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## Q1

**About Candidates** 

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District NC House 36

Party Affiliation Libertarian

Campaign Website https://wardfornc.org

#### 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've volunteered at the food bank and for Meals on Wheels in Raleigh. Growing up, service was a big part of Boy Scouts and my church Youth Group. These experiences are part of what makes me Libertarian: our desire to help others exists without the state.

## Q3

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

I'm a strong advocate for school choice. I want to empower parents by giving them control of the money spent on their child's education. I want all North Carolinians to enjoy the same educational freedom currently reserved for our affluent citizens.

Criminal justice reform is another focus area. Ending cash bail for non-violent offenses and decriminalizing marijuana are two concrete examples of what I would change.

Finally, inflation has devastating consequences for the poorest among us. While an NC House member has no control over Federal Reserve policy, I see Bitcoin and stable coins being used by people in other countries to protect themselves. I would push to raise awareness of the problem and to make Bitcoin legal tender in this state.

#### 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)

While I support all the policy goals you've listed, as a Libertarian, I would be most enthusiastic about ensuring you are fully tax-exempt and that credits and deductions are afforded those who practice real charity: donating your own time and money to help someone else.