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Q1 About Candidates

Candidate Name	Billy Richardson
District	44
Party Affiliation	Democrat
Campaign Website	www.electbillyrichardson.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 served on numerous boards to include the YMCA, Myrover Reese Fellowship Homes Board of Directors and Vestry for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. My wife Barbara served 12 years on the Cumberland County Community Foundation. Nonprofit organizations are vital to the community.

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

Actually put NC Public Schools in the Top 5 systems by 2025. See HB 888. Rebuild our infrastructure in 3 years to include a new grid, better highways and university updates. Improve our higher education system to make it second to none.

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)

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)

Keep taxes at the 2014 levels. Implement top three policy priorities listed in Question 2. Use public/private partnership to bring high speed internet to the mountains and Eastern NC where it is lacking. Identify policies that would refurbish our rivers.
