



Candidates' Responses to the 2017 Gubernatorial, State Senate and General Assembly Candidate Questionnaire

The Center for Non-Profits, a nonpartisan, charitable 501(c)(3) umbrella organization serving New Jersey's charitable non-profit community, conducted an online questionnaire open to all general election candidates for Governor, New Jersey State Senate and General Assembly, in order to gain insights into the candidates' policy priorities and their thoughts about the non-profit community.

An initial communication and one reminder inviting candidates to complete the questionnaire were sent to candidates' emails where available, or to campaigns' postal addresses.

The list of candidates that submitted responses by the October 18, 2017, deadline appears on the next page. The candidates' responses that were received by the deadline appear on the following pages, unedited from their original submission.

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The following candidates submitted questionnaire responses on or before October 18, 2017:

Gubernatorial Candidates:

Gina Genovese	Independent
Seth Kaper-Dale	Green Party

State Senate and General Assembly Candidates

<i>Legislative District*</i>	<i>Candidate for:</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Party</i>
2	General Assembly	Mico Lucide	Green Party
2	General Assembly	Brenda Taube	Republican
3	General Assembly	Philip J. Donohue	Republican
3	General Assembly	Edward Durr	Independent
8	General Assembly	Ryan T. Calhoun	No Status Quo
12	State Senate	Kevin Antoine	Independent
15	State Senate	Shirley K. Turner	Democratic
17	State Senate	Daryl Kipnis	Republican
17	State Senate	Bob Smith	Democratic
18	State Senate	Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr.	Democratic
18	State Senate	Lewis Glogower	Republican
18	General Assembly	Nancy Pinkin	Democratic
20	General Assembly	Jamel Holley	Democratic
22	General Assembly	Sumantha Prasad	Unaffiliated
26	State Senate	Elliot Isibor	Democratic
27	General Assembly	Mila M. Jasey	Democratic
30	State Senate	Amy Cores	Democratic
30	State Senate	Robert W Singer	Republican
31	General Assembly	Angela V. McKnight	Democratic
34	General Assembly	Thomas P. Giblin	Democratic
35	General Assembly	Shavonda E. Sumter	Democratic
37	General Assembly	Claudio Belusic	Libertarian
37	General Assembly	Gordon M. Johnson	Democratic
38	General Assembly	Dev Goswami	Independent

* To find which municipalities are in each district, see www.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/districtnumbers.asp or www.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/municipalities.asp.

To find a district using a specific address, see https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/

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2017 Candidate Questionnaire – Candidates for Governor

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Questions and Responses

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I have served on the Colonial Crossroads Red Cross Board. I have founded and serve as Executive Director of the non profit non partisan organization Courage To Connect NJ. This non profit was extraordinarily successful but without support from Trenton it is very difficult to make lasting changes. That is why I am running for Governor. We need private/public partnerships with not only businesses but non profits. Since budgets are so tight the state does not have the resources to implement change and make sure things get done. So we need to develop partnerships to make progress. Whether it be with Consolidation of towns, lunch programs, child care, food banks, theaters, arts, environmental etc. etc. NJ needs community partnerships and government to work together to reach more people and get things done.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Reduce Property Taxes
2. Affordable Housing
3. Work with organizations around the state to make measurable progress on homelessness, working poor, environment and empowering the youth. ETC.

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What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

They are the boots on the ground. Non-profits are essential to health of our state. We cannot rely on the legislature to implement any initiative or address any important issue facing NJ. It has to be a strong Governor and the people working together.

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Recognition of their value and ability to make progress on important issues. To set up public/non profit partnerships to meet the needs of our communities. All needs. Food, training, jobs, child care, health care etc.

