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Running For: State Representative

District: 95

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 was the founding staff of the Maine Children's Alliance and ran the organization for 17 years. I was an organizational member of MANP and have been on the board or advisory councils of many state and national non profits as well.

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

I have worked collaboratively with many of your member organizations and if elected would continue that work

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

I think that is a bit more complicated than yes or no. As the president of the Maine Children's Alliance with a limited budget, it was a great asset to have no property tax and we also were a state tax exempt organization due to legislation I helped get enacted. I do think that multi million dollar annual budgets might be able to help support their communities and believe some do this voluntarily already. You might give me more information if you are really asking for a yes or no commitment.

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?

Please see my last sentence above.

You may submit your responses as follows:

Via email to: mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org

Online: www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates

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