

# Rutherford County 2026 Elections: Candidate Questionnaire



# County Commission



## Overview

In Rutherford County, county commissioners and city council members appoint the library board members and board chair of the Rutherford County Library Board – who make library system budget recommendations, set library policies, make the decisions about which books can be removed and restricted from libraries, and can hire and fire the library system director.

The ACLU of Tennessee sent a questionnaire on book bans to all Rutherford County Commission candidates who had email addresses publicly available. Our goal is to promote voter education and voter participation. The ACLU does not endorse or oppose candidates, but we do want to give you the information you need to make informed decisions. Information below is from the candidate questionnaire we distributed to all candidates, unless otherwise noted. If a candidate did not complete the questionnaire, the ACLU of Tennessee attempted to find any relevant votes the candidate may have taken, or other publicly available information related to the questions at issue.

Candidate answers are presented here exactly as they were submitted to ACLU of Tennessee, without any editing.

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# County Commission, District 1

## Questions

**David Gammon**



**Hope Oliver**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Yes

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Yes

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| Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?                                                                                       |                                           |                                                                                                                             |
| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Yes                                                                                                                         |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?                                    | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Students need support learning how to read rather than these performative book bans. Reading proficiency needs improvement. |

# County Commission, District 2

## Questions

**Stephen Percy**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Are there any other thoughts you would like



to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

# County Commission, District 3

## Questions

**Rick Hall**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

# County Commission, District 4

## Questions

**Will Lehew**



**Robert Peay Jr.**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to

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| the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies?   | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. |

# County Commission, District 5

## Questions

**Jeff Crum**



**Laura Davidson**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.

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| Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?                                                                                       |                                           |                                                             |
| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate. |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?                                    | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate. |

# County Commission, District 6

## Questions

**Jonathan Beverly**



**Danielle Nadeau**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Yes

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

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| Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?                                                                                       |                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?                                    | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | <p>While there are numerous issues to address, the book banning/ censorship initiatives in Rutherford County, are disturbing and one of my significant focuses. Books save lives.</p> <p>Libraries and their materials are meant to represent all, encourage imagination, and provide education and inclusion. History and the existence of humans cannot be selectively displayed to one group's special interest. Books and other library materials save lives. I chose to run for County Commission after attending my first Rutherford County Library Board Meeting. Not the only reason, but the "last straw"; I couldn't stand by without doing anything in my power to help repair the RCLS.</p> <p>Professional Librarians should be trusted for their expertise and respected as such. Our schools and library are PUBLIC and should represent the ENTIRETY of the PUBLIC.</p> |



# County Commission, District 7

## Questions

**Michael Kusch**



**Catie Beth Thomas**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Yes

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

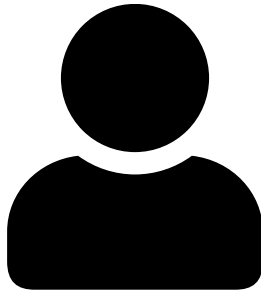
Yes

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| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Yes                                       |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?                                    | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. |

# County Commission, District 8

## Questions

**Jennifer Burke**



**William Tollett**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

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| Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?                                                                                       |                                           |                                           |
| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?                                    | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. |

# County Commission, District 9

| Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>Joshua James</b></p>  | <p><b>Jake Malmstrom</b></p>  | <p><b>Carson Stem</b></p>  |
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| Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from <u>public</u> libraries?                                                                                                                                              | Unknown. Did not respond to the question.                                                                    | No                                                                                                              | Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.                                                   |
| Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from <u>public</u> libraries?                                                                                                                                     | Unknown. Did not respond to the question.                                                                    | No                                                                                                              | Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.                                                   |
| Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from <u>school</u> libraries?                                                                                                                                              | Unknown. Did not respond to the question.                                                                    | No                                                                                                              | Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.                                                   |
| Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from <u>school</u> libraries?                                                                                                                                     | Unknown. Did not respond to the question.                                                                    | No                                                                                                              | Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.                                                   |
| Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question.                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                             | Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.                                                   |
| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the                                                                                                         | Unknown. Did not respond to the question.                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                             | Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to                                                              |

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| Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?                                                                                       |                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | candidate.                                                  |
| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate. |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?                                    | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | The government at all levels has no place in restricting the types of information to which the public has access. It is up to parents to educate their children on content and the context of that content. | Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate. |

# County Commission, District 10

## Questions

**Phil Wilson**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

# County Commission, District 11

## Questions

**Anthony Johnson**



**Wayne Sharpe**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Yes

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the Rutherford Co. Library System on

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Yes

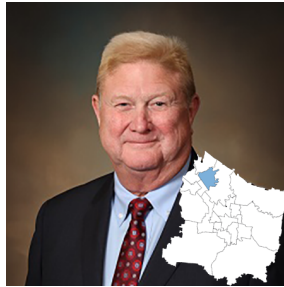


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| the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?                                                                                                                        |                                           |                                           |
| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Yes                                       |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?                                    | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. |

# County Commission, District 12

## Questions

**Carl Boyd**



**Celest Davis**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

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| Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?                                                                                       |                                           |                                           |
| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?                                    | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. |

