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Running For: HOUSE DIST. 93

## Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to reflect on your experience with Maine's nonprofit sector. Once we receive your response, your answers will be posted on our website at [www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates](http://www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates). Please respond no later than Friday, September 30, 2016.

Did you know nonprofits:

- **Employ 1 in 7 workers** in Maine.
- **Contribute \$10 billion per year** to the economy through wages paid, retail and wholesale sales, and professional services contracted.
- **Pay \$3.6 billion annually in wages**, which translates to approximately **\$206 million in personal income tax revenue**.
- **Mobilize 350,000 volunteers each year** to improve communities.

1. Please describe your personal and professional experiences with nonprofit organizations.

I am a community organizer & have had a number of contracts specifically to initiate collaborations & partnerships w/ NP EDUCATION, BUSINESS & SOCIAL SVCS. orgs. for the past 10 yrs. I have founded The Knox County Homeless Coalition, been res. org. of a CAP program, served on numerous NP Boards

2. Please provide specific ways in which, if elected, you would partner with the nonprofit sector to advance policies that strengthen Maine.

#1 TALKING WITH THEM, LEARNING FROM THEM, WITH THEM options, SPREADING THE WORD AMONG PEERS & SUBSTITUTES.

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3. What is your position on property tax exemption for Maine nonprofit property owners?

I believe it should remain. But I believe an option for a fee should be offered - which many NP already voluntarily pay. The fee would honor the emergency health/safety issues. - BUT it would be a reasonable fee.

4. Do you have any specific questions or need further information on any particular issue regarding Maine's nonprofit sector that we can help you with?

I have consulted w/ MANP for years & appreciate its leadership. I also recognize that NP are our social, cultural backbone.

If you would like a list of boards I served on in Concord, NH I have worked with - I would be glad to send it to you!

You may submit your responses as follows:

Via email to: [mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org](mailto:mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org)

Online: [www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates](http://www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates)

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