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Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	Brandon Lofton
District	HD 104
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)

Prior to serving in office, I volunteered with several nonprofit organizations in the Charlotte community, including serving on boards. I served on the board of directors for the Mecklenburg County Bar Foundation, the Levine Museum of the New South and the Council for Children's Rights. I served on the Council for Children's Rights for eight years and served as Board President. These experiences help shape my policy positions. They give me insight into the important role our nonprofits play in helping to meet the needs of our community. They also give me insight into some of the challenges faced by our nonprofits. I have sponsored legislation to help nonprofits by increasing the charitable solicitation license exemption threshold and revising provisions of the nonprofit corporation statute.

Q3

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

If reelected, my top three policy priorities will be to help support a vibrant economy, strong schools and safe communities. I will continue to work to address rising costs for families (e.g., childcare and healthcare) and support efforts to provide needed assistance to families (e.g, restoring the Child Tax Credit and supporting nonprofits). I will stand up for fundamental rights, increased funding for our schools and investments in our public safety.

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)

If reelected, I will work enthusiastically to help address the workforce shortage. Many of our nonprofits provide critical services to our most vulnerable North Carolinians. We cannot effectively provide these services if our nonprofit organizations are grappling with staffing shortages. I have sponsored legislation and will continue to work to make childcare more accessible and affordable. I will also work to advance other policies to help address the shortage.
