

## NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 MAINE GOVERNOR'S RACE

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<p>Maine's Governor's race will not be conducted under new <a href="#">Ranked Choice Voting rules</a>, only ME Senate &amp; Congressional races.</p>		
<b>Abortion:</b> Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Legal. Backed bill advancing access in rural & low-income communities. " <a href="#">I will fight any attempt to undermine or roll back a woman's right to choose.</a> "	Ban. During 2010 campaign said it was a private choice. <a href="#">Now ban, with exceptions for rape, incest or life of the mother.</a>
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Support <i>Citizens United</i> decision, allowing unlimited political donations from corporations & unions?	No. <a href="#">Allowing untold, undisclosed money into our politics is corrosive to democracy. Overturn Citizens United.</a>	No position found.
<b>Climate Change:</b> Consider climate change a serious threat? Should government limit the levels of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere?	Yes. " <a href="#">Global climate change demands immediate action... I [will use] the authority of my office to address the problem in a meaningful way.</a> "	No. <a href="#">Doesn't believe human activity contributes to climate change. Says he will balance protecting Maine's environment and having a stable regulatory structure for job creators.</a>
<b>Contraception:</b> Allow employers to withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if disagree with it morally?	No. " <a href="#">Employers should not be able to interfere in these most personal decisions of their employees.</a> "	Unknown.
<b>Courts:</b> Support <a href="#">Supreme Court nomination of Brett Kavanaugh</a> ?	No. <a href="#">Concerned by "tone and tenor" of his testimony and don't trust him to protect women's abortion rights.</a>	<a href="#">Took no position when asked. Said it's up to Maine's duly elected Senators, not him.</a>
<b>Education:</b> Increase funding for K-12 education?	Yes. <a href="#">Restore full state funding at voter-mandated 55% level.</a> Otherwise damaging lower-income communities.	Reduce education costs. " <a href="#">The 55% to me... is more of an arbitrary number than it is fact-based.</a> "
<b>Environment:</b> Support Trump administration's Environmental Protection Administration cutbacks?	No. Joined legal challenges. Defend " <a href="#">important EPA regulations against attacks.</a> "	Unclear. General advocate for fewer regulations, though his company took steps like installing solar panels.
<b>Gay Marriage:</b> Support gay marriage?	Yes. <a href="#">Proud that ME voters were first state to approve marriage equality at the ballot box.</a>	Not personally. " <a href="#">Marriage is one man &amp; one woman.</a> " Opposed marriage equality law, but in 2010 campaign, said he <a href="#">would "respect the will of voters."</a>
<b>Gun Control:</b> Support more restrictive gun control legislation? Restrict semi-automatic weapons?	Yes. Ban bump stocks and high-capacity magazines. <a href="#">Spent career fighting for sensible gun safety laws, including related to domestic violence.</a>	No. Supports ME Constitution's statement that right to keep and bear arms " <a href="#">shall never be questioned.</a> "

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<b>Healthcare:</b> Support or Repeal ACA, aka Obamacare? Accept ACA's Medicaid expansion to subsidize low-income participants, as mandated in 2017 initiative?	Strong support. Opposed Trump's " <a href="#">unconscionable</a> " attempts to undermine. Implement Medicaid expansion, yielding " <a href="#">lower healthcare costs, healthier citizens, more stable hospital systems</a> " and stronger <a href="#">economy</a> ."	Repeal ACA, which is " <a href="#">collapsing under its own weight</a> ." Also repeal Medicaid expansion. " <a href="#">We can't afford it, we can't pay for it. And it doesn't help the people that need it most</a> ."
<b>Healthcare:</b> Require people to work to receive Medicaid?	No. " <a href="#">Cynical attempt to score political points by taking healthcare away from people who need it</a> ."	Yes. " <a href="#">Will result in self-sufficiency, while protecting our most vulnerable populations</a> ."
<b>Immigration:</b> Support legal status for " <a href="#">DACA recipients</a> " or "Dreamers," who grew up in the US after being brought here as children?	Yes. joined lawsuits against Trump's ending DACA protections, calling it " <a href="#">despicable</a> " to remove them " <a href="#">from the only country they've ever known</a> ."	No direct statements on DACA. Work " <a href="#">to comply with federal law &amp; prohibit sanctuary cities in Maine</a> ."
<b>Marijuana:</b> Support ME's 2016 ballot initiative that legalized recreational marijuana use?	Yes. <a href="#">Properly implemented, could bring millions into our state economy, create jobs, and end unjust &amp; costly war on drugs</a> ."	<a href="#">Opposes, part of corrupt initiative process that led him to run for office. Can't test impairment, so legalization is a liability for employers</a> ."
<b>Minimum Wage:</b> Raise the minimum wage above current \$7.25/hour?	Yes. <a href="#">Preserve recent increase passed by voters, to \$12/hr by 2020</a> ."	<a href="#">No</a> . Roll back recent increase. This is among the initiatives he opposed.
<b>Net Neutrality:</b> Support requiring internet providers to provide equal access to all users?	Yes. " <a href="#">Rollback of net neutrality is a transparent giveaway to a few huge corporations</a> ."	Unknown.
<b>President Trump:</b> Response to President Trump's actions & policies?	Vocal critic <a href="#">who has filed multiple legal challenges to Trump policies</a> ."	<a href="#">Governor LePage is "an outsider... a businessman... President Trump is an outsider, a businessman. I'm an outsider. I'm a businessman"</a> ."
<b>Renewable Energy:</b> Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	Yes. " <a href="#">Make Maine a leader</a> ." <a href="#">Invest in solar and wind, lift cap on community solar. Incentivize rooftop solar generation</a> ."	No. " <a href="#">Renewable energy can play an important role...but we cannot subsidize high-priced sources of energy, or special interests</a> ."
<b>Taxes:</b> Support ME's 2016 ballot initiative that instituted new tax on the wealthy to fund K-12 education, which was later repealed by Maine legislature?	Supported initiative to replace LePage's tax plan, which " <a href="#">slashed income tax for the wealthiest Mainers, and then paid for it by shifting the financial burden to cities &amp; towns</a> ."	Opposed ballot initiative. Citizen-mandated tax increases " <a href="#">would be devastating to Maine's small businesses</a> ."
<b>Taxes:</b> Support <a href="#">President Trump's tax cuts</a> ?	No. <a href="#">Transferred wealth "from working- &amp; middle-class Mainers and Americans, to... a handful of giant corporations and ultra-wealthy individuals"</a> ."	Yes. <a href="#">Especially decreasing business taxes</a> . Work <a href="#">to decrease Maine income tax</a> ."
<b>Voting Rights:</b> Support stricter voting rules even if they prevent some people from voting?	No. Opposed bill prohibiting <a href="#">students from voting at campus address unless already municipal residents</a> ."	Unknown.

Other gubernatorial candidates include [Alan Caron \(independent\)](#) and [Teresea Hayes \(Independent\)](#). Due to limited space, we can only include responses of those polling 15% or more, but encourage you to check out websites.

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