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Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	Marcus W. Williams, Attorney At Law
District	Statewide - U.S. Senate
Party Affiliation	Democratic
Campaign Website	WilliamsHouseUSA.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 served as Attorney/Executive Director of N.C. Regional Legal Services Programs and Statewide PA Legal Services for 17, balanced budget years, and interacted/worked with a host of other 501(c)3 nonprofits. In that capacity (Lower Cape Fear area), and as the volunteer Chairman of the Coastal Carolina HIV Care Consortium in the early 1990's, we increased substantially the funding entitled Ryan White and Housing Opportunities for People with Aids at a time when the medical science was in its infancy. Was founding technical Advisor for the Wilmington/New Hanover Community Development Corporation. Served as President of the N.C. Legal Services Project Directors Association in the 1990's. Was a Big Brother's Program tutor...

Q3

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

1. Stimulating robust job growth for residents throughout rural, mixed and urban communities by emphasizing the recruitment of clean, high wage industries & promoting the initiation/growth of small businesses. 2. Assuring universal access to medical insurance and high-quality health care (including mental health services & dental care) for all; and 3. Increasing the availability of safe, decent, affordable housing opportunities for all residents - including those who presently are homeless. Must proceed with diligent speed in this effort.

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)

Not only did I serve as Executive Director of Legal Services, but I also worked for 30 years in that passionate pursuit of justice. No better friend or fiercer, experienced advocate will you find to promote all of your defined goals. I will utilize every tool and intellectual measure accumulated in my 43 continuous years of the practice of law to assure a prosperous atmosphere for non-profits to continue to provide vital and indispensable services to address the needs of people in our communities at the time when they need it most.
