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## Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	<b>Jay J. Chaudhuri</b>
District	<b>15</b>
Party Affiliation	<b>Democrat</b>
Campaign Website	<b><a href="http://www.jayfornc.com">www.jayfornc.com</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)

I've served on the boards of the Council of Institutional Investors, Z. Smith Reynolds Leadership Council, Wildacres Leadership Initiative, and Indian American Leadership Initiative. Each of these experiences have confirmed my belief that nonprofits play an important role in the social and economic well-being of our state and our country.

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## Q3

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

First, I would continue to advocate for more significant investment in public education, including raising teacher pay. Second, I would continue to push for the expansion of Medicaid to cover the 700,000 citizens without health insurance. Finally, I would protect women's reproductive rights.

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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)

As a product of Cumberland County public schools and a father of two children in Wake County public schools, I would continue to support invest in public education because I believe education is economic development.

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