

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 *

Linda Sanborn

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. *

As a family physician I have interacted frequently with various nonprofit organizations. I have been on the staff on several of our largest nonprofit hospitals. As a past state representative I have heard testimony on numerous bills from a large variety of nonprofits and have sponsored bills proposed by nonprofit organizations that can improve the lives of Mainers. As a citizen I contribute financially on a yearly basis for some of the nonprofits whose work I support. I also sit on the board of the several nonprofits including the Leavitt's Mill Free Health Center in Buxton, on the Advisory Board of the Maine Lung Cancer Coalition and on the Executive Council of First Parish Congregational UCC in Gorham.

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

I would partner with nonprofits to advance evidence-based public health policy that would help Mainers live longer, healthier, more productive and happier lives. There are so many important priorities that it is hard to name just a few, but affordable health care for everyone has to be at the top of the list. I would partner with nonprofits to help those with disabilities and our seniors avoid institutionalization and provide more community-based services.

I would like to see us work to lower the risk of adverse childhood experiences (ACE's), knowing that ACE's have long term effects on a developing child's brain that result in a child being less likely to graduate from high school, more likely to suffer from addictions and end up in the corrections system, and less likely to be productive citizens. This means we need to partner to reduce childhood poverty/hunger/abuse; support proven programs such as home visiting, Head Start, and Parent's as Scholars; prevent and treat substance use disorders; invest in affordable housing; invest in prevention, early recognition and treatment of mental illness; support early quality child care and early childhood education.

I would also work with the non-profit sector to make higher education (career and technical education/apprenticeships/internships as well as college) more affordable allowing more families access to good paying jobs, keep our kids in Maine and grow Maine's economy.

I would work to protect our environment which is so important to Maine's economy and also to the health and livelihood of generations to come. I would support efforts to grow clean energy (solar, off-shore wind) and bio-based manufacturing, and support conservation, local agriculture and aquaculture.

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

I believe that property tax exemptions for nonprofits are necessary to allow nonprofits to promote the health and well being of all.

