

Name: Pamela Smith

Running For: House District 23

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.

In 1980-1992, I was a VISTA volunteer in Portland, Maine. I have supported non-profits for many years, as a volunteer and member of the Board of Directors. 1994-1999- Bd. of Directors & President - Crossroads for Women. 2015- Present - Bd of Directors - Connections for Kids. 2015- Present - Bd. of Directors - Kids Free to Grow.

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

Non-profits will assist in fighting the current drug epidemic. I will work for and support increased services and funding for drug programs. I will support and advocate for all non-profits working with families, women, children and seniors. Also all non-profit, veteran services.

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

*I support the property tax exemption for
Maine non-profit 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?

no

You may submit your responses as follows:

Via email to: mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org

Online: www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates

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