



2026 Candidate Survey

Candidate Name: Holly Eaton

Office Running For: State House

District: 15

Campaign Website: <https://synthesizer-clarinet-rmj5.squarespace.com>

Please describe your personal and professional experience with nonprofit organizations

Nonprofit organizations have been an important part of both my professional life and my community involvement. I have worked for local nonprofits, including the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries, and have served on several nonprofit boards and community organizations focused on health, families, fisheries, and community well-being.

My experience has included direct service, program support, board governance, fundraising, budgeting, community outreach, and collaboration with volunteers and local partners. As a legislator, I also work regularly with nonprofit organizations across my district and statewide and see firsthand the essential role they play in filling gaps, delivering services, and strengthening Maine communities.

These experiences have given me a strong appreciation for both the value of Maine's nonprofit sector and the challenges organizations face in maintaining funding, staffing, and capacity while responding to growing community needs.

Please describe your top three policy goals.

My top three policy goals are strengthening public education and child care; protecting Maine's coastal and island economies; and ensuring rural communities have access to the essential services they need.

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I want to address the rising cost of public education, particularly in rural communities where property taxpayers are carrying an increasing burden, while improving access to affordable child care and supporting educators.

I will continue working to protect Maine's working waterfronts, fisheries, marine economy, and island transportation systems while supporting opportunities that strengthen and diversify coastal economies.

Finally, I want to improve access to the essentials that allow people to stay in their communities—including affordable housing, health care, EMS, transportation, and other critical services. My focus is on practical, collaborative solutions that recognize the unique challenges facing rural and island Maine.

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

Nonprofit organizations are often closest to the challenges facing Maine people, and I believe they should have a meaningful voice in developing solutions. If reelected, I will continue partnering with nonprofits by seeking their expertise when developing legislation, bringing them into conversations with state agencies and policymakers, and advocating for sustainable funding for the services they provide.

Whether the issue is housing, child care, health care, food and heating assistance, education, working waterfronts, or transportation, nonprofits often know where the gaps are and what is working on the ground. I will continue listening to those organizations, connecting them with state resources and decision-makers, and working collaboratively to turn that knowledge into practical policy.

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