



# 2026 Candidate Survey

**Candidate Name:** Matthew Beck

**Office Running For:** State House

**District:** 122

**Campaign Website:** <https://www.mattbeckformaine.org/>

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

I have served on the Board of two Maine non-profit organizations and worked closely with several others to help produce their public service announcements for television. I frequently make modest financial contributions to a variety of local non-profit organizations. As a legislator, I have learned from and partnered with many Maine non-profits.

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

Making life more affordable for working class Mainers is a top policy goal encompassing rising food, healthcare, energy and housing costs.

Residential property taxes are spiraling out of control and causing real pain for low- and fixed-income people, especially the elderly who can no longer afford to live in the homes where they've been living for many years. We need to amend our state constitution to allow us to change how we assess property taxes including increasing taxes on the second homes of people who live most of the year outside of Maine.

We also should examine other forms of tax reform including a local option lodging tax to lessen the tax burden on full-time Maine residents. The "millionaires tax" passed in the 132nd Legislature was a good beginning. Making taxes more equitable is critical.

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We are confronted with a federal budget that will eliminate food and healthcare assistance for some of the most vulnerable among us. This will not only hurt people in our communities but stress our already challenged food support systems and rural hospitals. For people who are working one or more jobs and barely making ends meet, the rising costs of housing, food and energy are big issues being neglected by the current administration in Washington D.C. and we must do whatever we can at the state level to provide relief for low-and-middle income people.

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

When considering or drafting legislation, I will continue my collaboration with nonprofits who would have an interest in advancing the legislation and seek their input on bill language. I will also look to the nonprofit sector prior to the public hearing to ensure that there aren't any unintended consequences to legislation I put forward.

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