## 2024 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 6, 2024. We will post responses to our website the following week.

Email \*

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## Did you know?

Did you know Maine nonprofits:

- Employ 1 in 6 Maine workers. That's triple the size of the construction industry.
- Pay 17% of the state's total payroll
- Generate an estimated \$350 million in state tax revenue
- Contribute \$14+ billion to the nation's economy

Candidate's Full Name \*

Melanie F. Sachs

Office Running For: *
U.S. Senate
O U.S. House
State House
O State Senate
O Other:
District *
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Campaign website:

https://melaniesachs.mainecandidate.com/

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

LCSW for over 25 years in a variety of nonprofit settings, including Executive Director of two different nonprofit organizations. I have also served on local and national boards of directors for nonprofit organizations.

Please describe your top 3 policy goals. \*

Revising the Growth Management Act (which has implications for all entities in Maine, including nonprofit orgs, many of whom testified in support of LD 1976 last session); strengthening the health and mental health systems (rate reform continues, but there are significant gaps in the system, especially for children and teens); and housing (monitoring Housing First implementation, finding ongoing funding for housing - investments last session, while historic, were primarily one-time).

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

After successfully stewarding the nonprofit tax exemption in the last session with MANP, I stand ready to continue the work with nonprofits next session! I also know and/or volunteer with every nonprofit in my community, and touch base with them consistently on legislation, including those in the arts, food and housing security, historic preservation, and agriculture.

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