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## Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	<b>Matthew Hoh</b>
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Party Affiliation	<b>Green</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)

Most of the last 13 years of my life have been with non-profit organizations in management, career, and voluntary roles. Like many people, my first introduction to non-profits was as a volunteer in high school and college. Those were meaningful experiences for me as I worked for years with organizations supporting homeless and developmentally disabled populations. Those experiences helped shape who I am as a person today, particularly in my relation to others in my community.

As noted above, for most of the last 13 years, since leaving the Marine Corps and then the State Department, I have worked with non-profits in various capacities and with many organizations. I have been on the board of directors and advisory boards for multiple non-profits and have taken roles as staff or as a volunteer with others. These experiences, from working in a board room to cleaning pots and pans, have given me a holistic view of the beneficial and necessary role non-profits play in our society and the challenges they face.

Of importance to this question, I have often seen how non-profits are forced to provide needed and essential services to low-income, marginalized and at-risk populations in our communities. The burden of taking responsibility for our brothers, sisters and their families should not fall onto individual non-profits. Instead, it should be provided for by our communities and governments. Non-profits can and should play a role, but meeting the needs of our communities should not depend upon the fundraising capabilities of individual organizations.

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### Q3

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

My top three policy priorities are:

1. An economic bill of rights including Medicare for All, affordable housing, universal education from pre-K through university, and annualized living wages;
2. A Green New Deal to address climate change now and prepare ourselves for a changing world;
3. Ending the war on drugs.

### 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)

One of the primary reasons I am running for the US Senate is because I have many people in my life, people I love, who must check their bank accounts before they go to their doctor. Our current for-profit health care system is not simply immoral and unjust but economically harmful and societally ruinous.

Non-profits, like other employers, are currently forced to pay into a system of employer-provided healthcare that is both outrageous in cost and fails to provide quality health care that is easily accessible.

The United States must move to a universal single-payer healthcare system that provides all forms of healthcare to all people without cost at the point of service (e.g., Medicare for All). This would align the United States with nearly every industrialized and wealthy nation on the planet.

Again, this is not simply a matter of morality, justice or compassion. Employers would no longer be burdened with for-profit health care expenses, while individuals and their families would not only be healthier but would be economically free to pursue things such as education, entrepreneurship, non-profit work and other passions that they cannot do now due to the current relationship to employer-based health care. Not only would Medicare for All be a revolutionary transformation for our economy and society, but it will likely save hundreds of billions of dollars a year.

Getting healthcare for our people and ending for-profit healthcare is one of my important priorities.