

2018 Pennsylvania CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Running For: PA House

District: 92

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?

My family attends a church, we are members of the State Museum of PA, we frequent our local library, my son attends preschool, and I work for the PA Music Educators Association. I understand and value the work that nonprofits do in Pennsylvania and around the world.

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. Organizations that are truly doing the work of their communities should have those benefits.

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

If they are receiving the tax exemption, it would make sense to me that the work they are doing to receive that benefit would be documented and meet certain criteria.

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

I would need more specific information on this.

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?

We need to raise the minimum wage and give Pennsylvania's workers more purchasing power. I also support the PA Promise plan for higher education, enabling more people to earn the degrees needed to thrive in our economy without being crippled by decades of student loan payments.

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

Yes. I support the efforts in the house to withhold lawmakers' pay if the budget is not passed on time.

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. Fixing the inequitable way we fund public education in Pennsylvania
2. Instituting a gift ban and campaign finance reform/contribution limits for state-level races
3. Establishing an independent citizens commission for redistricting to give the people their collective voice again.