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## Q1

Candidate name

Jay Ting Walker

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## Q2

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

PA House

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## Q3

District

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## Q4

Party affiliation

Green Party

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## 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! Libraries, museums, the symphony, sports leagues, civic engagement organizations, too many to count!

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**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?

I support releasing American Rescue Plan funds and using allocating them towards non profits that provide essential services in the commonwealth.

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**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! Health and human services are essential in Pennsylvania and should be paid accordingly.

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**Q8**

Respondent skipped this question

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?

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**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.

We need to tackle these inequities at the root in addition to addressing the problems they cause in the short term. I would tackle these inequities by thinking about society problems in an expanded way and not in a silo. I know non profit staff already look at things this way and feel that their hands are tied by the various red tape that addresses problems one by one instead of collaboratively. I would take my guidance from those providing these services because they're the ones who care the most about the people being harmed by inequity.

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**Q10**

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

1. Ban fracking in Pennsylvania. This would be both for short term air and water pollution reasons but also for long term climate change reasons.
  2. Ban lobbyist gifts. Corporate lobbyists control the legislature through gifts that often go unreported. Bribery should not be functionally legal in our state.
  3. Fair share income tax. Right now too much of the burden of our tax revenues are carried by the working class and too little of the burden is carried by the wealthy. A strong fair share tax plan would circumvent the Pennsylvania Constitution's uniformity clause so that we can have a just tax structure. I also do not support the bipartisan corporate tax cuts that we the legislature recently passed.
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