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Q1

About Candidates

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Q2

Q1. Please tell us about your personal experiences with nonprofits. These may include experiences with any organizations that have served you and/or fellow residents of your community, or specific nonprofits for which you've served as a board member, staff person, volunteer, or donor. How do these experiences shape your policy positions? (Limit: 300 words)

I grew up with the help of nonprofits. When I was a child, we received after school meals at the Wesley House in Omaha, NE. I volunteered often during college at the food banks.

After college, I submitted the paperwork and was the President of a 501c3 called the Beta Xi Lambda Education Foundation. I have always volunteered at many non-profits throughout the years with more emphasis on food banks, clothing for the homeless or disadvantaged, and organizations focused on education.

Q3

Q2. If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities? (Limit: 250 words)

Inflation - Control skyrocketing inflation by pushing legislation that will improve our supply chains, both domestic and foreign.

Education - Promote thoughtful solutions so that our kids stay in school. Bring Parents and Teachers together to work on the education needs of our youth.

Job Security - Advocate for more job security and fair wages for all employees. Update tax laws to bring back the cost of looking for a new job for all taxpayers. Legislate for bringing laid off workers back to work.

Q4

The Center advocates on public policy issues that affect North Carolina's nonprofit sector and works with the NC General Assembly and North Carolina's members of Congress to develop laws and policies that save nonprofits time and money, help nonprofits operate more effectively, and preserve the public's trust in North Carolina's nonprofit sector. Our policy agenda includes: Ensuring that all 501(c)(3) nonprofits are fully exempt from federal, state, and local taxes. Promoting new and expanded tax deductions and credits that encourage individuals and businesses to give generously to support their communities through the work of charitable nonprofits. Supporting policy solutions that will address the nonprofit workforce shortage, including increased funding to support jobs in the nonprofit sector and investment in accessible and affordable child care. Seeking solutions to long-standing challenges that nonprofits face when they provide public services through government grants and contracts, including late contracts, late payments, overly complicated application and reporting requirements, and underpayment for indirect costs. Promoting laws that will help nonprofits and businesses alike to provide affordable and high-quality health care and other benefits to their employees.Q3. If elected, which of these policy goals would you support most enthusiastically, and why? (Limit: 250 words)

All of these policy goals are important. I am not as worried about 501c3 losing their exemption. I am more concerned with be able to pass policies that create more jobs in the non-profit sector. So many of us have been displaced from our jobs because of Covid, what better way would it be to create legislation that allows more jobs in the non-profit sector to address this displacement.