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## Q1

**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 have worked with many non-profits over the years. The most predominate was the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps. I served as a local commander and then took over the North and South Carolina regions. Since covid, I am helping to rebuild the Raleigh program.

I am also a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary program.

#### Q3

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

I'm a technologist; I'm an expert in cybersecurity and a blockchain advocate. Our systems (voting, data, etc) are old, have security issues, and can be manipulated. I would fight to introduce technology that would ensure the government works with transparency and that audit controls are in place and we operate in a secure manner.

I am a disabled combat veteran; I will fight for my brothers and sisters who continue to struggle to get the care they need.

I'm a dad. I want to make sure the world we are leaving our kids is manageable both in resources and their personal liberties. Every person, no matter their sex, race, or social standing should be treated equally under the law. Any laws that are racially bias should be removed.

I am a Libertarian. I believe in small government and believe that we need tax reform. Ensuring that all 501(c)(3) nonprofits are fully exempt from federal, state, and local taxes and I promise to expanded tax deductions and credits that encourage individuals and businesses to give generously to support their communities through the work of charitable nonprofits.

#### 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)

I would support them all but I'm the most enthusiastic about are the first two. I do not believe our non-profits should be funding issues with our federal government.