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## Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	<b>Mark Cavaliero</b>
District	<b>NC Senate 17</b>
Party Affiliation	<b>Republican</b>
Campaign Website	<b><a href="http://www.markcavaliero.com">www.markcavaliero.com</a></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've been involved in Boy Scouts since I was 7, both as a Scout (Eagle), and as a volunteer. I've been a Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, Summer Camp Staffer, and many other positions.

I've been involved in the United Methodist Church my entire life. Have served on the Church Council, as a Sunday School Teacher, and am currently the Finance Chair at White Plains UMC.

I've have volunteered with Wake Family Promise for many years, hosting and cooking meals for homeless families through our church. Nonprofit organizations fill a vital role in our society by allowing people to help in areas that make a difference. This builds a sense of community, reduces reliance on government, and helps our community, state, and nation grow stronger. I recognize the critical role that non-profits have in society and will support policies that facilitate their work.

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## Q3

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

- Safe Neighborhoods - The most basic responsibility of a government is to ensure the security of families and their property.
  - A Strong and Healthy Economy - We need to set conditions for business owners to create more higher paying jobs with great benefits.
  - An Education System that is Effective, Efficient, and Accountable - It should include expanded school choice options that empower families to choose a school that best meets their needs.
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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)

As a former business founder and CEO, I believe that supporting economic strength and development is an area I have knowledge, skills, and experience that would allow me to make an impact. A strong, healthy, and growing business community is good for everyone, providing families with the jobs, benefits, and opportunities that allow them to provide for themselves. A positive economic environment facilitates greater financial security, and that tends to result in more funds, resources, and time available to help organizations doing good in our community.

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