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Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	Jarrod Lowery
District	47
Party Affiliation	Republican
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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)

In my occupation, I am the connection to various nonprofits across NC. I have seen first hand the amazing, life changing work of organizations such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Habitat for Humanity, various food banks, and veteran centers nonprofits. I believe that these organizations fill the gap, especially in rural areas, where gaps of all kinds are wider than anywhere else in the state.

Q3

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

Economic development and helping mitigate inflation, enhancing high school broad band access in rural areas and modernizing the education system by paying educators more, increasing parental involvement and removing administrative burdens from our teachers.

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 believe that nonprofits and charitable organizations can change lives and outcomes for families. I feel that if the state in contracting with nonprofits to provide services then the state needs to make the process as easy as possible, less red tape so more of the funds can go to servicing those in need. I will stand firm in my belief that no state income or franchise tax should ever be levied against a nonprofit.
