



2026 Candidate Survey

Candidate Name: L. Samuel (Sam) Pfeifle

Office Running For: State House

District: 104

Campaign Website: <https://samhouse104.com/>

Please describe your personal and professional experience with nonprofit organizations

I have worked for and served on the boards of a number of non-profit organizations:

- I was a board member for 10 years with Gray-New Gloucester Little League. All-volunteer non-profits like this rely on people being able to spare the time to help. Too often, our current economy has people working frantically to pay the bills and volunteerism is struggling.
- I worked for the International Association of Privacy Professionals as the Communications Director for six years. As a 501c6, it was a classic industry association, in an industry experiencing rapid growth (I started a few months before the Snowden revelations), and we went from 50 to 200 employees rapidly, becoming one of the larger employers in the Seacoast region by the end of my time there. It was definitely an example of how non-profits can fuel regional economic growth.
- I served on the board of Day One Services for nearly 10 years (including time on the SMART Family Services board before a merger). There I watched how much grant money and government funding fueled the organization and how political winds blowing in the wrong direction could have a massive impact on people's livelihoods.

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- I was a co-founder of the Portland Music Foundation, and served on its board for many years before it was absorbed by Creative Portland. We struggled to navigate all of the tax issues and reporting issues required for tax-exempt status, but it was an amazing way for many of Portland and Maine's music-industry leaders to give back to the community.

All told, the breadth of that experience showed me that non-profits come in lots of shapes and sizes and that they can be a great way to make a real impact on the world.

Please describe your top three policy goals.

- The Healthcare System: To make sure everyone can access the healthcare they need, when they need it, we need a public option at the state level and Medicare for all at the federal level.
- The Housing Crisis: Young people must be able to afford a house where they can raise a family in GNG. We need public housing, smarter zoning laws, and a ban on corporate ownership of single-family homes.
- The Future: Whether it's the climate crisis or technological creep, we are increasingly headed toward disaster. We need to regulate AI, invest in clean energy — and never forget to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

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

Many, many non-profit organizations exist to study, manage, save, or otherwise serve a very niche population, or to offer something to the community that no profit-motivated company would ever both with. There are so many ways I can think to work with these organizations, off the top of my head:

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- When looking at environment-related bills, there are countless non-profit orgs who have data and experience I would rely upon in guiding my thinking.
- Any taxation-related bills would probably have me looking toward various academic institutions and policy institutes to help me understand what the impact would be and run the numbers.
- I am determined to work more to celebrate and fund the arts in Maine, and there are dozens of non-profit arts groups I would rely upon for data, ideas, and networking opportunities.
- Industry associations can be really helpful in understanding what the impact of certain legislation would be on various economic sectors, and I would talk with them frequently and attend their events.

Really, non-profits work hand-in-hand with the government — by design — to make Maine a better place and I'm sure I'd be working with them often!

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