

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 *

Cathy Nichols

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. *

I volunteered and later received an internship from E2Tech, an energy, environmental, & economic development organization. I also volunteered for The Manufacturers Association of Maine for about 3 years. I received Federal funding for a 12 week internship as their Policy Outreach Coordinator.

For 4 years I played with the USM Symphony Orchestra, french horn.

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

When I'm in Augusta researching a bill, I will first reach out to experts for factual and timely information. Many nonprofits have unbiased experts who are available to provide comprehensive facts, literature and policy history. Opposing perspectives also need to be looked at in order to be a true evaluation. If there was a bill to create another program to keep the elderly in their homes, I would seek out the existing non-profits and government entities who already provide a similar or same service and evaluate if there would be redundancies or if there are gaps that need to be filled.

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

Every case is different, whether it be a land trust, Meals on Wheels, or a hospital. I would need to determine if the economy would benefit or be harmed from such a significant financial change.

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