

2018 Pennsylvania CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Running For: PA House

District: 153

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Charitable nonprofits include groups like food banks, Habitat for Humanity, YMCAs, religious institutions, hospitals, museums, libraries, child care centers, and many more. What has been your personal experience with nonprofits (ex: as a board member, employee, volunteer, or donor)? How do these experiences shape your policy positions?

I have volunteered at my church on several occasions for different events, and my family belonged to the YMCA for a time when my son was learning to swim. These non-profit organizations are an integral part of our community and way of life.

What is your position on the following tax issues that affect charitable nonprofits:

Do you support preserving state and local sales and real-estate tax exemptions for charitable nonprofits?

I support preserving the exemptions currently afforded to these charitable nonprofits.

Do you believe that nonprofits should be required to provide Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTS) or Services in Lieu of Taxes (SILOTS)?

These organizations already DO provide a community service in lieu of taxes by their existence.

Would you support additional state tax revenues dedicated to fund nonprofits providing contracted government health and human services?

I believe we adequately fund these institutions, and nothing should be cut from their current operations budget.

Additional comments about tax policies that affect nonprofits:

Nonprofits provide more than 720,000 jobs in Pennsylvania (15% of the state's workforce). What policies would you propose to promote continued job growth for private employers, including both nonprofit and for-profit business?

I will promote continued job growth by working with business leaders to hear their concerns, aspirations, and intentions so that they align with the policies that are enacted in Harrisburg.

Would you favor legislation that would reduce the likelihood of a budget impasse in future years? If so, what type of legislation?

I am not in favor of any additional legislation that would hinder the growth of business in our state. Additional regulations, legislation, and obstruction coming from our current state government is in excess.

Would you support regulatory changes that increase efficiencies and nonprofit-government partnerships. (Proposed regulatory changes could include reducing redundancies across state agencies - e.g. common pre-award processes, budget templates, use of a single audit, reporting template and central depository vault)?

I am not in support of additional regulatory changes, as I believe any interference in the guise of “help” have the potential be more damaging to the existing working structure of the marketplace. I am for less government interference, not more.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities?

- 1). School Safety
- 2). Income Tax Elimination
- 3). Small Business Growth