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Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	Ray Jeffers
District	NC House district 2
Party Affiliation	Democrat
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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)

As an elected county commissioner, I voted in support of nonprofits during the budget process. I also saw the valuable services they were providing, that otherwise would not be available through county government. I also am currently employed by a nonprofit.

Q3

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

Support of Broadband

I voted to lay 52 miles of fiber throughout Person County as a commissioner. As a Representative, I would work to pass common-sense legislation to support Durham and Person counties current and future endeavors of connecting their citizens.

Education

Education is the path to ensure prosperity for our children and our communities. My grandmother was a teacher and showed me the need to support education at all levels. From teachers and support staff to local school systems and preschool programs, a solid educational foundation provides the best outcomes for our most precious resource, our children.

Agriculture

I come from a family rooted in farming. Agriculture provided a means for my great-grandfather and his children, as it has for so many North Carolina families. As a significant economic driver for the state and the 2nd district, we need to support our farmers with proven programs to preserve and protect our farming tradition.

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)

I could support all of these policy goals. If I had to rank them, I would say seeking solutions to long-standing challenges that nonprofits face would be top priority. The more efficient the government could be in assisting nonprofits servicing our citizens will allow the nonprofits to concentrate on the clients, and services provided.
