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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Melanie Sachs
I have decades of experience working for, and with, the nonprofit sector. I have been a licensed clinical social worker since 1994 and have worked in many nonprofit settings during my career— from direct care services, to manager, to executive director. I have also volunteered for nonprofit organizations with extensive service on boards and committees, as well as in program development, fundraising, youth engagement, and events.
Please describe your top 3 policy goals.

Re: Nonprofits: I have spoken with MANP staff about the bill I will be submitting to exempt 501c3 ME organizations from sales tax (currently a hodgepodge of exemptions.) Overall: 1. I serve on the EUT Committee, and will focus on the spectrum of energy policy issues (from ratepayer protection, to grid resilience, to clean energy) 2. I am also a member of the Leg. Housing Caucus. We made huge strides in affordable housing (from streamlining regulations, to $120 million in additional funding, to tax credits, to LD 2003 which addressed zoning and planning). There is more work to be done as we seek to address the 20,000 units needed to meet the demand for affordable housing. 3. Expanding healthcare - both physical and behavioral health.

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

I worked closely in the 130th with nonprofit partners to not only strengthen my own bills but also to obtain valuable perspective and data on a wide range of other legislation. Nonprofit organizations were key partners, for example, in supporting my major economic development legislation (LD 1694, establishing the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority). We built an inclusive coalition to pass this bipartisan bill, which has beneficial environmental, affordable housing, and economic components. I hope to continue to work with the nonprofit community moving forward.