



Name: Rebecca Millett

Running For: State Senator

District: 29

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.

- Board Member, Portland Chamber Musical Festival
- Board Member, Maine Alliance for Arts Education
- Consultant, Acupuncturists without Borders, Portland ME and New Orleans, LA
- Manager, Technology Projects: Children's Aid Society, New York, NY
- Business Manager, The Times Square (SRO), Center for Urban Community Services, Inc., New York, NY

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

Nonprofit organizations have a great deal of insight and knowledge about the lives of Maine's citizens, so I would make every effort to include them in policy discussions and would welcome their input in discussions involving such issues as educational excellence, helping our vulnerable citizens, protecting our natural resources, and improving the economic health of our state.

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

Having served on the Nonprofit Tax Review Task Force, I am acutely aware of the challenges involved in addressing the tension between municipal and nonprofit budgets. By consensus we agreed that the "economic crisis model" is not feasible or desirable. Developing a "service charge" model also proved untenable.

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?

I look forward to continuing to receive insightful information and perspectives from Maine's nonprofits.

You may submit your responses as follows:

Via email to: mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org

Online: www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates

Via mail to:

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