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Q1

Candidate name

Nerissa Galt

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

PA house

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District

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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.

I actually am the founder of a nonprofit, Healing Hearts of Crawford County, which provided support to parents grieving the loss of a pregnancy or infant.

Nonprofits are a necessary part of our society and provide invaluable resources to so many people. I can't think of a person I know who hasn't been touched by a nonprofit.

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?

Better funding! So many service-providing nonprofits are without adequate funding and this makes it difficult to retain skilled workers and provide their resources to all who could benefit from them.

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?

Some of that so-called "rainy day fund" PA has sitting around should be used to fund nonprofits.

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.

Gathering statistical data about which areas of the Commonwealth lack needed services would be the first step to identifying the inequities. The data should also include demographics which may affect the equitable distribution of these services. Educational ad campaigns may help those who are unaware of the services that could benefit them. Proper funding will always be the greatest roadblock until it is addressed.

Q10

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

Equitable education funding.

Funding human services.

Fair tax plan.
