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

Email *

Candidate's Full Name *

Lynne Williams
Office Running For: *

- Governor
- U.S. House
- State House
- State Senate
- Sheriff
- County Commissioner
- Other: 

District *

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Campaign website:

None

Please describe your personal and professional experiences with nonprofit organizations. *

I taught a class in Business Creation at the College of the Atlantic and a large part of the course, because of the students' particular interests, was in the creation and operation of non-profit entities. While I was in law school in San Francisco I worked for two years at a non-profit that assisted families of children with disabilities in the creation of special education plans. I've also done legal work for non-profits.
Please describe your top 3 policy goals. *

My top 3 policy goals are:
Increase the availability and accessibility of public transportation in Maine, particularly rural Maine;
Work on the creation of a public defender system in Maine, which is only state that does not have one;
Pass legislation to increase the oversight of development in Maine's waters, since the Coastal Zone Rules only protect the coastal zone, not the submerged lands.

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

Since there are many transit lines, such as Downeast Transportation here in Hancock County, that are non-profits, I will work with them to help access the legislative and financial support to increase their services to our rural communities. I will also work closely with relevant non-profits on the development and passage of legislation protecting those waters that are not protected by the Shoreland Zone Management Act, specifically the coastal waters and submerged lands that are outside of the coastal zone.
Lastly, given that the State is being sued by the Maine Civil Liberties Union due to Maine's failure to create a public defender system, I will partner with them on the creation and passage of legislation creating such a system.