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I am a pastor of a church in Highland Park and the most effective work I've done in community is through 501c3 organizations that I've founded. The Center for Non Profits has been a valuable part of our experience. I have started RCHP-Affordable Housing Corporation. We have 23 buildings and 125 tenants. Are tenants are homeless Veterans, youth aging out of foster care, re-entering citizens, homeless individuals with mental illness, refugees and immigrants. We also have a 501c3 that is a refugee resettlement site that we started in our church. We also have a community development corporation called Who Is My Neighbor that runs afterschool programs, summer camps and helped incubate two restaurants run by low-income individuals. We also have a 501c3 called Churches Improving Communities that runs a Long Term Recovery Program (post hurricane sandy), a Re-entry Program called Neighborcorps and a Church Based Mental Health Service Program. I have been founder and president of all these organizations. I have seen lives transformed through programs created and I have seen volunteers transformed through the work they've done. My gubernatorial theme 'the last are first' really is an outgrowth of the sort of non-profits that we've formed.

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If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Single-Payer Medicare for All--until NJ is set free from the economic bondage that comes from the for-profit health insurance industry there won't be a well-spring of new financial activity. \$15 now/full-time instead of part-time/lower property taxes/stat
2. Supporting A Public Bank--NJ needs to generate new revenue. We currently pump dollars into Wall Street and hope that hedge fund managers can turn our dollars around for a profit. For every dollar invested ten are loaned out to do destruction all over th
3. Affordable housing, redistricting school and decarceration--three factors that could dramatically free up the oppressive level of poverty in this state.

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

I believe that non-profits are often the hand that fits the glove of government funding. Government can provide the money, and the supports needed, to enable community non-profits to create meaningful solutions that make sense in different community contexts. For example, rather than a 'cookie cutter' after-school program I would like to see community non-profits funded for carrying out creative solutions that fit particular communities.

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

NJ non-profits should have seat at any table where long-term planning, where budgeting, or where networking is taking place. I would like to see someone who functions almost as the 'chancellor of non-profits' who serves as a go-between for the state and the non-profit sector. This individual (and her commission or department) would be reaching to the non-profits to include them in meaningful ways and reaching toward Washington, to make sure NJ non-profits are included in the financial opportunities that come from federal funding.

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2017 New Jersey State Senate and General Assembly Candidate Questionnaire

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My experience includes working for a non-profit and serving on the board and volunteering for at least five other 501 (c) 3 organizations in my community. I also have a certificate of non-profit management from LaSalle's Non-Profit Management Development Center.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Lowering property taxes - making our district more affordable
2. Jobs
3. Expanding Garden State Growth Zone legislation to build the Aviation Industry around the FAA and AC Airport.

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

The non-profit community is important b/c these organizations are often the backbone of our communities. These organizations are our houses of worship, domestic violence help, drug and alcohol assistance, cancer, heart, lungs, etc. There is a non-profit for virtually every person in need of assistance. Additionally, non-profits promote culture and education which enhance the quality of life for our people.

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What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

I believe, where there is need and an underservice, there is a non-profit organization. As one who attempted years ago to start a non-profit, I think it could be easier to start one. I remember that the process 15 years ago was daunting.

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I have worked in a public institution of higher education for the majority of my adult life. It has always been very important to me because of the services we've been able to provide beyond education. The University I work for has always had a very strong focus on working with the community and non-profit organizations through courses, organizations, and academic centers. My current position works with older adults in the community by partnering with community organizations and senior centers.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Medicare for All
2. Government and Environmental Efficiency, transitioning the state to 100% renewable energy by 2035.
3. Saving Atlantic City Responsibly by investing in the people of Atlantic City instead of the property of Atlantic City.

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

First and foremost, non-profits are already offering tremendous opportunity for the state and the people who live in this state. To ensure they can effectively continue to provide for New Jersey, the Government needs to offer assistance with coordination of services to reduce cost for non-profits. Non-profit

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organizations will be vital for all of our major legislative goals; saving Atlantic City rests on the shoulders of community organizations, but we cannot let non-profits take on all of the work alone.

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Assistance from the government in coordinating services, taking into account advice and preferences of local non-profits; increasing grant opportunities for non-profits focusing on high-need areas; assisting with studies on best practices for reaching those who need the services of non-profits.

