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About Candidates

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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 am a founding member of the North Carolina Citizens Coalition, a grassroots organization committed to building a broad coalition of voters to elect candidates who put the needs of people over partisan interests. I've also served as the North Carolina State Leader for Stand Up Republic, an organization that defends democracy through media and grassroots campaigns, and fights for accountable government, electoral reform, healthy media, and pluralistic society. I'm also a Fellow of the North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership, and a member of the Institute's Leadership Counsel. I currently serve as a member of the Boy Scouts of America, Occoneechee Council Board of Directors and previously served as the executive Vice President of Membership.

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

My top priority is Racial, Social, and Criminal Justice reform; this means working to pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, ending for-profit prisons (a modern form of slavery), ending cash bail, "banning the box" which prevents former offenders from finding future opportunities, and addressing the systemic inequality in the judicial system which incarcerates people of color at much higher rates than other races.

Another priority for me is economic reform. Wages are not keeping up with rising Inflation. Home ownership seems out of reach for too many. Our economy caters to Wall Street not Main Street as billionaires pay less in taxes than many working families. We need a tax code and national budget that supports working families and small business entrepreneurs.

Another priority is building a 21st century clean energy infrastructure. We are behind other developed nations in areas of transportation, low-cost high-speed internet, and clean energy production. We need to: invest in modernizing U.S. transportation; support the development of a low-cost, high-speed internet network throughout the country; support net-neutrality; invest in clean energy, with the goal of replacing coal and fossil fuels as quickly as possible.

None of these things are possible without an investment in education. We need to invest in school infrastructure that modernizes facilities and decreases class sizes. We need to equalize the funding gap between communities so that all schools have access to resources. We also need to invest in community college, trade school, and early college programs.

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)

All of these policy agendas are good and I would be an advocate for each one of them. The two that I believe are the most beneficial to not only non-profits but other sectors as well are: supporting policy solutions addressing nonprofit workforce shortages, which includes increased funding to support jobs in the nonprofit sector and investment in accessible and affordable child care; and promoting laws that will help nonprofits and businesses alike to provide affordable and high-quality health care and other benefits to their employees. These issues are beneficial to the community at large because they center on job creation which strengthens our economy. But, not job creation alone but quality job creation. Child care is essential as many working families require dule income and the cost of child care, like the cost of so many other things is climbing faster than the wages are climbing. Healthcare is also essential as it too is becoming an unaffordable cost for too many Americans. Quality job creation is an important component in my economic vision, and it must include the non-profit sector as well as all other industry sectors.