



## 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](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018CandidateQuestionnaire) or send responses to David Heinen at [dheinen@ncnonprofits.org](mailto: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)

I AM CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE EXODUS HOMES BOARD OF DIRECTORS. EXODUS HOMES IS A FAITH BASED UNITED WAY AGENCY OFFERING TRANSITIONAL AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE RETURNING TO SOCIETY.

I AM ALSO A PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL RED CROSS, I SERVE AS MY CHURCH'S LAY LEADER, AND I CO-CHAIR LOCAL VETERANS HELPING VETERANS GROUP

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

MY THREE TOP PRIORITIES INCLUDE RESTORING FULL FUNDING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION BY STOPPING THE FLOW OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MONEY TO PRIVATE AND FOR-PROFIT SCHOOLS. I ALSO WANT TO IMPROVE OUR ECONOMY BY HELPING PEOPLE GET JOBS THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO SPEND, SAVE, AND INVEST. MY THIRD GOAL IS TO HELP PEOPLE WHO CANNOT AFFORD HEALTHCARE BY EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE IN NC.

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

	Strongly support			Strongly oppose			Not sure
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)

ALL OF THE NON-PROFITS WITH WHICH I AM ASSOCIATED USE somewhere from 90%-100% of the money raised directly in the community helping people. My concern is that some nonprofits use the vast majority of the funds they receive on salaries and administrative costs. Thus, I am concerned about expanding tax exemption status for ALL nonprofits.

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)

I would first meet with selected nonprofit and private business leaders to begin a dialogue about how best an elected official could address their concerns about promoting quality job growth. I would use what I learned from that dialogue to help me frame legislation designed to promote growth.

**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](mailto:dheinen@ncnonprofits.org).