2022 Candidate Survey - Maine Association of Nonprofits

Thank you for taking the time to reflect on your experience with Maine’s nonprofit sector.

Through this questionnaire, the Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP) offers Maine candidates for publicly elected office the opportunity to reach our vital constituency to let them know how you would partner with nonprofits to advance policies that would strengthen our state.

Our goal is to promote an educated and enthusiastic nonprofit community that votes.

Please complete the questionnaire no later Friday, September 30, 2022. We will post responses to our website the following week.

Did you know?
Did you know nonprofits:

- Employ 1 in 6 Maine workers. That's triple the size of the construction industry.
- Pay 18% of the state's total payroll
- Generate $300+ million in state tax revenue
- Contribute nearly $14 Billion to the nation's economy

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Candidate's Full Name *

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For the past 40 plus years, I have supported and served nonprofit organizations in my professional and philanthropic life. As mission-driven entities, their potential to serve the common good and lift the well-being of all Mainers inspires the contribution of time, talent, and resources by many.
Please describe your top 3 policy goals. *

1. Supporting affordable, universal healthcare coverage for all Maine people, empowering them with information about healthcare access, quality, and cost.
2. Providing affordable, stable, and safe homes, from emergency to permanent housing, for all Maine people.
3. Prioritizing public health & safety statewide including amending State pre-emption of firearm law to allow for towns to pass common-sense firearm safety laws.

Please provide specific ways in which, if elected, you would partner with the nonprofit sector to achieve the goals of your campaign.

1. I am partnering with Consumers for Affordable Healthcare, and other healthcare leaders in Maine, on legislation to provide information on insurance coverage, access to physical and mental health care, price, and more. This includes LD 653, a bill I sponsored and the 130th legislature passed, which provides information on the full range of coverage options to people when they lose their insurance.
2. I am collaborating with Tedford Housing in Brunswick to provide emergency housing to area residents. This included sponsoring and passing LD 654 by the 130th, a bill to fund new construction of emergency housing.
3. As a member of the legislative Gun Safety Caucus, I am partnering with the Maine Gun Safety Coalition to sponsor and pass common-sense firearm safety legislation. This included being a co-sponsor of LD 805, a bill granting regulation of firearms at the polls to town governing bodies. This bill was considered yet did not pass during my first term (2021-22).