

# 2018 Pennsylvania CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

**Candidate Name:** Mike Schlossberg

**Running For:** State Representative

**District:** 132

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**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?**

More than anything, they make me aware of the good work that the hundreds of non-profits which serve my constituents do. They also remind me that the goal of government, when it comes to non-profits, needs to be to supplement their needs and create an environment which allows them to be successful.

**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?**

Support

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

No. They are great voluntary tools, but voluntary.

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

YES, and I have voted as such in the past.

**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?**

Continued government investment in these critical areas which will allow for more of my constituents to be served, and which creates more jobs.

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

I support legislation which would require funding continue to flow to non-profits, even in the event of an impasse.

**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)?**

Yes, and I'd be happy to discuss ways in which this can happen.

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

- 1) Increased education funding and equity.
- 2) Increased government activity and funding in human services, specifically mental health care.
- 3) Continued work at closing the gap between the richest and poorest in society.