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Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	Mark Robeson
District	Senate 39
Party Affiliation	Republican
Campaign Website	www.RobesonForNC.com

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)

Worked with Hope International, a global microfinance institution making capital available in microlending to people living in poverty who typically have no access to traditional banking. I co-sponsored a Habitat for Humanity House with a local church. I am in charge of workouts at the Charlotte Rescue Mission, a drug and alcohol recovery center. On the board of the Mecklenburg County Boy Scouts of America. A donor to and volunteer with Samaritans Purse. Church Room at the Inn volunteer.

These experiences show time and time again that the goodness of people's hearts is far better and more efficient than government handouts or government interference in helping those who need help. As a Christian, I am fond of saying: "It's not the government's job to help the poor, it's my job."

Q3

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

Crime
Education
Representation

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)

Education. 60% of NC's annual budget goes to education. \$10B to K-12, \$5B to NC's university system and \$1B to community colleges. We MUST close the education attainment gap. We need to STOP funding useless degree programs in our universities and divert those funds to our community colleges, specifically to helping students attain high-quality credentials or post-secondary degrees. www.myfuture.org for more information on my platform.