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Questions and Responses

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As President of the Wistarburg Ruritan here in Alloway I created a new funding event for college scholarships in Salem County. For the past seven years we have helped more than a dozen local scholars to \$2,000.00 scholarships. This figure represents the largest college scholarship presented by any civic organization in Salem County. Eight years ago I brought the idea to our club's executive board and was placed as chair of the Sporting Clay Shoot for Scholarship and have been directing this effort ever since. I am proud of what the Clay Shoot has meant to our community the club and especially the students who have benefitted.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. CMPTRA is a fund not included in the New Jersey budget. It represents \$1.4 Billion that is distributed to virtually ever municipality in the state. The towns in the third district are not getting a fair share of this fund. Whatever formula or most recent
2. The dependence by our state government on simply raising taxes every year must stop.
3. I have been a member of Allowaqy's school board for the past eleven years. Our district was ranked in the top 2% of schools sharing services. Alloway shared a Superintendent, shares its Child Study Team, its certificated staff with four other districts, w

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I would like to see more categories of non-profits given the status of the 501(c)(3) for tax purposes. Raising funds for valuable contributions to a community can only be enhanced if these efforts have the ability to tell their donors that a portion of their contribution is tax deductible.

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

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I have very little experience other than donating to charitable organizations. Has been positive and believe in supporting them.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Taxes, I would find ways as member of assembly to lower home owners property taxes. I would work with members to reduce the burden of state employees healthcare cost. This would help with lowering taxes across the state.
2. Schools, I would like to reduce the state control and allow cities and townships more control over their schools. This would allow the reduction in state employees and cost. Plus I believe school choice needs to be assisted. I also would like to see the s
3. Safety, I believe it has been a major mistake and crime for officials to allow the labeling of towns as sanctuary cities. This allows criminals to remain in our cities and risk the safety of our citizens.

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

non-profits have been priceless for New Jersey and hopefully will continue to help New Jersey citizens. I would do anything I have in my power as assembly member to see this continue.

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I would examine what the state has done in the past to assist these organization and speak to board members to see what else the state government can do to help them succeed.

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1. Increased Education Funding
2. Legalizing Marijuana
3. Reduce Property Taxes

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I have been a board member. As a current and former non profit board member collaboration between non profits and all branches of government are essential partnerships to deliver necessary public services.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Cutting State Property Taxes By 50% By Merging New Jersey's 678 School Districts Into 21 Countywide School Districts
2. merging the Improved Infrastructure; by merging Department of Transportation, New Jersey Transit, and Motor Vehicle Commission into one state agency
3. JOB GROWTH Lower New Jersey's corporate and personal income taxes to attract new industries to the state.

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Creating partnerships that will bring necessary expertise in implementing my vision for job growth, lower taxes, and consolidating schools districts to reform K-12 education

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What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

1. Establishing cross sector engagement and partnerships between government and nonprofits, 2. Increase corporate investment in nonprofits help increase corporate philanthropy

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value the relationship that my office has cultivated with the non-profits that serve the constituents in my district. The majority of my experience with non-profits has been in my capacity as a legislator; my office regularly depends on non-profit organizations as a resource for constituents and directs them to many non-profit agencies within the district for a myriad of services. Our non-profits are partners in meeting the needs of our residents and often pick up where public services leave off. My partnership with non-profits includes providing monetary contributions to support their work and utilizing my network of community contacts to enhance the non-profit services.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Funding for education.
2. Economic development and job creation.
3. Healthcare affordability and accessibility

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Our non-profits know the challenges that are facing the clients they serve. I believe they are a valuable resource and can provide useful input in policy development. As previously indicated, our non-profits will continue to be an important partner to government and a safety-net that supports those in need.

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Like so many services, non-profits need adequate funding to deliver assistance to our communities. Many grant opportunities provide funding for programming, but few allow for funding to be used for administrative purposes, which makes it more difficult for non-profits to hire the support staff and pay for rent, office supplies, etc. As a result, many non-profits are over-burdened and under-staffed. Additionally, as funding cuts are made at the state and federal level and programs are eliminated, more residents rely on non-profits to provide services once provided by government agencies. This shift has caused many non-profits to see an increase in demand for services, with less funding to meet the demand. Adequate funding is the foremost need to help strengthen non-profits in New Jersey.

