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## Q1

About Candidates

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| Candidate Name    | <b>Christine Kelly</b>  |
| District          | <b>NC House District 37</b>   |
| Party Affiliation | <b>Democrat</b>   |
| Campaign Website  | <b><a href="http://www.christinekellyfornc.com">www.christinekellyfornc.com</a></b> |

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## Q2

Q1. Please tell us about your personal experiences with nonprofits. These may include experiences with any organizations that have served you and/or fellow residents of your community, or specific nonprofits for which you've served as a board member, staff person, volunteer, or donor. How do these experiences shape your policy positions? (Limit: 300 words)

I have decades of community service in this district from holding membership in various community groups to organizing various volunteer opportunities to help support our community. My membership in community organizations includes: the Holly Springs Rotary, Holly Springs MLK Jr. Committee, NC State Oaks Leadership Scholars Program Steering Committee, League of Women Voters of Wake County, NAACP Raleigh-Apex Branch, Holly Springs Volunteer Coordinator for Western Regional Food Security Action Group, NC Free Moms Hugs, and NC Moms Demand Action. I helped form a local Free Moms Hugs group inspired by meeting the NC organizer at a Pride Day at my place of work, SAS Institute, because I know just feeling seen and supported can make a difference. When Covid shut down our country in March 2020, I was contacted to help distribute food to local families, as an extension of the summer food program. Contacts from the Kirk of Kildaire Church along with other churches and food insecurity agencies reached out and we started feeding families M-T from March 2020 well into August. Our food distribution changed to delivery of food boxes, and I still coordinate volunteers to deliver fresh product boxes monthly to local homes serving vulnerable seniors and families with school children. I have been on boards of several non-profits, mostly involved with local schools as PTA President, or Treasurer of a booster club. I am very familiar with filing for a non-profit with the NC Secretary of State, then applying for the IRS 503(c) status. As Treasure of the Holly Springs High School, I was responsible for filing the annual 990-N e-Postcard.

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**Q3**

Q2. If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities? (Limit: 250 words)

My top three policy priorities are properly funded education, a clean and healthy environment, and protecting voting rights and ensuring fair elections.

Every student in North Carolina must be provided with an equitable, sound, and basic education. It's time to fully fund our public education system for students from early childhood education through K-12.

Climate change is real, and it's impacting our area. We must bring innovative solutions to ensure our air and water quality is safe today, and into the future. Let's protect our environment in a proactive way by encouraging clean energy initiatives and address the issues that are keeping our environment from being healthy.

Democracy works when every eligible voter can have their voices heard in free and fair elections. Our maps for our district were recently redrawn because of issues with gerrymandering. Now that the maps are set, let's work to set up an independent redistricting committee, educate voters, & stop suppression initiatives that disproportionately target people of color, students, the elderly, LGBTQ+ community and people with disabilities.

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**Q4**

The Center advocates on public policy issues that affect North Carolina's nonprofit sector and works with the NC General Assembly and North Carolina's members of Congress to develop laws and policies that save nonprofits time and money, help nonprofits operate more effectively, and preserve the public's trust in North Carolina's nonprofit sector. Our policy agenda includes:  
· Ensuring that all 501(c)(3) nonprofits are fully exempt from federal, state, and local taxes.  
· Promoting new and expanded tax deductions and credits that encourage individuals and businesses to give generously to support their communities through the work of charitable nonprofits.  
· Supporting policy solutions that will address the nonprofit workforce shortage, including increased funding to support jobs in the nonprofit sector and investment in accessible and affordable child care.  
· Seeking solutions to long-standing challenges that nonprofits face when they provide public services through government grants and contracts, including late contracts, late payments, overly complicated application and reporting requirements, and underpayment for indirect costs.  
· Promoting laws that will help nonprofits and businesses alike to provide affordable and high-quality health care and other benefits to their employees.  
Q3. If elected, which of these policy goals would you support most enthusiastically, and why? (Limit: 250 words)

All of these policies are important, however I would prioritize promoting new and expanded tax deductions and credits that encourage individuals and businesses to give generously to support their communities through the work of charitable nonprofits. One avenue I would like to investigate in this area is having policies to encourage crypto donations as a way to promote more fundraising opportunities for nonprofits.

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