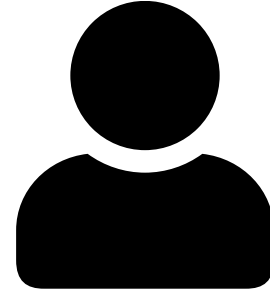
# County Commission, District 13

## Questions

**Brendan Doughtie**



**Brian Stoll**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

No

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

No

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

No

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

No

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Yes

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of

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| books removed from the Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?                                                                | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. |
| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies? | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?                                    | We need to keep an eye out for TPUSA endorsed books and far right messaging in our schools. I support banning far right extremist books but books on inclusivity to LGBTQ+ and POC should not be a target. | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. |

# County Commission, District 14

## Questions

**Wayne Irvin**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

# County Commission, District 15

## Questions

**Shane McGowan**



**Chay Woods**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

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| Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?                                                                                       |                                           |                                           |
| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?                                    | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. |



# County Commission, District 16

## Questions

**Phil Dodd**



**Cathy Watts**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Yes

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Yes

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| Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?                                                                                       |                                           |                                                                                                                                     |
| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Yes                                                                                                                                 |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?                                    | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Book bans are unconstitutional. I participate in school board and library board meetings and actively protest the removal of books. |

# County Commission, District 17

## Questions

**Sean Gilliland**



**Terry Hodge**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

# County Commission, District 18

| <b>Questions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>Allen McAdoo</b></p>  | <p><b>Diana Carter</b></p>  | <p><b>Eddie Sanders</b></p>  |
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| <p>Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from <u>public</u> libraries?</p>                                                                                                                                              | <p>Unknown. Did not respond to the question.</p>                                                             | <p>No</p>                                                                                                     | <p>Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.</p>                                              |
| <p>Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from <u>public</u> libraries?</p>                                                                                                                                     | <p>Unknown. Did not respond to the question.</p>                                                             | <p>No</p>                                                                                                     | <p>Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.</p>                                              |
| <p>Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from <u>school</u> libraries?</p>                                                                                                                                              | <p>Unknown. Did not respond to the question.</p>                                                             | <p>No</p>                                                                                                     | <p>Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.</p>                                              |
| <p>Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from <u>school</u> libraries?</p>                                                                                                                                     | <p>Unknown. Did not respond to the question.</p>                                                             | <p>No</p>                                                                                                     | <p>Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.</p>                                              |
| <p>Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?</p> | <p>Unknown. Did not respond to the question.</p>                                                             | <p>Yes</p>                                                                                                    | <p>Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate.</p>                                              |

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| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Yes                                       | Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate. |
| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies?                                     | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Yes                                       | Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate. |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?                                                                        | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Unknown. Questionnaire could not be delivered to candidate. |

# County Commission, District 19

## Questions

**Romel McMurry**



**Pat Clements**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Yes

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Yes

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| Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?                                                                                       |                                           |                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Yes                                                                                                                                                                |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?                                    | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | This is just the current dose of hate and fear from people wanting to oppress people that are different from them. I will always act in favor of the marginalized. |

# County Commission, District 20

## Questions

**Trey Gooch**



**Josh Walker**



Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from public libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from school libraries?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

No

Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Yes

Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the

Unknown. Did not respond to the question.

Yes



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| Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?                                                                                       |                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?                                    | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Book bans and limitations are serious violations of the rights to freedom of speech and freedom of the press. False appeals to "neutrality" and "protecting children" are only distractions to hide the dangerous extremist agenda of the arrogant bullies that would force everyone to only read books their narrow minds approve of. |

# County Commission, District 21

| <b>Questions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>Jeff Lloyd</b></p>  | <p><b>Laura Clark</b></p>  |
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| <p>Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from <u>public</u> libraries?</p>                                                                                                                                              | <p>Unknown. Did not respond to the question.</p>                                                           | <p>No</p>                                                                                                     |
| <p>Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from <u>public</u> libraries?</p>                                                                                                                                     | <p>Unknown. Did not respond to the question.</p>                                                           | <p>No</p>                                                                                                     |
| <p>Do you support the removal of books with LGBTQ+ themes from <u>school</u> libraries?</p>                                                                                                                                              | <p>Unknown. Did not respond to the question.</p>                                                           | <p>No</p>                                                                                                     |
| <p>Do you support the removal of books with racial identity themes from <u>school</u> libraries?</p>                                                                                                                                     | <p>Unknown. Did not respond to the question.</p>                                                           | <p>No</p>                                                                                                     |
| <p>Do you believe that removing books with LGBTQ+ and/or racial identity themes from public and/or school libraries would make students of color or LGBTQ+ students (or students with LGBTQ+ family) feel unwelcome or marginalized?</p> | <p>Unknown. Did not respond to the question.</p>                                                           | <p>Yes</p>                                                                                                    |
| <p>Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford Co. Library Board who support reinstatement of books removed from the</p>                                                                                                         | <p>Unknown. Did not respond to the question.</p>                                                           | <p>Yes</p>                                                                                                    |

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| Rutherford Co. Library System on the basis of their LGBTQ+ & racial identity themes?                                                                                       |                                           |                                                                                                                    |
| Would you appoint representatives to the Rutherford County Library Board who support reinstating American Library Association Code of Ethics language to library policies? | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Yes                                                                                                                |
| Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about the state of book bans in public schools and libraries in Rutherford County?                                    | Unknown. Did not respond to the question. | Decisions about books that children read should be made by their parents, not a public board or government agency. |