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Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	Natalie S Murdock
District	20
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 a member of a number of organizations and non-profit groups. I serve on the advisory board of the East Coast Greenway, Elected Officials to Protect America Leadership Council, the UNC-Chapel Hill Institute for the Environment Board, UNC Chapel Hill Sustainability Council, NC Institute of Medicine, Future of Public Health Task Force, NC Institute of Medicine Health Care Fellow, NC Performance Management Board, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Durham People's Alliance, State Innovation Exchange (SIX) Reproductive Leadership Council and State Innovation Exchange (SIX) Agriculture workgroup.

Although we think of nonprofits as a place of purpose, passion, and service, nonprofits also impact social change through advocacy, leadership, and public private partnerships. As a legislator, you want your bills to have an impact and create positive change. Legislation can become more relevant when a nonprofit's grassroots advocacy helps inform its policy. Being involved with nonprofits has provided me with a window into issues and solutions that might be overlooked otherwise.

Q3

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

Fighting for Justice - Black people are not treated fairly or equally in our criminal justice system. Following the death of Andrew Brown, I traveled to Elizabeth City, to protest and attend the funeral of Mr. Brown. Following that visit, I was one of seven black senators that met with republican leadership to push for additional reforms in the main criminal justice bill of the session SB 300.

Abortion access and reproductive rights - I am a pro-choice

candidate and a woman that is tired of men telling me what to do with my body. Health care decisions are personal and private. These are decisions that a woman should make following consultation with her doctor, family and faith. I pledge to carry that mantle and fight for full access to safe and legal abortions, birth control and reproductive rights.

Protecting the environment - I am a self proclaimed green brown girl. Communities of color are often the first to be subjected to unclean air, water and pollution. I was honored to attend COP26 and represent legislators from across the nation that are dedicated to fighting climate change at the state level. As a state senator, I have filed over a dozen "green bills" and was awarded with the "Defender of the Environment" Award from the League of Conservation Voters. I will continue to not only fight to protect our environment, but to ensure that diverse voices are heard and centered.

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 would support the following policies the most. Tax credit for charitable contributions. Health insurance options for nonprofits and Improving nonprofit corporation laws. Additional incentives are needed to encourage more people to contribute to nonprofit organizations. I also want to update the laws that nonprofits must adhere to so that they can be more competitive and in line with other states. As you mentioned in the questionnaire text, these changes are needed but unlikely, as we don't have the political support needed to move those issues forward at this time. I support doing all we can to provide all people with quality and affordable healthcare, so I will continue to support legislation that provides more healthcare options and will do all I can to get that bill signed into law.
