

# MANP Candidate Questionnaire 2018

Through this questionnaire Maine offers Maine candidates for publicly elected office the opportunity to reach our vital constituency and let them know how you would partner with them to advance policies that would strengthen Maine. Our goal is to promote an educated and enthusiastic nonprofit community that votes.

## Did You Know?

Maine nonprofits:

- Employ 1 in 6 workers in Maine;
- Contribute approximately \$11 billion per year to the economy through wages paid, retail and wholesale sales, and professional services contracted;
- Pay \$4.3 billion annually in wages, which translates to approximately \$264 million in personal income tax revenue; and
- Mobilize 345,000 volunteers each year to improve communities!

## Your Name \*

Erik C Jorgensen

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## Office Running For \*

- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House
- State Senate
- State House

## District

41

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Please describe your personal and professional experiences with nonprofit organizations. \*

25 year career in cultural nonprofits prior to joining legislature; 15 years as an ED

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

The nonprofit sector is essential to all government services, especially health care and social services. Working in consultation with nonprofits is a key to developing durable and passable legislation.

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

It's necessary, though the loss of tax revenue in some communities with a high concentration of npo's can be a problem. I support the use of PILOT programs and prefer them to be voluntary. Most nonprofits do contribute significantly to communities in terms of both taxes paid and quality of life.

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