



Name: Dorothy Caldwell

Running For: State Representative

District: 131

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. 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 have worked for nonprofit organizations, including Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Bangor and the Ellsworth YMCA. I also cofounded one, the Next Step Domestic Violence Project. Personally, I contribute time and/or money to nonprofit organizations that work on issues important to me, particularly to include environmental and social issues.

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

Because nonprofits tend to work to sustain or improve the quality of life in our state, and because I believe it is the legislator's job to work to sustain and improve the quality of life in Maine, I am very open to supporting funding for well-organized and collaborative nonprofits

whose goals are to do that.

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

Property tax exemption is important to allow nonprofits to focus more on their services; they typically have to attend to fundraising to exist. Relief from at least tax expenditure allows somewhat more time and resources to be dedicated to service provision. Despite the loss of revenue from property taxes, I believe the greater good is achieved when true nonprofits are supported in doing the work they've formed to do.

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?

Will you please keep me informed when issues important to nonprofits need addressing?

You may submit your responses as follows:

Via email to: mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org

Online: www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates

Via mail to:

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