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 *

Hildie Lipson
Office Running For: *

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

District *
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Campaign website:
www.HildieforMaine.com
Please describe your personal and professional experiences with nonprofit organizations. *

I have spent my entire professional life leading, raising funds for, and managing the finances of both community and statewide nonprofit organizations, most recently serving as development and operations director for Maine Equal Justice, an organization working for equal opportunity for all people in Maine. Prior to that, I held leadership positions in organizations that relied on my financial and administrative skills: leading fundraising campaigns, successfully managing budgets and staff, supporting diverse boards, and holding ultimate responsibility for the financial health of those organizations. I have raised millions of dollars over the past 30 years for state-wide organizations working to make Maine a state where we want live, work, and play. I am currently the treasurer of Temple Beth El in Augusta, a registered nonprofit, and volunteer at Project Fresh Start in Augusta, sorting gently used or new household items to redistribute to individuals starting over or in need. I served for 11 years on the Wayne Library Board of Trustees and was president for 10 of those years.

Please describe your top 3 policy goals. *

I want every person in Maine to thrive and that means making sure everyone has enough food to eat, access to affordable health care, and a safe place to call home. I will especially focus on child poverty issues, including helping to increase the accessibility and affordability of quality child care. We need to make health care, including mental and physical health, more accessible in rural areas and more affordable for all. I want to continue efforts to research and plan for universal health care in Maine. I will also focus on the affordable housing crisis.

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

With my experience working in the nonprofit sector, I know that organizations in Maine have worked for many years to making Maine a better place to live, work, and play. NPO’s understand the issues facing people in Maine and have experience and knowledge to address those problems with reasonable and common sense solutions. I will work with NPO’s and their policy experts to craft legislation that meets the needs of people and the environment in Maine. I know that I don't have all the answers but I know that people who have worked in the nonprofit sector for years do know what policy changes are needed to help make our systems work better, treat people better, strengthen our economy, and workforce, and protect and enhance our environment and climate.

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