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Financial support for Elijah's Promise, Somerset County Food Bank, Save Barnegat Bay. I chair the Senate Environment Committee and as a result of my involvement with these organization I have sponsored and passed numerous pieces of environmental legislation and recently passed a food waste legislative package.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Promoting electric vehicle use
2. Establishing stormwater utilities
3. Promoting solar and renewable energy

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Receiving information on environmental justice communities, assisting in reducing food insecurity in New Jersey

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Providing State assistance to NGO non-profits to accomplish social goals.

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I have attended several events for the Franklin Food Bank and have routinely donated to them. Non-profits are an important part of our communitiy and I will promote them wherever possible as a State Senator.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Property Tax Relief
2. Improving Education
3. Building a Better Business Climate & Create Jobs

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

They provide plenty of opportunities for people to get involved in their communities and leave our State in a better place than how we all found it!

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Getting the word out via social media about who they are, what they do, and how people who perhaps never thought about getting involved before but are passionate about various issues to get involved!

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I have had many interactions with non-profits. The services they provide are invaluable for the residents of New Jersey. I have been and will continue to be an advocate when drafting or reviewing legislation.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Quality public education, including pre-school, vocational school, county and four year colleges.
2. Properly fund our state priorities which include education, health services and aid to those less fortunate.
3. Protect our environment while enhancing our state economy. These goals are not mutually exclusive. To quote President Clinton "The best social program is a job."

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Invaluable role. For example the arts have been an economic stimulus for the cities of New Jersey. Non profits provide services for children and abused spouses that are irreplaceable.

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

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Don't presume. Ask the non profit entities what support they need and act accordingly.

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Sponsored children with monthly contributions, coached pee wee basketball and little league, give to St Judes. It always makes me feel better to see the faces of those being helped. They are truly grateful. I then appreciate my family and situation even more.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Make more funds available for everything listed in #6
2. Look for ways to ensure that the funds get to the needy and do not stay with the various administrations.
3. Provide incentives to attract and retain more volunteers.

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

They are key in breaking the vicious cycles that affect the needy. If you want to improve society this is one area that is mandatory to include.

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

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Ensure their fiscal health and provide them with needed training. There should be a program where college students can take part and perhaps decide to make this a career choice.

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I have worked for many years with non-profit groups. I currently serve as Executive Director of 2 non-profits.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Address taxes, strive for a balanced budget.
2. Raise our status up from the current rank of 50th in the nation for financial stability.
3. Address the needs of my constituents.

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

ing non-profits are key to serving many people, programs, issues and needs in our state.

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Many steps were explored when Senator Buono held her round table program for non-profits. I would pick up where she left off.

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As children who were raised by our grandmother in Roselle, my two brothers and I were able to live and grow with the support of state benefits like welfare and food stamps. Our medical needs were met as the result of Medicaid benefits. I received a solid public education and was able to obtain my undergraduate degree from New Jersey City University and Masters in Public Administration from Kean University as the result of being eligible for New Jersey's Educational Opportunity Fund. All of these programs were created based upon the democratic values that say all children—regardless of the communities from which they come—deserve to be cared for and are worthy of opportunities to achieve the American dream. I now serve as chairman and CEO of the Jamel C. Holley Civic Association, a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides resources and programs to residents of Roselle and surrounding communities.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Affordable education
2. Public pension reform
3. Social and environmental justice

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Nonprofits play prominent social, economic, and political roles in society as service providers, employers, and advocates. They also play the less visible, but increasingly recognized, roles of fostering community

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engagement and civic participation, enhancing the quality of life, and promoting and preserving civic and religious values. I will utilize all assets available to pass meaningful legislation.

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

It is important to remember that interaction between nonprofits and government in a civil society is dynamic, therefore anything that aids this dynamic relationship must be a priority.

