



Name: Wendy S. Ross

Running For: State Representative

District: 87

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.

Since my retirement I have been actively involved in nonprofits. I am currently President of the Board of the Wiscasset Public Library and work hard to ensure that the library gets the funding and support it deserves; for several years I was President of the nonprofit organization Citizens Offering New Alternatives; I have worked hard to raise money for the nonprofit Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association (now merged into the Midcoast Conservancy); I have helped raise funds for the nonprofit Morris Farm Trust and I was a member of the board of the nonprofit Garden Club of Wiscasset which works to beautify the town and also raises money for scholarships each year.

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

I would definitely work with the nonprofit sector in any endeavor I pursue in the legislature as, in my experience, nonprofit organizations are a source of knowledge about the issues they work to advance. They generally have the hands on experience so vital in understanding complicated issues.

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

I support property tax exemption for Maine nonprofit property owners.

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?

You may submit your responses as follows:

Via email to: mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org

Online: www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates

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