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Q1

Candidate name

Ben Sanchez

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Office running for (governor, PA House, PA Senate)

PA House

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District

153

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Party affiliation

Democratic

Q5

How have you or someone close to you benefited from nonprofit services?*Nonprofits include groups like food banks, Habitat for Humanity, YMCAs, religious institutions, museums, libraries, childcare centers.

Yes, quite frequently.

Q6

Nonprofits not only provide mandated services on behalf of state and federal government, but they positively contribute to the Commonwealth (providing 15% or 807,000 jobs), and by bringing in revenue from outside the state. What policies do you propose to promote continued job growth for nonprofit employers so they can continue addressing community needs?

Nonprofits should be paid competitive amounts when providing government services, especially when it comes to reimbursements.

Q7

Would you support increases in reimbursement rates* for nonprofits providing contracted government health and human services? If not, please explain why.*Some rates have not been increased for over a decade.

Yes, absolutely.

Q8

87% of nonprofits were negatively impacted by the pandemic - and continued to provide services to those most vulnerable. The state has yet to designate funding to support our work. Given the likelihood of a looming recession, what policies do you support to ensure financial support to these nonprofits so critical to your work?

State funding should be tied to automatic escalations.

Q9

Many nonprofits were created to address inequities in policy or programs.* If elected, how would you go about identifying and addressing these inequities?*Examples: Food banks exist to serve those who live in food deserts or have other limited access to food. Suicide hotlines exist to serve those who have no where else to turn when life no longer seems worth living.

I am sure there is a lot of data on such issues, but these could certainly be studied further and perhaps even gather more data in policy hearings.

Q10

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

Access to healthcare (including abortion services); gun safety, environmental protection.
