Q1
Candidate name
Ken Bach

Q2
Office running for (governor, PA House, PA Senate)
PA House

Q3
District
58th

Q4
Party affiliation
Democrat

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.
The betterment of our community. My family has used the YMCA for swim class.
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?

Helping those that are less fortunate is important to me. I will talk to people in those communities and ask what they need.

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

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?

I will ask and learn what needs done to support them. This isn't an area I have experience in.

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.

Educating myself would be the first thing I need to do. I come from 14 years on the Yough School board. I believe schools should be working with non-profits to educate all of the kids.

Q10
If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities?

1) Fairly funding education so every child gets a great education.
2) Work to end the drug epidemic that is killing many of our community members and destroying families.
3) Support fix PA which will take power from the leadership and let legislators represent their districts not puppets for the state's political leadership.