

Focus® Middle Tennessee Candidate Survey 2018

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Q1

What is the name of the person answering this survey?

David Ross

Q2

If you are answering the survey but are not the candidate, by what authority are you answering this survey in the candidate's stead?

I am the candidate

Q3

What is the email address for the person completing this survey?

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Q4

What is the candidate's name?

David Ross

Q5

Office for which candidate is running:

U S House 6th district/State House 66th district

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Q6

Candidate's email address:

dwr101959@gmail.com

Q7

What is the candidate's website?

N?A

Q8

Political affiliation:

Other

Other (please specify):

Libertarian

Q9

Office and/or District(s) covered:

TN 6TH Congressional district

Q10

Has the candidate run for political office in the past?

Yes

Q11

For which office has the candidate run in the past?

US House TN 6th Congressional district

Q12

Has the candidate held a political office in the past?

No

Q13

What political office(s) has the candidate held in the past?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q14

If a vote came up, would you vote to allow same-sex-couple adoption including joint adoption and second-parent adoption?

Yes

Candidate comments (optional):
Under certain conditions.

Q15

If given the opportunity, would you vote to fund more teacher education about youth LGBT+ issues and bullying of K-12 LGBT+ students?

No

Candidate comments (optional):
I am not sure if the actual results are worth the cost.

Q16

If elected, will you make a point to work for the creation of genders and sexualities alliances (GSAs) and programs like GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network) in K-12 schools?

No

Candidate comments (optional):
Most programs waste money that could be better spent elsewhere.

Q17

If given the opportunity now, would you vote in favor of the Equality Act of 2015 including non-discrimination in employment, public education, housing, credit, etc.?

No

Candidate comments (optional):
As long as it does not infringe on other peoples rights. Most government plans make things worse, not better.

Q18

The United States has in the past joined other countries and recognized global human rights that protect LGBT+ individuals at risk for and/or seeking asylum from genital mutilation, imprisonment, and/or death. If a vote came up, would you vote to support these categories of global human rights and the asylum provided by the United States that would protect LGBT+ and Intersex individuals?

No

Candidate comments (optional):

I want to protect ALL people who are suffering the same fate.

Q19

Some LGBT+ immigrants who are detained are not given access to appropriate healthcare and medications. Some transgender immigrants are misgendered and subsequently placed in incorrect populations. Support for these groups would include helping transgender immigrants obtain proper identification in relation to their gender identity. If a vote came up, would you vote in favor of immigration law that takes the special needs of these groups into consideration?

Yes

Candidate comments (optional):

The people who are tasked with enforcing another law are also doing their primary function.

Q20

If a vote came up, would you vote to fully fund HIV/AIDS programs including education, research, and community outreach?

No

Candidate comments (optional):

We have many health issues more pressing at this time.

Q21

If a vote came up, would you vote to include LGBT+ questions/categories in the U.S. Census?

Yes

Q22

There have been recent threats to reverse the decision by the Supreme Court requiring government employees to comply with the law to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples? If a vote came up again about this issue, would you vote to protect the Supreme Court's decision?

Yes

Candidate comments (optional):

The law must be obeyed. Offer a federal license and be done with it.

Q23

If given the authority, would you remove government workers from their jobs if they refuse to uphold the federal marriage equality law? For example, a county clerk who refuses to issue a marriage license to a same-sex couple.

Yes

Candidate comments (optional):

If that is how the State law is written in that state.

Q24

If a vote came up, would you vote to protect or improve nondiscrimination legislation that protects LGBT+ individuals in areas such as public accommodation, housing, and employment?

Yes

Q25

If a vote came up, would you oppose anti-transgender legislation including so-called "bathroom bills," nondiscrimination policies, healthcare policies, and workplace protections?

No

Candidate comments (optional):

Due to the financial burden and complexity of compliance.

Q27

Many transgender/gender non-conforming individuals have difficulty obtaining updated birth certificates after transitioning because the state of TN prevents changing gender markers on birth certificates. This can affect their ability to get a voter ID card that best fits their new gender. Do you think that the law should be changed so that transgendered citizens can register to vote using the identification that fits their gender?

Yes

Q28

If a vote came up, would you vote in favor of allowing churches or businesses to continue the practice of gay conversion therapy?

No

Candidate comments (optional):
Don't know enough about the subject.

Q29

If a vote came up, would you vote to support continuation of the DACA program?

No

Candidate comments (optional):
Due to unforeseen problems we must find a better solution.

Q30

If a vote came up, would you vote to provide financial support of Planned Parenthood?

No

Candidate comments (optional):
Better funded through donations.

Q31

Unlike the law in other states, Tennessee's Hate Crime Law (Tenn. Code §40-35-114(17): a) does not include gender identity/expression as a protected category, b) does not require that law enforcement collect and report hate crime data, and c) does not explicitly provide for law enforcement training on hate crimes. If given the opportunity, would you vote to revise the law and correct these three omissions?

No

Candidate comments (optional):
All crime against individual should be prosecuted equally.