

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 *

Jennifer Day

Office Running For *

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

District

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

As a college student, I earned my work-study tuition exchange in non-profits. From 2000 to 2009 I was a p/t parent involvement coordinator and presenter for a non-profit (Maine Parent Federation) under a Parent Involvement Resource Center grant. I have served on the B.O.D. for several non-profits including 13 years with SKCDC w/ 7 years as board president and have volunteered & chaired several fund raising events for local agencies (Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Sexual Assault Crisis & Counseling, Capital Area New Mainers Project, United Way, Johnson Hall, etc).

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

One of my first priorities will be the expansion of access to healthcare, which will have a direct impact on the many Maine non-profit that provide health related services. I encourage the continued pursuit of class action suites by the State (and municipalities) against the pharmaceutical companies who had a role in contributing to the opioid crisis and designating any revenue settlement towards promoting services for individuals & families affected directly by addiction and substance abuse (much in the way tobacco money was able to be used to benefit the families of Maine).

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

I currently serve on the City Council in Augusta, where we have many non-profit owned properties that are tax exempt and value their proximity to the state house in relationship to access for lobbying, etc. A lack of state Government honoring the commitment for revenue sharing, has forced our municipality to pass the expense of providing services onto the home-owner property tax payers. By getting the State to fully fund their obligation of public education, promised revenue sharing and moving towards fewer state owned properties in the city and more privately held (property tax paying) properties, we are able to find the balance between tax exemption for nonprofits and meeting the fiscal demands of running our city government without taxing residential property owners out of home ownership.

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