



# 2026 Candidate Survey

**Candidate Name:** Sam Zager

**Office Running For:** State House

**District:** 116

**Campaign Website:** samzager.org

**Please describe your personal and professional experience with nonprofit organizations**

I work for a non-profit in the healthcare sector. I am a member of a religious organization that is a member of Maine Association of Non-profits.

**Please describe your top three policy goals.**

1. Promoting health and well-being (healthcare quality, affordability, equity and sustainability) and addressing the #1 killer of kids: firearms that are unsafely used; 2. Climate change response; 3. Promoting a fair and robust economy.

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

Promoting health and well-being in Maine frequently and necessarily involves dialogue and working with many non-profit organizations. For instance, I have and will continue to work with the Maine Primary Care Assn, because primary care is a bedrock component of a highly functioning health system. I've served for six years and hopefully will continue to serve on the Health and Human Services Committee, which frequently depends on and learns from nonprofits (e.g. Spurwink, Maine Family Planning, MACSP, Children's Oral Health Network of Maine, MCEDV, MECASA, Milestone, Defend Our Health, Preble St, the United Way, and SUFU). Maine's contributions to climate change

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solutions and economic growth strategy should involve mass timber, and the non-profit sector plays an important role in those conversations (e.g. Maine GrowSmart). And finally, ensuring that our economy not only thrives, but does so in a fair way, depends on being mindful of the entire picture (e.g. United Way's ALICE)

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