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**Q1**

Candidate name

Thomas Anderson

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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

Libertarian

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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.

I've been involved in many non-profits. American Red Cross, YMCA, Give Kids the World, etc.

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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 would propose to make forming non-profit companies easier and the reporting requirements less cumbersome.

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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.

The government should always use a competitive bidding process for all contracts, not flat rates. It's important to always evaluate the cost/benefit proposition of every bidder for a service.

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**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?

It is not incumbent upon the state to ensure that any company, for-profit or non-profit, is funded. But the state also shouldn't stand in the way of any company by issuing mandates and lockdowns. Funding should primarily come from private charity, not public subsidies.

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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.

The purpose of nonprofits is to do things outside the scope of government. The state should not be involved in defining their mission or goals.

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**Q10**

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

- 1) My highest priority is ensuring that Pennsylvanians can weather and adapt to the high inflation and recession we're facing. Methods of doing this include reducing regulations and taxes on farmers and energy companies so that we can promote abundant and inexpensive food and fuel for all Pennsylvanians, come what may.
  - 2) I also want to make it easier for people to build off-grid homes and take their existing homes off the grid. The grid is a source of frequent failures and unnecessary dependency. We should welcome "the last mile" divorcing themselves from the grid and pursuing on-site renewable technologies including solar, wind, micro-hydro, biomass, methane digestion, and others. This would certainly make our entire society and economy more robust, both for those who go off-grid and those who remain grid connected.
  - 3) I also aim to reform the law enforcement system, particularly in rural areas. Specifically, constables should be tapped to provide primary law enforcement in rural townships, villages and boroughs, and we should provide adequate training and certification for that purpose, similar to municipal police training.
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