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## Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	<b>Lenton Brown</b>
District	<b>5</b>
Party Affiliation	<b>Democratic</b>
Campaign Website	<b><a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079749655162">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079749655162</a></b>

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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)

I have actually worked for several nonprofits. I have seen first hand the work that they do in helping to improve the quality of life for individuals in our state. Having worked for several nonprofits, I am acutely aware of the need for them to play an even greater role in helping improve the upward mobility of many disadvantaged individuals in our society.

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## Q3

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

1. Free tuition at all community colleges and state universities.
  2. \$15.00 minimum wage indexed to the cost of living.
  3. Medicaid expansion which would provide health care benefits to 500,000 North Carolinians while creating thousands of jobs and saving billions in health care costs.
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**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)

Free tuition at all community colleges and state universities.

We have to provide our young people with hope and goals that they can aspire to. Free tuition would open the doors to a lifetime of achievement to thousands of students who can't envision having a successful future due to the prohibitive cost of a college education.

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