Three Questions for Candidates for Office in 2022

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Q1
About Candidates

Candidate Name: Larry Coleman
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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 currently serve as an Executive Director of the North Carolina National Guard Association a 501(C)(19) Veteran Service Organization and its affiliated 501(C)(3) Tarheel Minuteman Foundation.

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

Investing in Education - Every child is unique and must have access to quality learning opportunities whether public, charter, or private. This requires equitable and meaningful investment in our public schools.

Criminal Justice Reform - Build on the success of Senate Bill 300, specifically the study of the state's criminal laws with a goal of clarifying and consolidating existing crimes.

Housing Opportunities - New and creative housing solutions are needed to solve the housing affordability crisis. Solutions must ensure Durham residents access to housing that meets their needs while addressing the relationship between employment opportunities and housing availability.
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)

Ensuring that all 501(c)(3) nonprofits are fully exempt from federal, state, and local taxes.

Non-profit organizations operate on a very slim budget margins and allowing them to retain the funds from tax savings would enable non-profits to utilize additional resources to provide additional support to its nonprofit mission and reach additional individuals with their services.