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 *

Robyn Stanicki
I have worked with and for non-profits for decades. I am currently a regional planner with a non-profit, quasi-governmental agency and we do a lot of public service on behalf of our communities. I am also the Board President of the Mid-Coast Recovery Coalition and on the Board of the Community Land Trust.
Please describe your top 3 policy goals. *

My communities need to effectively recover from the Pandemic with resources that aren't the bottom-barrel allocations that are so common with rural communities that have little knowledge or capacity for advocacy, research, or finding funding. These towns are suffering from little economic activity, creating a debilitating dependence on property taxes and public aid. To be truly self sufficient, a bolus of state support is required to feed economic drivers and take a load off of residents. I will introduce a bill to re-distribute state support according to the Social Vulnerability Index, with more equitable computations according to a town's ability to recharge. A community's well-being is also determined by the health of its residents and right now everyone is suffering from the lack of health care, including the regular care of a physician but costly prescription drugs. If we are going to wait years for a comprehensive solution for statewide healthcare access, at the very least we need to reduce the cost of prescription drugs with a statewide plan to provide them to every resident for a small co-pay regardless of insurance. The structure of the COVID vaccine protocol provided us with a feasibility study showing that this is not only possible, but mandatory to stave off public health crises. In addition to Public Health, the Climate Crisis is a critical aspect of the work ahead. Decentralizing climate action projects is the right thing to do, and I will support the expansion of a program that awards communities for assessing, organizing, and submitting proposals for projects which have an effect of the climate, and are part of the state's strategy for reducing carbon emissions. I will expand these project parameters to encourage communities with high SVI to do things that directly benefit residents, such as weatherization projects, outreach and education.

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

The majority of my partners are in the non-profit sector. These are organizations that provide experience, knowledge, and capacity for organizing and change. They can steer some of these goals to ensure that they are well-informed and supported by the community.