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Q1 About Candidates

Candidate Name	Tess Judge
District	House District 6
Party Affiliation	Democrat
Campaign Website	tessjudge.com

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 been a board member of or a volunteer for the following organizations: Children and Youth Partnership, Outer Banks Relief Foundation, Food for Thought, Hands of Hope Cancer Support, Missions of Mercy Dental, Dare County Task Force for Older Adults, Outer Banks Community Collaborative.

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

Investing in infrastructure and promoting small businesses will result in more economic opportunities for the people of Northeastern North Carolina. We must ensure that our investments in education result in more opportunities for our students and a workforce trained for the jobs of the future. We must expand medical services in our rural communities and improve our health outcomes. It is crucial that we provide more access to health care especially mental health treatment options for patients. We need to provide geriatric health care to meet the needs of our seniors.

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)

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)

Northeastern North Carolina is blessed to have several community colleges that have programs for the building trades, boat building, marine technology and other high-skilled jobs. We need to expand the programs that are available for students to get trained for the jobs of today and the jobs of the future. I will advocate for developing partnerships between community colleges and small businesses, including nonprofit organizations, medical technology and other industries so that workforce training programs better fit their needs for skilled labor.
