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Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	Jason Minnicozzi
District	NC State Senate District 7
Party Affiliation	Democratic Party
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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 worked closely with The Carousel Center, an advocacy group for physically/sexually abused children and offer both forensic interviewing and therapy. They were a close partner when I was working as a SVU prosecutor and their staff were extraordinarily helpful both in and out of the courtroom.

Q3

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

I want to aggressively defend womens' health issues including their constitutional right to privacy and autonomy. If we can't flip this seat, Governor Cooper could lose his veto power. If that happens, I can guarantee extremist politicians will start pushing bills that restrict the right to an abortion just like they're doing in Texas. They will do the same thing to voting rights, and I want to defend voter rights and expand access to mail-in-ballots and prevent discriminatory legislation such as voter ID laws. I also want to bring jobs back to our communities, defend our coastline and environment, and expand access to health care including Medicaid. By expanding Medicaid, we can get over 700,000 North Carolinians healthcare by accessing a program we already pay for with our taxes. Wilmington seats mostly at sea level, and is at great risk of flooding. We need to protect our coastlines.

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)

I would be a strong supporter of policies that give nonprofits and businesses access to more affordable healthcare for their employees and their families. We can expand Medicaid and get over 700,000 North Carolinians access to healthcare without raising taxes. We already pay for it, but because the state hasn't expanded Medicaid our citizens can't utilize those funds. I also believe in creating more affordable access to child care for everyone. Creating access to more jobs in the nonprofit sector is very important, and will increase access to the services nonprofits provide.
