

# 2018 Pennsylvania CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

**Candidate Name:** Frank Ryan

**Running For:** PA House

**District:** 101

**Party Affiliation:** Republican

**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?**

- Board of Directors, Good Shepherd Center, Baltimore, Md (1990 to 2001; 2003 to 2016)
- Knight of Malta, SMOM, (2008 to present)
- Board of Trustees, Institute of World Politics (2009 to August 2015)
  - o Chairman, Audit Committee
- Audit Committee, Archdiocese of Baltimore, (September 2009 to 2016)
  - o Elected Chairman of the Audit Committee – July 2012
  - o Appointed to the Board of Financial Administration – July 2012
- Board of Directors, St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore, MD (2000 to June 2009)
- Board of Directors, St. Agnes Hospital Foundation, Baltimore, MD (1991 to 2001)

**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

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

I do not think those payments should be required. A voluntary system is acceptable for PILOTS and SILOTS but not mandatory.

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

I believe that government bureaucracy is very inefficient. As such, I have written legislation to have government go lean. Savings from lean operations would be available to pay down pension debt, state debt and fund social service programs from nongovernmental agencies who are better equipped to meet the needs of the public.

**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 have sponsored bills to enhance lean operations, enhance Auditor General capabilities and streamline the regulatory environment.

I am a CPA and in prior life specialized in corporate restructurings. I intend to do the same at the state level.

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

All government streamlining operations that I have sponsored work to prevent the budget impasse.

Please note that I do believe that we will have a financial crisis in 2-4 years if we do not seriously address our fiscal problems in the Commonwealth. I am working diligently to avoid that.

**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)?**

Absolutely - I already have and intend to see them through to passage.

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

1. Property tax elimination
2. Implement lean systems in state agencies
3. Enhance Auditor General Forensic and Fraud capabilities.