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 have served on the boards of the Food Bank NW, Habitat for Humanity, and Kaleideum. Additionally, I have served as a liaison for many of my parents from the both the school were I served as Principal and to the community at large. Additionally, I am a faithful giver to the Arts Council, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the United Way.

My involvement in the community where I live, work and play, I understand firsthand how charity in varying forms assist families in times of need as well as providing pathways forward out of poverty. With that in mind, I will vehemently support policies and funding that undergird the missions for non-profits and charitable organizations.

Q3
Q2. If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities? (Limit: 250 words)

As the incumbent, I will continue support ALL policies that will support positive and provide opportunities for individuals to improve their quality of life. I will continue to focus on supporting public education, workforce development and training, along with housing and healthcare for it is my belief that these three areas can provide a pathway out of poverty.
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)

Bullet #5 “Promoting laws that will help...”As previously stated, the work of nonprofits and charitable organizations are so critical to uplift and encouragement to families that may need a hand up.