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If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

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As a line staff, coordinator, Executive Director/CEO, Professor, Executive Bd member over 35 years, I speak for many individuals who have put their lives on the line for those individuals who are voiceless, abandoned, suffered injustice, neglected, and unrecognized for the work that they do. For too long, many non-profit organizations, do not get the kind of recognition they deserve. - with little or no support from the government that they are trying to help. For obvious reasons, they are afraid to exercise their rights, participate in the political system for fear of their funding being cut. As a result, most non-profits do not see it fit to do anything to empower themselves. The work that non profit do can no longer go unrecognized by the power to be. Having run non profits for so many years I feel am preaching to the choir and the importance of non profits to the state and to our country. Non profits can produce better results for fewer dollars in most areas There's a treasure trove of talent, innovation, interest that is awaiting to be tapped. To further the role of the non profit in community- bettering our state.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Jobs-re-invigorate NJ economy, grow Middle class & job training. Budget-Fiscal discipline/accountability & transparency. sustainable Public employee pension, equal work for equal pay-higher minimum wage-progressive values
2. Realistic property tax formula/major structural change- Re-structure the role of Non profits : quality of life-gun safety-mandatory background check & safety education and environmental issues/protected
3. Affordable Healthcare-single payer system, housing, education= affordable NJ

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What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Establish a commission to further and enhance the work of non profits in our state-critical. (see response #1 above)Help in voters registration exercise,Act as education and information community centers. Community outreach-participation mandates.

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Increase funding. make grant applications more related to tasks on hand. Poll non profits personnel for new innovative ideas to non governmental problems.Seek alternative revenue streams.

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All of the above and they definitively shape my perspective and policy positions

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. job creation and property tax relief
2. transportation and infrastructure
3. safety net

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

The committees on which I serve, particularly Housing and Community Development, rely heavily upon non-profit input and support in making NJ affordable again.

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

state support for non-profit efforts

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I serve on the board of two non-profits and regular assist any others that ask. I donate to various organizations throughout the year

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Term limits for elected officials
2. school funding
3. property tax reduction efforts

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Non profits fill the gap between private and public assistance to single issue causes.

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

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What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

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I am the Founder and CEO of AngelaCARES, Inc., I sit on a few nonprofit boards and I have a good understanding of what people are going through and what they need. This helps me with implementing policy that is good for the people

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Education (funding, education)
2. Women's right i.e. wages, planned parenthood, etc
3. Human Services

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Nonprofit can bring awareness, helping those in need, being a championing for causes, bringing issues to the foreforth, advocacy, resources and support

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Awareness campaigns, partnering with other nonprofits to help New Jerseyans and lobbying for causes

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Over the years I have served as a board member, volunteer and donor to numerous non-profits. I am fully aware of the many benefits that these organizations provide in a very cost effective manner and will continue to offer my support in any way I can.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Job growth that is supported by small business expansion, a fair minimum wage, family leave, pay equity, child and dependent care as well as improved health care.
2. Fair state taxation and improved return of federal dollars to our state.
3. Funding of the state pension system and infrastructure improvements, to name a few.

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

A continuing MAJOR role.

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Those essential steps are best provided by 30,000 plus NJ non-profits that provide the needs of our communities. I always have, and will continue to do all that I can to strengthen their ability.

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I served on the boards of many non profits. I was a founding member of my church's CDC. My experience has been enlightening and rewarding. The organization I helped found is growing and continue to serve the most vulnerable population in the Paterson community.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Education
2. Public Safety
3. Economic Development

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

The state cannot provide every services efficiently and effectively. I believe that our community organizations that are on the ground can best serve the constituents and provide services needed. We should look to our community organizations for guidance in services needed and how to implement the policies efficiently and effectively.

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What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Non profits tend to work in silos and would probably work more effectively if they worked together on some issues. This maybe difficult because the limited competing dollars.

