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Sun, Jul 27, 2025 at 5:31 PM

To: Scott Clark - North Carolina State Cannabis &lt;Scott.Clark@northcarolinastatecannabis.org&gt;

Scott,

I've made a revision to ensure your constituent base is sufficiently informed that I am an Agricultural Scientist.

Please confirm receipt.

### North Carolina Cannabis Policy Questionnaire

1. **What is your position on adult-use cannabis legalization in North Carolina?**

*Example: Thoughts on the potential benefits or risks, your priorities for regulation and taxation, and your position on establishing a retail market.*

**I support adult-use cannabis legalization in this state.**

2. **What role should the City of Charlotte play in shaping cannabis policy, particularly in terms of enforcement, decriminalization, or local resolutions?**

**Get on the right side of history, and shape cannabis policy that follows medical science as to its benefits, and furthermore follow the legal research and case entailments that substantiate decriminalization of cannabis.**

3. **How do you view North Carolina's limited medical cannabis program or hemp-derived cannabinoid access?**

*Example: Would you support expanding access, improving patient outreach, or advocating for dispensary licensing within Charlotte?*

**I support expanding access, improving patient outreach, advocating for dispensary licensing within Charlotte and more education as to the beneficial dynamism of cannabis use and herbalism.**

4. **What is your stance on protecting medical cannabis patients from discrimination in employment, housing, or parental rights cases?**

**I support decriminalization of cannabis for the purpose of protecting medical cannabis. I also support responsible cannabis use generally.**

5. **How would your administration approach criminal justice reform related to past cannabis convictions?**

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6. **What role do you believe social equity should play in the development of any future adult-use cannabis market?**

My stance on equity and the objective truth is unwavering, so demystifying and decriminalizing cannabis use and any form of herbalism is already core to my personal values and professional platforms. Social equity is the hinge pin in that proper development of any future adult-use cannabis market entails a fundamental necessity of inclusivity, empathy and learning about cultures and practices different from one's own upbringing and experiences.

7. How would your administration address public health and safety concerns related to cannabis use, such as impaired driving or youth access, while still respecting adult autonomy and patient rights?

Education. I am a doctoral Wetland Scientist. My academic degrees in the Applied Sciences include a BS in Ag Ed and Environmental Science, MS in Ag Econ and Rural Development (which entails AgriBusiness and Agricultural/Cooperative Extension Education). Also, I recently earned my Juris Doctorate, and thus I am a lawyer (and not yet an attorney) pursuing license to practice law - first in California where I attended law school.

As Mayor, with my unique and unrivaled interdisciplinary expertise and experience, I will be available to share my expertise as to herbalism, holistic health and agricultural aspects thereto AND attend events that promote awareness about responsible cannabis use to show my support.

8. Do you have any personal or professional experiences that inform your views on cannabis reform and patient access in North Carolina?

I am Black, of Haitian descent paternally and Native Cherokee descent maternally, from which an inference of a holistic lifestyle is arguably valid. I personally do not use cannabis, but I do know a lot of people who have benefited from such use, medicinally. I'm basically bi-coastal, having lived in and frequently traveled to California and Arizona for a significant part of my adulthood. In fact, I graduated from a California law school. More often I've observed cannabis use, favorably, albeit medicinally or recreationally ... and most markedly without such use entailing criminal acts arising therefrom. Without any intent to "trivialize" the incomparable benefits of cannabis, however, to me it's not dissimilar to herbalism, for which I'm a huge renowned advocate. Now, this is not to wholly slight Western medicine; I just promote balance, objectivity and pragmatism as it relates to a truly holistic approach to health and wellness.

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