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## Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	<b>Laura Budd</b>
District	<b>House District 103</b>
Party Affiliation	<b>Democratic</b>
Campaign Website	<b><a href="http://www.electlaurabudd.com">www.electlaurabudd.com</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 currently serve as the President of Matthews Athletic Recreation Assoc. and the Vice-President of Piedmont Gymnastics Organization. I am also a member of the Board of Directors for the Mecklenburg County Bar. In the past, I have served on multiple boards including, Chairwoman of the Foundation for Girls (2015-2017); the Matthews United Methodist Church Permanent Endowment Fund Committee; Chairwoman of the Peace & Justice Clinic; and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Matthews Free Health Clinic. My work with non-profits stems from my belief that by giving back to my community and serving the public we can change the world to make it a better place.

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## Q3

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

1. Fully funding North Carolina's public school system to ensure it serves and supports all children, teachers, and staff.
  2. Expansion of Medicaid and support for women's reproductive healthcare freedom.
  3. Addressing issues related to public safety including adequate funding for law enforcement and programs designed to interrupt the school to prison pipeline .
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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)

Each of these items is important to effectively support non-profits in their missions. As an attorney, I am aware of the overwhelming level of work and complexity in reporting to the government as well as the impact on a non-profit when promised funds are late and/ or not forthcoming. Solutions to these obstacles is necessary to give organizations more time and money to devote to their missions.

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