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As a volunteer, I picked up bread and other foods from supermarkets and fed the homeless on Tuesdays at 9th Avenue and 42nd Street. As an Assemblyman, I have listened to non-profits when they were in need and tried to connect them to resources. Whether a business wants to have a day of service or the food pantry needs a van to deliver food, I do all I can to make sure their needs are met.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Jobs/Economic Development
2. Transportation
3. Education

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Thirty percent of the state budget is grants-in-aid, which is state funding for non-profits to provide services on behalf of the State of New Jersey. Non-profit organizations are the ones on the ground providing direct services to my constituents. I am running for Assembly to help people, and when you think of seniors, disabled residents, and other vulnerable communities, it is the non-profit organizations providing that direct help to them on a daily basis. Non-profit groups also function as think tanks and study issues that the legislature should address. These groups have the time, analytics, and wherewithal to dive deep into data and create policy recommendations on how to address pertinent issues.

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Having additional opportunities to compete for grant funding would be the most helpful. Also, the contract administrators and Department personnel should be advocates, not adversaries when it comes to complying with rules, requesting additional funding, or seeking answers to questions. Several times during my past term, my office was able to cut through the red tape on behalf of non-profit organizations, but it should not have to take a State Assemblyman getting involved to get answers for a non-profit organization spending the State's money and delivering services to our residents.

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Working with non-profits as a member of finance council at church and consultant for a school serving autistic children, I realized that we need less and less government run programs. What we need is a balance of government, tax payers and non-profits to better satisfy needs of the people. As tax payers we would continue to pay taxes, the government would outsource particular functions such as education, shelters, housing etc. to non-profits who would be better equipped to manage these needs.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. First and foremost we would create better schools through choice and competition. Parents would have a choice as to where they could send their children that fits their family's values and core beliefs. We have made tremendous strides in education and c
2. Another issue I would address is our roads and our mass transit system. We spend more per mile for roads in NJ than any other state. NJDOT is all we need and can consolidate all other road and highway authorities and agencies into one. Being a commuter
3. I would look to start consolidating and eliminating redundancy in state and county agencies and commissions. We need to freeze budgets and start cutting back on projects that yield little to tax payers.

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What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

Non-profits are better at serving the people of New Jersey because they are run much more cost effectively and efficiently. Non profits are designed to do what they do best rather some agencies and commissions are designed to reward those that contribute politically to the party that won. Non-profits would have a greater impact on the people because they are more nimble to handle changes. Non-profits are on the forefront in implementing new measures and techniques to better handle the needs of our citizens.

What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

I believe non-profits are not burdened by bureaucracy and partisanship. They are designed to handle the specific needs of people. The government maybe effective in collecting taxes but have a horrific return on investment (if we could measure it that way) when it comes to how the money is spent. The state may budget a certain amount for a program but more is spent on general administration rather than on the actual program. Government and non-profits working in tandem will have the greatest impact for the people of New Jersey.

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I volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House in Camden, NJ and this had a great influence on me for a lot of people who came out of state and out of country had more respect for us. However, I also served as an AmeriCorps HeadStart Fellow and saw rampant corruption in a pre-school program with limited oversight. Tax codes and oversight committees are needed for non-profit entities like they are needed for any business.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities for your district and the state? (Limit: 500 characters per entry)

1. Reduce Property Taxes
2. End Statewide Culture of Corruptions-Ethics Reform
3. Entrepreneurship Grants for the Youth

What role do you see non-profits in New Jersey playing to help advance your vision for the state? (Limit: 2000 characters)

I am a huge fan of advocacy groups who come in the flavor of non-profits, think tanks, etc...I am trying to grow one with New Jersey Awakens. Advocacy and getting people aware of issues so they can group together and bring a strong voice is a way I see for the anti-corruption and changing the culture within this state to advance vision for the state.

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What steps do you believe would be essential to strengthening the ability of New Jersey's non-profits to meet the needs of our communities? (Limit: 2000 characters)

At this time, there is a great deal of cronyism and political briberies happening. The young who have ideas without financial incentives are not getting an ability to receive the proper grants. If we remove the corruption and make a board for neutral grant oversight committee, we can produce some amazing non-profits in this state started from our own constituents whether its the heroin epidemic, technology, environmental, advocacy for political reform, etc...NJ has been dormant in both the for and non-profit sectors with cronyism and corruption.

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