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Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	Mike Woodard
District	NC Senate, District 22
Party Affiliation	Democrat
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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 extensive experience with nonprofits. I've spent my entire career working in higher education. I have a certificate in Non-Profit Management from Duke University, having studied in one of the first cohorts of the program. I have served on the boards of more than a dozen local or regional nonprofits. And I now serve on the board of a national nonprofit. I have done numerous training sessions for nonprofit groups.

Q3

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

Providing a first-class system of public education, from pre-K through post-secondary

- Raise teacher and principal compensation to the national average
- Protect and expand use of teachers' assistants
- Provide more nurses and healthcare resources
- Universal Pre-K
- Enhance racial equity efforts

Accessible, affordable healthcare for all North Carolinians

- Expand Medicaid
- Implement Medicaid Transformation
- Enhance rural healthcare, especially medical specialties
- Enhance behavioral health

A strong economy that works in every part of the state

- Rebuild and expand infrastructure
 - o Transportation
 - o Water/Sewer
 - o Broadband
- Expand opportunities for work
 - o Economic development projects
 - o Training, retraining, and apprenticeship projects
 - o "Ban the Box" and other programs to hire formerly incarcerated people

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 have supported these goals in the past and will continue to do so.
