2022 Candidate Questionnaire

Through this questionnaire we’re offering candidates the opportunity to reach our vital constituency and let them know how you would partner with them to advance policies that would strengthen Maine. Our goal is to promote an educated and enthusiastic nonprofit community that votes.

Did you know that 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 $14 Billion to the nation’s economy**

Thank you for taking the time to reflect on your experience with Maine’s nonprofit sector.

You may submit your responses as follows:
- **Via google form:** https://bit.ly/MANP22Survey
- **Via email to:** mascot@nonprofitmaine.org
- **Via mail to:**
  
  Maine Association of Nonprofits
  565 Congress Street, Suite 301
  Portland, ME  04101

Please respond by Friday, September 30th. After the September 30th deadline, your answers will be posted on our website at NonprofitMaine.org/2022candidates. Answers received after September 30th will not be posted (unless postmarked prior to 9/30).

**Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Office Running For:** (Please X)
- X Governor
- ___U.S. House
- ___State Senate
- ___State House

**District:** Click here to enter text.

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

   Mid Maine Chamber of Commerce – 10 years

   Mid Maine United Way – 4 years

   Mid Maine Homeless Shelter – 15 years

   High Hopes Clubhouse – 15 years
2. Please describe your top 3 policy goals.
Lower Maine’s Tax Burden – Get Maine’s Inflation Under Control – Reform Maine’s Educational System

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

Maine has many challenges facing our non-profit sector. As Maine’s next Governor, I will partner with our non-profit community to address the financial and workforce challenges facing organizations that serve our intellectual disabilities community, our Group Homes, our nursing homes and long-term care facilities, and our educational institutions.

A vibrant and healthy economy not only benefits the private sector, but the non-profit sector as well. That is why we must combat inflation. We need to create a fund to help stabilize and subsidize home heating oil for Maine families. We need to provide the resources to our farmers, so they can grow more local food. We need to suspend the tax on diesel fuel to reduce the cost of trucking imports and exports from our state. And we need to phase out the income tax to keep wealth and Mainers in our state year-round. This is a small example of the many reforms that our necessary to get Maine moving forward. With an improved economy, our non-profits will benefit as a rising tide lifts all boats.

I encourage your organization to check out our website to review our policy proposals at:
https://govlepage.com/agenda/

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