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Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	Jamie Dement Holcomb
District	State Senate 23
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)

I am the Executive Director of a nonprofit, Kidzu Children's Museum, and have served on the board of directors for several nonprofit organizations over the years. I see every single day the challenges that nonprofits face. When Democrats were in control of the State Legislature, there was abundant support for nonprofits. Today, we are having to fight and scrape for every single penny and simply do not receive the support at a State level we would like to see.

I believe that it is the role of State Government to support our citizens and individual legislators must represent their constituent organizations and nonprofits in a partisan blind manner. Over the past decade, this has not been the case in North Carolina. Simple requests for funding and support at a State level have become partisan fights – legislators on both sides of the aisle are often unwilling to champion an issue or organization if they believe there's support or favor from the other side. We need to elect legislators who are ALWAYS willing to work across the aisle for the organizations that provide the social support and backbones of their districts.

Q3

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

Providing an equitable share of resources for ALL of our public schools
Expanding access to healthcare including Medicaid expansion and funding healthcare services/facilities in our rural communities.
The expansion of reliable and affordable broadband, especially in rural areas

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 support any policy that fully exempts nonprofits from all taxes AND any policy that makes it easier and more attractive for individuals and businesses to make donations. It is already incredibly difficult to manage nonprofits on shoestring budgets and anything government can do through tax policy to lessen that burden must be done.

I also wholeheartedly support laws that help nonprofits offer accessible healthcare and other benefits like paid parental leave. It is incredibly difficult to recruit good long term employees into nonprofit jobs when we can't compete with packages offered from private sector businesses. As the institutions that provide the bulk of the social support and services in North Carolina, we must support nonprofits and the individuals that keep those organizations running.
