

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 *

Joyce "Jay" McCreight

Office Running For *

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

District

HD 51, Harpswell, West Bath, East Brunswick

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

I volunteer with my local fire department and have for years, have worked in social services for 30+ years in various capacities, am a member of community organizations that protect our public lands, preserve our history and our working waterfronts. I am a founding member of a grassroots organization to assist seniors who want to stay in their homes, and of another that promotes reproductive justice, I've worked with environmental groups to develop legislation to protect our ocean environment and safety of fishermen and boaters.

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

Mainers need access to health care and awareness of health lifestyle choices, a clean and safe environment, protection of access to public lands. We need to promote child safety, reduce adverse childhood experiences, mitigate trauma when it occurs, address the opioid epidemic in a holistic way. We need to continue and to improve programs and policies that do all of these. If elected for a 3rd term, I will continue to work on all these issues and to continue to support my community in being responsive to needs of all people. I have always been, and will continue to be ready to listen and learn and to act for the common good.

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

I do support tax exemption for nonprofits. This is something that has come under attack with the current administration and is, of course, a complex issue with misinformation rampant. Land Trusts, for example been a focus of the effort to remove the tax exemption though they often do choose to pay taxes or to provide services to communities in which they exist instead. Meanwhile, they are providing a critical public service which should be recognized rather than undermined.

