

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 *

Michelle Connors

Office Running For: *

U.S. Senate

U.S. House

State House

State Senate

Other:

District *

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Campaign website:

michelleforhouse.com

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

My entire career has been in the nonprofit sector, primarily in public libraries. I have worked at Kennebunk Free Library for the last nine years. Here, I not only have the privilege of leading a nonprofit, but I also get the opportunity to regularly work with nonprofit partners throughout our community and the state. I have also been honored to work with numerous nonprofits as a board or committee member or regular volunteer. Some of these organizations include the Waterboro Public Library, Maine Library Association, Special Olympics, Maine Historical Society, Children's Museum of Maine, Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland, and United Way of Southern Maine.

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Please describe your top 3 policy goals. *

-Ensure that digital literacy is a part of digital equity efforts. Broadband expansion is needed, but users also need to know how to use their connectivity.

-Create stricter measures for people to be able to challenge books. I don't believe in banning book bans, but libraries, schools, and educators need support so they don't have to address these instances as frequently or have to worry about doing so. Book challenges are taking away too many resources.

-Broadly speaking, support climate action initiatives.

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

Maine's nonprofits have the knowledge and experience on which policymakers must rely. There isn't a need to reinvent the wheel when the experts are in the room. For example, I would coordinate with the Maine Library Association and the Maine Association of School Libraries to address book challenges and the Maine Digital Equity Center about digital literacy.

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