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Q1

Candidate name

Robert E. Smith JR.

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

Pa House

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District

22

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Party affiliation

Republican

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.Family and residents I work with each day.

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?

Mental health treatment services is in much needed financial help.I will always support financial resources for mental health and opioid additions .

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.

i propose inflationary increases each year for reimbursement rates.

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 would propose part of lottery,casino,sports betting money go to help 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.

Suicide is rising in my districts,fentanyl deaths,and opioid addiction treatment needed.

Q10

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

1-Help fight inflation,lower gas taxes,property tax reform for seniors.2-lower pharmaceutical drugs,and insulin for diabetics 3- fair funding formula for all school districts,
