

Name: Henry (Hank) Dilts

Running For: Maine State Senate District 15

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.

1986: internship at UNICEF - New York (Radio/TV/Film Unit)
 1991: UMaine Orono internship at Residential Life; developed Hilltop Food Market (non-profit)
 1993-1996: Green Valley Association, Island Falls, ME; Sales and marketing specialist
 1992-1996: Maine Special Olympics Coach for Green Valley Assoc.
 1997: Georgia Special Olympics Coach
 2000-2015: Public School Teacher
 2015-Present: Public School Ed Tech

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

- I will protect Maine's non-profits from taxation attempts
- Encourage development of local and regional co-operatives to challenge local product development and consumer purchasing of Maine products
- Oppose any charter schools that are either for-profit or bankrolled by any one for-profit businesses trying to disguise themselves as non-profits.
- Placing earning limits on salaries and compensation for amounts of over \$150,000 annually to avoid endangering the non-profit status.

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

I am in favor of the property tax exemption up to \$1 million dollars.

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?

Not at this time. But, if elected, I expect to contact a non-profit for advice and receive their help.

You may submit your responses as follows:

Via email to: mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org

Online: www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates

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