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Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	John Franklin Sossamon
District	32
Party Affiliation	Republican
Campaign Website	Coming late April

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)

Retired Pastor, Denominational Leader, President Crime Stoppers, volunteer in a variety of areas for non-profits. I know the value of non-profits in the community and the value role they play in serving the public and increasing the quality of life. I would certainly be sensitive to any legislation that would enhance the productivity of non-profits and be available to listen to the concerns and challenges boards, councils, etc. face in overseeing their respective non-profit organization.

Q3

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

With the challenges District 32 faces there are many policy matters that should be top but when you narrow it down to just three I would say: Education, Crime and Economic Development. Education: we must get back to the fundamentals in order to better prepare and equip our students for the future. Crime: we must get serious about addressing the raising issues of lawlessness in our communities. Economic Development: we must prepare a work force that is ready for new jobs when they arrive in our communities therefore there must be an attitude change, a personal responsibility and accountability transfer from the government and other entities to the individual. Training then can be offered to prepare the community for ED.

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)

Maintaining the tax exempt status for 501 (c) (3) non-profits without exception for all taxes federal, state and local. I will stand without hesitation to defend this policy.

Due to the valuable contribution non-profits bring community and the volunteers I would whole heartedly support additional tax deductions and credits for the individuals, businesses and corporations that give liberally to non-profits.

Streamline the process for government grants, etc. that would make it less cumbersome for the non-profit that is short staffed and doesn't always have the qualified personal to give attention to the detailed matters that are noting more than busy work. I believe there are ways to keep people honest while accomplishing the objective of the grant.
