



Name: L. Kenneth Mason

Running For: Sheriff

District: Kennebec County

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.

Personally I have helped forward several causes by helping through volunteering my time and money for fundraisers and events such as Special Olympic, Senior Spectrum and Triad, Camp Postcard, Wreaths Across America, Travis Mills Foundation and Autism Society of Maine. I am on the board of Lincoln County Triad and will continue to do work with in our community to assist with many other programs as needed. I am a member of American Legion and will work to help raise awareness of Veterans needs. I have been a member of Autism society of Maine for some years and have used their services to help with my child.

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

I believe strongly in strengthening the bond between non-profits and the Sheriffs Office. I know that the assistance they offer helps us in law enforcement help those who are in need. Many programs that I work with already such as Recovery programs, family violence shelters, Volunteers of America and Senior spectrum help me steer people to the right program that can help them. Sheriffs office would not be nearly as successful with out them. I will continue to offer my assistance and expertise and to be present in any way I can to help.

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

Non-profits should not have to pay property tax in the same manner as a working business.

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?

You may submit your responses as follows:

Via email to: mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org

Online: www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates

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