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 Running For: House of Reps #67

**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](http://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.**

I have been working with Non-profits for years as an organizational development consultant + facilitator.

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

Community engagement and coalition building are going to be a necessary factor in shaping our future in Maine. We need non-profit leaders to prepare and have a hand in facing climate change <sup>energy decant</sup> and social justice issues they continues on back page

We can't solve complex problems if heroes we need to do it together.

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

I think it is great to support non-profits with property tax exemptions. It is problematic for towns + municipalities, especially when those non-profits are real estate developers. It might be good to see some greater connections in towns + cities of their ~~non-profits~~ non-profit developers or find new ways to improve local outcomes.

**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 am eager to learn how charitable NPs are engaging the communities they serve in leadership roles. I am also very interested in learning more about how educational NPs are working to engage our teens + middle schoolers in solving the

You may submit your responses as follows:

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Online: [www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates](http://www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates)

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Thank you!