

2018 Pennsylvania CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Running For: PA House

District: 194

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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 served as CEO of 2 not-for-profits and board member, volunteer, employee and donor over a 40-year career. I know first-hand the voids that these organizations fill in order to help communities to survive and thrive and to make communities a better place to live work and play.

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?

Truly mission oriented, and purely public charities that are not-for-profits should maintain tax exemptions. Large university and healthcare systems are another discussion.

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

PILOTS and SILOTS may be the answer for the behemoths that currently claim not-for-profit and purely public charity status.

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

if you are referring to increased Medicaid reimbursement as an example- yes.

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?

Life-long learning and career ladder type of programs to help citizens advance.

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

The 'balanced' budget that is required to be in place now by June 30 is considered passed if only the spending portion is passed- the revenue portion can lag. Try doing that in the private sector and getting your board's approval! The short answer is - yes. Define a balanced budget as spending and revenue. I was one of a small handful or so of House members who did not take a paycheck for 5 months during the last 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.

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

1. Redistricting reform
2. Campaign finance reform
3. Improve/update voting policy

With these 3 keystone events in place all other policy becomes eminently more doable, IMO.