



## Presidential Candidate Questionnaire – 2020 Election

Independent Sector—the nation’s leading coalition of public charities, private foundations, and corporate philanthropy programs—requests your answers to the following questionnaire. Since our founding in 1980, we have advanced the common good by leading, strengthening, and mobilizing the charitable community in order to create a just and inclusive society of active citizens, effective institutions, and a healthy democracy. Independent Sector is a nonpartisan organization that neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate for office.

Your responses will be shared with our members, who collectively represent tens of thousands of organizations of every size in every region of the country. At last tally, this network reaches over 27 million Twitter followers and more than 44 million Facebook likes. To allow us to share your full response, please keep answers to no more than 250 words. You may attach any related materials or expanded explanations of your answers. If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact Dan Cardinali at [danc@independentsector.org](mailto:danc@independentsector.org).

### CANDIDATE INFORMATION

**Candidate Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Campaign Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Campaign Staff Contact (Confidential)

**Staff Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

- 1) Please describe how you have been personally involved in, supported, or been affected by the nonprofit sector.
- 2) Given its roles in delivering government services, pursuing innovative solutions, filling systemic gaps, and advocating for social change, the nonprofit sector is a key operating partner for every president. How will your administration rely on the nonprofit sector to implement your priorities, and how will you seek the sector’s input on those priorities?
- 3) Charitable giving is a central piece of our national identity and has been bolstered by the tax code for over 100 years. Do you believe that the tax code should encourage charitable giving, and in what ways?
- 4) In addition to financial support, Americans also give back by investing time in their communities. What role do you believe volunteerism and national service play in facing our nation’s challenges, and what policies— if any— would you pursue to encourage volunteerism and national service?
- 5) More than 10 percent of America’s private workforce is employed by nonprofit organizations, but our sector faces unique workforce development challenges. How will you help nonprofit organizations attract, develop, diversify and retain the workforce needed to best serve their communities?