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2020 Candidate Questionnaire State Elections

How do you propose to get the North Carolina economy back on track after Covid-19 and prepare for the upcoming hurricane season?

I am a Big believer in allowing business to do what business does best, build our economy, hire people and thru their growth we wisely use taxes to do what government should do: promote great schools, build solid roads and infrastructure, protect our citizens and invest in the future thru high tech innovation. I encourage tourism & second homes

If elected, what are your thoughts on passing a budget?

I think it is inexcusable for us not to pass a budget. It is our primary duty and all we needed to do was sit down and talk to each other. i do not believe in lines in the sand. I went against my party on the budget fight as i believe my first obligation is to my constituents and 140m for growth for my county was to good not to take.

Now that we almost have the private road NCDOT database, how would you prevent any new orphan roads from occurring?

I am on the House transportation committee and i strongly believe it is past time to fact reality that the way we raise money for roads (the gas tax) is obsolete. We must start NOW to work on a new solution. We have a very bad habit of not doing long range planning and it hurts our citizens when we fail to act proactively.

What do you think the General Assembly needs to be paying attention to next year?

What it always should be paying attention to Education in an information age is essential to growth. We must become a top 5 school system and also reenergize our universities. Second, we must rebuild our infrastructure and our aging buildings. Third, we must clean up our waters or risk losing property values and tourism, not to mention agriculture.

How can the State fast track broadband to rural areas?

Partnering with the industry is paramount. We can offer tax incentives and we can use education monies to extend the broadband for learning. Finally, we are long overdue for an aggressive bond package which promotes infrastructure. We must recognize the new economy will come from change and embrace it



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Current Occupation Position:	N. C. House district 44
Previously Elected/Appointed Position(s):	This is my current 3rd term, two terms in 1990s
Community Involvement:	St. Johns Church, President YMCA Board, Board myro
Community Endorsements:	CC/NCAE, PBA, HOPEFULLY REALTORS, HOMEBUILDERS, APT
Do You Have an Active Campaign Account?	COMMITTEE TO ELECT BILLY RICHARDSON
Do You Accept PAC Checks?	CERTAIN GROUPS ONLY BUT LOVE REALTORS

Thank you for taking the time to fill out our questionnaire. Questionnaire will be posted for our members to read on our website. www.longleafpinerealtors.com



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Dear Candidate,

As the November elections approach, we would like for you to fill out a questionnaire for the real estate industry. Longleaf Pine REALTORS® Association has over 1,900 members regionally. Our members like to stay informed on candidates' viewpoints and they like to go to the polls with a smart decision.

Can you take the time to fill out our questionnaire? We will post all answers on our Association website. It will also help our RPAC Committee (REALTOR® Political Action Committee) make a decision on candidate funding.

Thank you for running for office. It is an important job to represent the citizens of North Carolina. Good luck with your campaign.

There are several ways to turn in your questionnaire.

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