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Four Questions for Candidates for Office in 2018

With responses published for community leaders throughout your district

Please respond by September 7 at www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018CandidateQuestionnaire or send responses to David Heinen at dheinen@ncnonprofits.org, or North Carolina Center for Nonprofits, 5800 Faringdon Pl, Raleigh, NC 27609.

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Charitable nonprofits include groups like food banks, Habitat for Humanity, YMCAs, churches, synagogues, hospices, hospitals, United Ways, community theatres, private schools and colleges, museums, Meals on Wheels, and child care centers.

1. 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)*

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

3. What is your position on these tax issues that affect charitable nonprofits?

	Strongly <u>support</u>				Strongly <u>oppose</u>	Not <u>sure</u>
Preserving or expanding tax exemption for charitable nonprofits	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encouraging individuals and businesses to give generously to nonprofits serving their communities	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please add any comments about tax policies that affect nonprofits. (Limit: 250 words)

Nonprofits provide more than 400,000 jobs – 1 out of every 10 jobs in NC.

4. What policies would you propose to promote continued job growth for private employers, including both nonprofit and for-profit business employers? (Limit: 250 words)

Thank you!

For more information about North Carolina's nonprofit sector or policy issues that affect nonprofits, contact David Heinen, 919-790-1555 x.111, dheinen@ncnonprofits.org.

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1. I was awarded Life Membership in the Raleigh Jaycees for all of the volunteer work I performed raising money, working on projects, helping develop and teach children, adults in nonprofits. Those included School for the Blind, Raleigh Rescue Mission, Rise Against Hunger, Goodfellows Foundation, etc. I served on the Board of Directors of the Raleigh Jaycees four separate times and on the Board of Directors for the Goodfellows Foundation four separate times. Goodfellows is the longest running Jaycee project in the world dating from the 1930s taking food to the needy. Money is now used to feed and clothe needy children.

I have worked on projects through Churches raising money to contribute to: Appalachian Service Project, Christian Life Home, Light House Ministries, Pardoned by Christ, Grace Home for Women, Helping Hands for Haiti, Habitat for Humanity, Veterans of Foreign Wars, U.S.O., Wounded Warriors, Wake County ASPCA, Salvation Army, Campus Crusade for Christ, Samaritan's Purse, etc.

I was taught to be a wise steward of our natural resources. My parents grew a large garden, and we took produce and apples to the Soup Kitchens. I currently donate or have donated to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern N.C., to the Raleigh YMCA, hospices, Meals on Wheels, Wake County United Way, community theaters, Greensboro Day School, NC State University and other colleges, multiple museums. I tithe to churches. (Last year I sold some property and donated approximately 20% to churches and other nonprofits.)

Giving to others allows me to allocate both time and money for the betterment of life. The Jaycee Creed begins "We believe that Faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life,...

And ends... and Service to Humanity is the best work of life."

Nonprofits will guide many of my policy decisions.

2. I am a registered Professional Engineer in N.C.

The American Society of Civil Engineers gives the roads, bridges, mass transit, water and sewer systems, SCHOOL SAFETY systems, (infrastructure) of the state a grade D+ My first priority is to improve the INFRASTRUCTURE)

The INFRASTRUCTURE systems affect EDUCATION the ENVIRONMENT and all aspects of our life. If the roads, bridges, clean drinking water and sanitation, etc. food, medicine, physical needs which the nonprofits distribute can not be efficiently transported. The citizens can not travel to their jobs, and take their children to school. As recent events have shown us, SCHOOLS need to be engineered for safety, which is another infrastructure need.

We must have clean water and air to function as a society and support nonprofits. (Many nonprofits target areas where basic infrastructure needs are lacking).

Another priority is JOBS and the ECONOMY. Good roads, bridges, etc. are necessary, but MASS TRANSIT (BUS SYSTEMS), rail and even airport systems must be brought to a grade: A standard so that employees can travel to and from their destinations.

Since many of the customers who utilize the services of nonprofits do not drive. A well coordinated mass transit system is necessary for all involved. This is another priority in policy making.

My volunteer work as well as employment as a P.E. with the City of Raleigh and N.C.D.O.T. gave me experience in all areas of the infrastructure improvements described benefiting the nonprofits.

3. In 2017 I sold some property for the first time in my life. I consider it the "Lord's money", and I donated 20% of my overall income to nonprofits. I was taught that you give the first 10% to nonprofits, save 10% and live on the 80% remainder. In 2017 I exceeded my donations.

I prepare my own income taxes and have always utilized the tax savings by donating the money directly to the charities I support, rather than giving it to the government.

When elected, I will continue to be a strong advocate for nonprofits. I would like to see the tax exemption for charitable nonprofits increased.

Many businesses already give generously to nonprofits. I would promote policies and incentives to encourage others to give generously.

4. I would propose to lower taxes which always creates more jobs and spurs economic growth. I would continue the many policies and practices that the Republicans have implemented. They have created 215,000 new jobs, with the 10th highest job growth rate in the country.
They have cut the individual income tax rate and the corporate tax rate. They have cut the unemployment rate by 34% and eliminated the state inheritance tax.