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What do you think are the 3 biggest issues Maine faces over the next four years?  
*The budget, jobs, and education.*

How will you represent *all Portlanders*, including the traditionally marginalized members of our community (for example, the homeless, the poor, those with mental or physical disabilities)?  
*During my first term I worked on multiple issues that represent all of Portland (homeless youth bill, legal non-citizen bill, and worked on bills to ensure adequate services for 0-5 year olds. If elected, I will work to ensure that educational funding and services are maintained to the best of our ability during this difficult fiscal time. In Portland we must continue working on affordable housing, job training to help the homeless, underemployed and those recently laid off. Finally, we must continue investing in early education for our 0-5 years old.*

How will you deal with the budget shortfall? Augusta has been committed to only dealing with one side of the budget, by cutting expenses. Are you open to raising revenues? If so, in what ways?  
*With a budget shortfall of 500 million - 1 billion I am open to raising revenues. I am open to a 1% increase in our sale tax, I am open to moderate tax increases on those that can most afford it, I am open increases on items like cigarettes, alcohol, meals & lodging, etc. I am open to adopting a local option sale tax and finally I am open to looking at all the tax exemptions that businesses are collecting.*

There has been persistent uncertainty regarding federal subsidies for Rail in Maine (specifically the Downeaster). Are you committed to Maine's Amtrak link? How would the state make up any short fall in federal funding for Amtrak?  
*I am strong supporter of Maine's current Amtrak lines, future (Brunswick) and potential (others parts of Maine). However, I would have reservations at this time of adding state funding for the Amtrak and any new lines until we restore our commitments to education and health & human services.*

Do you support same-sex marriage? (please answer yes or no) If yes, what will you do to further the cause? If no, why do you oppose same-sex marriage?  
*Yes. I will continue what I have been doing for the past three years; campaigning on it, raising money for it, and promoting it within the legislature and in the community.*

What policies do you believe need to be enacted to support Maine's growing immigrant and refugee population?  
*I was the author and lead-sponsor of the legal resident voting rights bill last session, and believe that we should continue to work to give municipalities the option. In addition, the state should review our funding models for ELL students and funding for Adult Education learners. It is in Maine's best interest to ensure that all New Mainers master English and other core subjects so that we all can prosper in Maine.*

How can the government of Maine keep our youth from leaving and attract new youth to the State?  
*We must continue to improve our K-20 education (all aspects must do better: pk, k-12 and higher education). The State of Maine must continue to invest and push our community colleges and university's to produce better results at affordable prices (Opportunity Maine and the Harold Alfond College Challenge are great pieces that are helping). The State of Maine should work to become an entrepreneurial/incubator site through smart, strategic grants and investments. The State of Maine must continue to lead around alternative energy investments, r & d, and creating green collar jobs. Finally, the State of Maine must again tackle tax reform.*

How would you improve access to healthcare in Maine? What steps would you take to improve Dirigo Health? Do you support single payer healthcare?

*Dirigo Health is a band-aid on a huge problem. We should implement a single-payer system nationally, and in the absence of that, on a state-wide level.*