

Candidate Questionnaire



Candidate Name:

Email Address:

Office You Are Seeking:

Phone #:

Party Affiliation (if applicable):

Mailing Address:

1. Why are you seeking this office?

2. Why should [voters / our organization] support your candidacy?

3. Do you agree with all of the following principles of the Unite Against Book Bans campaign?:

Reading is a foundational skill, critical to future learning and to exercising our democratic freedoms.

Yes No

Books are tools for understanding complex issues. Limiting young people's access to books does not protect them from life's complex and challenging issues.

Yes No

Individuals should be trusted to make their own decisions about what to read.

Yes No

Parents of one family should not be making decisions for other parents' children.

Yes No

Young people deserve to see themselves reflected in a library's books.

Yes No

4. If you marked no to any of the above principles, why?

5. Are there any books you would like to see censored or removed from libraries in the community you are running to represent?

6. Are there any circumstances in which you would support removing a book from a public or school library? Please be as specific as possible.

7. If elected, how would you ensure that readers will have access to a variety of books available to them and that the public has access to a variety of perspectives?

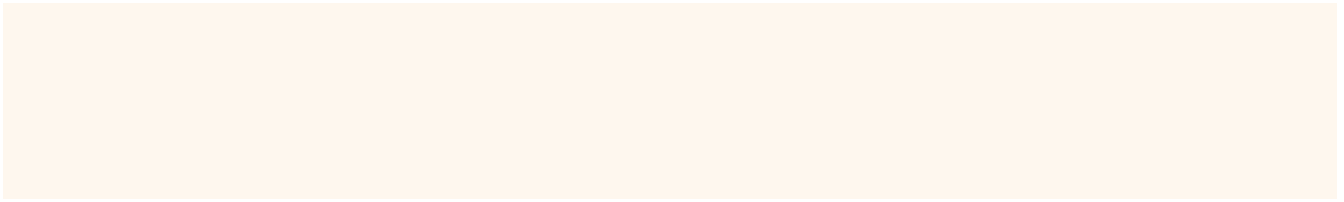
8. Would you introduce or sponsor legislation that would prohibit government entities from banning books from local libraries and schools because of the content, ideas, or viewpoints expressed in the book?

9. Would you introduce or sponsor legislation that would protect librarians and educators for doing their job of providing a variety of age-appropriate reading materials to students?

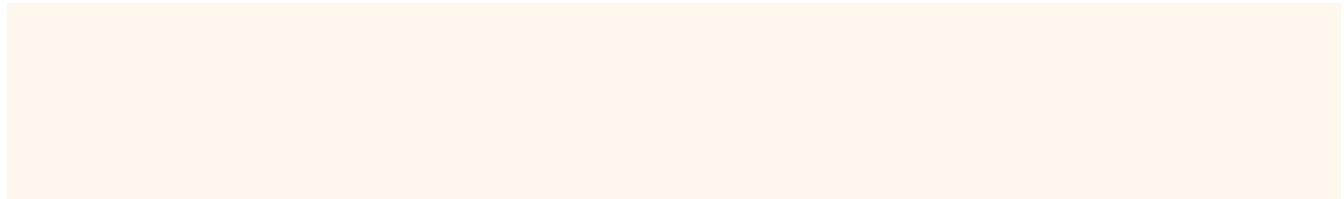
10. How important do you think your community's public and school libraries are to your community and the people you are seeking to represent? And why?

11. What role do you believe a public library plays in your community? -OR- What role does a school library play in the school community?

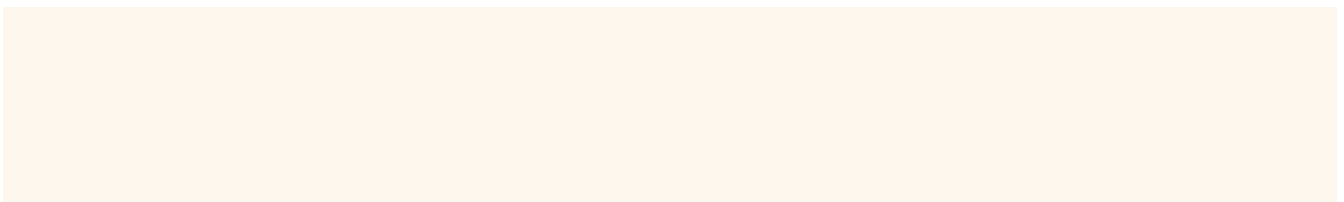
12. Would you be willing to sign a pledge to show your support for our campaign and publicly acknowledge your efforts to unite against book bans during your campaign and once you're elected?



13. Name a book that has influenced you and explain why.



14. What is the last book that you read? Would you recommend this book and why?



15. Is there anything else you would like to add?

