



Name: Eloise Vitelli

Running For: State Senator

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.

I have worked for a non-profit for 35 years - New Ventures Maine (formerly Women, Work, and Community) is administered by and operates under the University of Maine System/UMA. I founded a non-profit, the Women's Business Development Corporation, which existed for ten years. I have served on no-profit boards, serving as President of the Board of the Mid-Coast Economic Development District. I am currently a Board member of the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust.

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

I believe non-profits can play a role in advancing any number of policy ideas .I don't have a

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clear sense of all the policy ideas I will be working on. I do look forward to working with members of the CA\$H Coalition, Community Action Agencies, AARP and many others to advance financial security among working families by expanding EITC and promoting retirement savings programs, as examples.

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

I support preserving property tax exemptions for non-profits.

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. Keep up the good work!

You may submit your responses as follows:

Via email to: mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org

Online: www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates

Via mail to:

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