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Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	Melissa Swarbrick
District	NC 48
Party Affiliation	Republican
Campaign Website	www.swarbrickforhouse48.com

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 volunteered my entire life with nonprofits. Starting as a young girl helping my mother with church work and later in life in areas of child mentoring, animal rescue, domestic abuse, and food banks. I believe in community service.

Q3

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

Education- communicating with community groups to increase parental support for students, funding from the state, and school choice
Election Integrity- working to put voter ID in place and to make it easy to vote but hard to cheat
Community Development- working with organizations and agencies that promote community development to improve quality of life for residents in my district and in the state of NC

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)

Exempting all 501(c)(3) nonprofits from taxes should be a no-brainer. I would fully work to make this happen and support any legislation that was written.

I would also support policy solutions that addressed the workforce shortage in the nonprofit world. People think of nonprofits and think of volunteer or charity work. It takes a lot of skill, time, and staffing to make a difference in the nonprofit world.
