including settings where large crowds attend.

Question #2: What issues do you see facing North Carolinians and what would you do to try to fix them?:

1 - Unemployment - This past session, we passed tax cuts for businesses and passed workers' compensation reform, medical malpractice reform and tort reform. I plan to continue to work on these types of pro-business issues.

a. We worked to take the pay-to-play aspect out of transportation funding and started focusing on resurfacing

roads and repairing and replacing structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridges. By doing this, we are improving mobility and safety and we need to continue this progress.

2 - Education - It is important that we continue to fund education in the classroom and not the bureaucracy in Raleigh. We focused more resources on the early grades so that our students will have a great opportunity to be able to read well by the end of the third grade. I plan to continue to focus on this type of positive education reform.

3 - Violent and Habitual Crime - In 2011 and 2012, we spent a lot of time passing laws to increase penalties and fines for violent and habitual criminals and child molesters. I plan to continue to crack down on these criminals.

A response was not received from candidates Jamar McKoy (D) or Lewis Guignard Jr. (L).

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