



2026 Candidate Survey

Candidate Name: Karin Orenstein

Office Running For: State House

District: 103 (Yarmouth)

Campaign Website: karin4yarmouth.com

Please describe your personal and professional experience with nonprofit organizations

Serving as a volunteer with a variety of local nonprofits has allowed me to give back to my community in meaningful ways. I have volunteered with Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine (refugee resettlement), Temple Beth El-Augusta (Hebrew school preschool teacher), Midcoast Humane (kennel cleaning and dog fostering), Royal River Alliance (board member), Royal River Conservation Trust (friendraising and fundraising events). I currently serve on the management committee of the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership which protects the health of Casco Bay.

As a Town Councilor, I was able to better serve my community by working with the Greater Portland Council of Governments as a committee member (tax policy) and committee chair (Metro Regional Coalition). I also worked with nonprofits to pass resolutions that achieved mutual goals, including the Casco Bay Trail Alliance, Royal River Alliance, Yarmouth Affordable Housing Collaborative and Maine Gun Safety Coalition.

Please describe your top three policy goals.

property tax reform, common sense gun safety, protecting civil liberties and elections

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

The state legislature is a part-time citizen assembly. Legislators cannot be experts in every area. We therefore rely on nonprofits to educate us about issues they encounter through their work, propose solutions and evaluate proposed bills. I have met with a number of nonprofits already to discuss their legislative priorities and discuss draft bills. I look forward to working together with nonprofits to develop legislation and to reviewing their testimony to inform my decisions.

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