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## Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	<b>B.K. Maginnis</b>
District	<b>US Senate</b>
Party Affiliation	<b>Democrat</b>
Campaign Website	<b><a href="http://www.maginnis4congress.org">www.maginnis4congress.org</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)

As a family, we donate to multiple non-profit organizations. Relevant to this question would include Wounded Warrior, Charlotte Rescue Mission, Loaves and Fishes, Dress for Success Charlotte, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, and Women's March. These organizations shape my policy positions by their mere existence. While they do excellent service, most would not be needed (as much) if the issues around poverty were adequately addressed and resolved. Most of my policies revolve around shrinking the wealth inequality gap.

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## Q3

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

My top 3 priorities are passing Voting Rights legislation, enacting legislation to resolve Racial inequality, and helping support Small businesses. As mentioned in the previous question, passing Voting Rights legislation is essential not only for Democrats but also for unaffiliated voters who may not vote consistently with one party. It even affects some Republicans, who may disagree with the more radical elements of their party. Not getting Voting Rights legislation passed means a government dominated by the most extreme elements of the Republican party, with other voices locked out of the decision-making process. Resolving Racial Inequality should matter to all Americans because many of the most critical issues facing our country today, affecting Americans of every color, stem from not adequately resolving our history of systemic racism. Finally, Small Business is the lifeblood of the American economy. However, for more than 40 years government has created competitive disadvantages for small business owners against Large Corporations, whether intentionally or not. By repealing these obstacles for small businesses and creating new legislation that will level the playing field, we can make a more dynamic economy for America and begin to minimize the growing wealth gap.

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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)

The policy goal I would support most enthusiastically would be 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. I think this is most important because if you don't have the people, you can't do the work. I also think this can help resolve 2 major issues in society today. I believe one of the best ways to solve the student loan debt crisis is to expand the current work programs that require work in certain fields to eliminate their debt. I believe there are many critical jobs, like non-profits, that this work program can expand into in order to both solve a work shortage with talented, educated workers and lessen the debt burden these workers have without eliminating the economic responsibility they took on.

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