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 *

Evan Goodkowsky
Office Running For: *

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

District *

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Campaign website:

EvanFor47.com
Please describe your personal and professional experiences with nonprofit organizations. *

In college I interned with the League of Women Voters of Maine and Maine Citizens for Clean Elections when they were combining into one larger organization, and I think I can say we both had a good relationship, I learned a lot, and we helped accomplish a lot of their legislative agenda that year.

In the last year I've been working in lock step with members of the Island Institutes team working with them and municipalities toward funding community broadband planning, and they have been a fantastic group to work with.

To top it all off I'm currently finishing the Masters in Policy, Planning, and Management program at USM with a concentration in Public and Nonprofit Management. So suffice to say I'm very appreciative of the Nonprofits we have locally and can say I've had a pretty good relationship with many of them.

Please describe your top 3 policy goals. *

My top three policy goals all address the economic conditions for working families. First, making post-secondary education more available and affordable to non-traditional students is one key that I believe the state could be doing better on which would help fill needed positions and increase wages. Second is to finish the broadband gap, the state finally has capital to do serious good, and we must continue to be aggressive and get communities symmetrical high speed service. Third, we must tackle the high cost of energy, and I believe we must work to support the Our Power initiative, so we can put dollars back into our grid rather than shipping profits overseas.

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

There are so many programs that are available to folks now that there just isn't enough capacity within the state to help people sign up for eligible programs, incentives, and tax credits etc. I would look to the relevant nonprofits to build relationships within the community so folks would know these resources exist, and build the relationships so that we can get more people using programs that are designed to be used.