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Running For: House Dist. 37

## 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.

*Yes, I have been trying to make this known in the legislat.*

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

*I have been involved, as a manager, in the non-profit world for over 40 yrs of my career.*

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

*During legislative orientation, (January of February) present our case to the primary committee of jurisdiction Economic ~~Development~~, Labor, Commerce, Research and Development. ELCRD. Make a presentation to both caucuses - R + D, in the legislature. I am willing to help set these up.*

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

It is essential for the survival of many nonprofits but it is also the contribution to the services that are provided. This goes to the local and statewide services that are provided ~~and~~ much of this done by volunteers.

**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?**

Keep up the advocacy and keep pushing to educate legislators.

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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