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Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	Brian Echevarria
District	73
Party Affiliation	Republican
Campaign Website	FamilyIsOurStory.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)

As a boy, I had the opportunity to be a part of the local boys and girls club, the JCA, and another recreation center. In hindsight, I realized how important this was to my development socially and being safe from some of the elements available elsewhere. I have been active in my local church, which has taken most of my volunteer time and has included mission trips and local outreaches to some in need. I also served on the board for our local YMCA and worked on funding for a new building.

Q3

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

Family is our story. Without knowing what will come before the house, I can ensure that I will always consider our families. Government policies reach our homes in one way or another, which must never be forgotten when considering legislation. It is essential for families to keep more of the money they earn in their homes and for them to be safe; at school, home, or anywhere they go. Our children must be educated to set them up for future success. Nonprofits are a big part of the solution to recovering learning loss during the pandemic.

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)

Nonprofits must be 100% exempt from federal, state, and local taxes. With limited funding, taxing these organizations would only hinder the people they serve. I am also passionate about incentivizing businesses and individuals to give to nonprofits as much as possible. New and expanded tax deductions and credits that encourage more corporate and individual donations could be life-changing for the people being served and the visions of the nonprofits. Employing people is expensive, and nonprofits and small businesses are usually not competitive because of the lack of healthcare and other benefits. I will advocate for laws that allow them to compete without being disadvantaged by healthcare and other benefits.
