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Candidate name

Vito Malacari

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

PA State Representative

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District

119

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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.

Yes. My kids love our local library, many students I have utilize our local food bank, and we have visited many museums.

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?

We need to continue to invest in non-profits and allow them to operate with certain tax credits and regulations that allow them to grow, expand, and bring in more resources. With so many people turning to non-profits for help during the pandemic I would support updated tax credits for non-profits, ways to help them pay overhead costs, and increasing state funding for those directly involved with helping people.

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 would support opening the State's massive reserve fund to funnel money into proven non-profits that help people directly. I think it important that we use our resources wisely and get the most out of each dollar while helping the most people.

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.

I would firstly go through our public schools and see what services they need to help kids and their families. Schools can help link up the most in-need people. I would then focus on seniors and what they need to help identify those who need food help, rent help, and other needs.

Q10

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

- 1 - Education funding
 - 2 - Safe communities and schools
 - 3 - affordable, high-quality healthcare funding
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