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Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	Lisa Grafstein
District	NC Senate District 13
Party Affiliation	Democratic
Campaign Website	lisagrafstein.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 worked for a non-profit (Disability Rights NC) for over 10 years, including time as a director and part of the organization's management team. In addition, I have served on boards of several non-profits, including the NC Justice Center (Board Co-Chair), the Women's Forum of NC (President), the NC Association of Women Attorneys (President), HD Reach, and the NC Legal Education Assistance Foundation (Treasurer, interim ED). These organizations have shaped my understanding of a broad range of issues, from poverty and race equity issues, to the role of advocacy organizations in shaping public opinion and public policy.

Q3

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

My priorities include economic justice issues (including affordable housing, workers' rights, public education, and a fair tax code that supports these public goods); healthcare (including reproductive freedom, expansion of Medicaid, and access to behavioral health services); and voting rights (including a non-partisan redistricting commission, and protection of the right to vote and ballot access). More details can be found at: <https://lisagrafstein.com/issues/>

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)

Promoting laws that will help nonprofits and businesses alike to provide affordable and high-quality health care and other benefits to their employees. Healthcare costs are not only a significant expense, but are also often the most unpredictable costs that non-profits and other organizations face. Annual increases can upend plans for growth or result in downsizing. Beyond the issues specific to non-profits, our failure to ensure access to healthcare has been costly in human and economic terms and we need to change our trajectory.
