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## Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	<b>Lee Zachary</b>
District	<b>Senate District 36</b>
Party Affiliation	<b>Republican</b>
Campaign Website	<b>None</b>

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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 served on the E. H. Barnard Charitable Trust Advisory Board for many years. We awarded annual grants to many community based non-profits in Yadkin County. This was a very rewarding experience. The Trust helped start the YMCA in Yadkinville; it made annual contributions to the Yadkin County United Way; it also helped fund the Yadkin branch of Surry Community College; East Bend Library was another project. Non profits are great assets to any community. There was another organization (can't think of the name right now) but it provided food, clothing, medicine and other much needed items for the less fortunate. Every year, it was one of the groups we funded. It and United Way received funding before any other group. In this years budget, and in Covid funding, I was happy to see funds distributed to many non profits across our State.

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## Q3

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

Schools, including Charter Schools and Community Colleges and Universities; Highway/Transportation funding; Infrastructure funding for Rural Counties to provide jobs and utilities in Rural areas, including 5G projects.

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**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)

Health and daycare would be high on my list as would be the deductibility of contributions. I am working now with a non profit group to get more daycare in Yadkin County. If contributions aren't tax deductible, those who can afford to give probably won't if it's not tax deductible. Non profit are filling the void created by reduced church involvement in helping communities yet church donations are without question deductible. We want our citizens to become educated, get a job, go to work, be tax payers and good citizens. Without daycare and healthcare, that's not going to happen. That's why I support non profits.

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