



2026 Candidate Survey

Candidate Name: Holly T Sargent

Office Running For: State House

District: 147

Campaign Website: NA

Please describe your personal and professional experience with nonprofit organizations

I spent thirty-five years of my career working for non-profits and philanthropists. I worked in advancement for the arts (Houston Symphony Orchestra) education (Harvard Kennedy School and the Rhodes Trust at Oxford University) and healthcare (Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital). I advised global philanthropists and ran fellowship programs for Greece and the Balkans. I now serve on the board of the United Recovery Fund and the Portland Symphony Orchestra and am an honorary director of the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

Please describe your top three policy goals.

Strengthening Maine's public education from early childhood to post secondary. This has many components including workforce training, accountability and transparency of the Dept. of Education, optimization of Work Force Pell.

Sustained economic development that focuses on creating and attracting good jobs. This requires R&D, housing and quality childcare.

Addressing healthcare accessibility and affordability with a multi-year, multi-dimensional plan.

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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.

I would like to engage in discussions with MANP and Maine's major foundations on how effort could be leveraged by aligning philanthropy with a few targeted public service initiatives.

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