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 *
Laurie Osher
Office Running For: *

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

District *

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Campaign website:

https://www.laurieosherfororono.com/

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

I've served as a member of the board (2008-2012) and the chair of the board of Maine Interfaith Power and Light (2012-2018) and as a member of the board of Congregation Beth El in Bangor Maine (2008-2014).
Please describe your top 3 policy goals. *

Support businesses and workers to rebuild our economy.
Enact policies that address climate change and its impacts.
Improve Maine policies to pursue equity and justice for all citizens.

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

I’m in conversation with Defend Our Health and MOFGA about reintroducing a bill to require more comprehensive reporting and data availability for pesticide sales and applications. I’m in conversation with the Sierra Club of Maine about introducing a bill address the problem of PFAS in landfill leachate. I’m also working on a bill to protect our dark skies, and I’m in conversation with several individual scientists who are members of groups that are concerned about light pollution. At least one of those groups is a non-profit. I’m also working on a bill to incentivize carbon storage in soils (ie: to pay those who manage land for increasing soil C). Several non-profit organizations that represent groups of land managers (foresters, farmers, etc.) are interested in working with me on this one.