

# 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 \*

Eloise Vitelli

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## Office Running For \*

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

## District

23

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

I worked for a non-profit for 38 years; I founded a non-profit - the Women's Business Development Corporation - disbanded after 10 years; I have served on the board of a number of public and private non-profits including CEI, MCEDD, and am currently a board member of the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust.

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

The non-profit sector covers many sectors and offers a source of expertise and information that, as a Legislator, I rely on. I look forward to working with AARP, CA\$H Maine, MECEP, NVME, the Maine Women's Lobby, and a host of others, on portable retirement savings policy; student loan debt relief efforts, a state ERA amendment, among other issues I hope to work on this session

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

I support it. I believe payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT's) may be appropriately negotiated at the local level in some circumstances. Most non-profits who own property have an interest in being good neighbors.

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