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Q1 About Candidates

Candidate Name	JOHN AGER
District	House district 115
Party Affiliation	Democrat
Campaign Website	ElectJohnAger.org

Q2 What has been your personal experience with nonprofits as a board member, employee, volunteer, or donor? How do these experiences shape your policy positions? (Limit: 300 words)

I have served on numerous non-profit boards in my community and I have been the executive director of a private foundation that served Western North Carolina. I still manage the Fund but it is now a part of the Community Foundation of WNC. I believe that in many cases, non-profits can deliver services more effectively and with cost savings than government.

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

1. Expanding medicaid in NC.
 2. Bring integrity back to our elections, including the end of the gerrymander.
 3. Develop policies that would mitigate Climate Change.
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Q4 What is your position on these tax issues that affect charitable nonprofits?

Preserving or expanding tax exemption for charitable nonprofits **5 (strongly support)**

Encouraging individuals and businesses to give generously to nonprofits serving their communities **5 (strongly support)**

Please add any comments about tax policies that affect nonprofits. (Limit: 250 words):

The non-profit sector is one of the greatest strengths of our American way of life. It is imperative that our tax codes, federal and state, allow for the deductions for non-profit donations. I am worried that the new federal tax reform with the larger standard deduction will be a disincentive for many in making their charitable giving decisions.

Four Questions for Candidates for Office in 2018

Q5 What policies would you propose to promote continued job growth for private employers, including both nonprofit and for-profit business employers? (Limit: 250 words)

I would encourage good tax policy, and actual investment from state budgets in non-profit organizations that are carrying out the goals of the government.
