Q1 About Candidates

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Party Affiliation: Republican
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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 have had the opportunity to serve several nonprofits. One example: I was a U.S. Fulbright Fellow representing the United States for a year in the Middle East (Doha, Qatar). When I returned to the U.S. I had the opportunity to serve as a board member of the Fulbright Association in Washington, DC. As a member of the board, I had first hand experience working on programming aimed at maintaining and increasing the funding of the Fulbright program in the United States, creating beneficial programming, and assisting foreign scholars as they performed their research in the states. My time oversees immersing in other cultures rounded out my understanding of the world. We live in a wonderful country, but we can also learn and benefit from others in the worldwide community.

Q3

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

1. Community safety and decreasing crime and violence.
2. Investment in trade schools and technical boot camps to promote economic opportunity and advancement.
3. Support small business and decrease taxes and fees.
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)

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