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**Q1** About Candidates

Candidate Name	<b>Stuart Collins</b>
District	<b>NC Senate, District 37</b>
Party Affiliation	<b>Constitution Party of NC</b>
Campaign Website	<b><a href="http://www.stuartcollinsforncsenate.com">www.stuartcollinsforncsenate.com</a></b>

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**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)

My only experience with nonprofit organizations has been as a student at Central Piedmont Community College and Queens University. I am very grateful for the education that I received from these institutions, and my personal experience has only further cemented my philosophy that charitable nonprofit organizations play an important role in our country. My policies regarding charitable nonprofits will be directed to help them continue in this role.

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

If elected, I plan to pursue the ten points of action that I have outlined in my platform; but for the purposes of answering this question, three of the ten policies are as follows: education reform that seeks the re-implementation of the Trivium method of education in public schools across our state; healthcare reform built around expanding the options available to customers within the free-market, this would include publicly encouraging a greater collaboration between charitable organizations and doctors to play a greater role in the provision of affordable care much like they played for the majority of our nation's history (I would also publicly engage with my constituency about the need of giving to charity, and about the role that charities have always played in positively regulating the functionality of our free-market system); monetary reform that would formally allow gold and silver coins issued by the US government to once again be used as legal tender in North Carolina.

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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	<b>5 (strongly support)</b>
Encouraging individuals and businesses to give generously to nonprofits serving their communities	<b>5 (strongly support)</b>

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## 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 propose that the state pursue a balanced tax policy that seeks to encourage growth, and works to preserve the health of our economy -- this should be done equitably, taking great care that no one sector of our economy is negatively impacted for the benefit of another.

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