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Candidate name

Sara Agerton

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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

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.

I am a Social Worker who have connected many folks to non profits across PA.

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?

Continuing and expanding education relief for those who dedicate their careers to service.

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. These organization usually operate with a high efficiency but to attract good workers they need to be reimbursed at a higher rate. As inflation continues to increase, their operating costs also increase.

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?

The budget must include funding for critical services delivered to our most vulnerable.

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 continue to survey what our community needs are so that we can identify the needs. Non-profits often are aware of increasing needs and shod be included in the conversations.

Q10

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

1. Affordable and accessible Healthcare.
 2. Education Equity
 3. Infrastructure
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