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Running For: State Representative

District: 31

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.

Nearly my entire working career has been in nonprofit organizations in Maine - first with the Portland YWCA (501(c)3) for 9 years and subsequently as Executive Director with Family Crisis Services (501(c)3) for 36 years - interrupted by five years in Washington DC serving as Executive Vice President of the National Organization for Women and then Deputy Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund - both 501(c)4's.

I have also been a volunteer Board member at several Maine nonprofits, including the Maine Women's Lobby (co-founder) and the Maine Women's Fund.

Currently I am a member of the Board (secretary) of the Maine Irish Heritage Center.

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

Frankly, having served in nonprofits my entire career, I confess to always having kept an attentive eye on policies which could positively or negatively impact this critical segment of the employment and public service sector of our statewide community. As a legislator, it will be my privilege to continue to do so.

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

By and large I favor such exemptions - although I can conceive of exceptions to that hard and fast rule.

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?

I don't believe so.

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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