

Election day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020



Maine Equal Justice

A Safety Net for All where do candidates stand?

WHERE WE STAND

Everyone, regardless of immigration status, deserves to have food in the fridge, access to health care, and a safe place to call home!

Mainers have come together time and again to help their neighbors, friends, and family who are immigrants—and our state's policies should reflect that value.

Recent federal policies have made it harder for **immigrants who call Maine home** to work or to seek asylum. This threatens their access to supports like General Assistance, the only resource in Maine that covers housing costs for many immigrants. In fact, **many immigrants have been excluded** entirely from our safety net even though they are contributing and valued members of our communities.

It is unconscionable for anyone in Maine to go without secure housing, food, and income for basic necessities. During a **public health crisis** that is hitting immigrant populations particularly hard, our friends and neighbors who are immigrants should be able to **rely on the safety net** just as all other Mainers can.



More info at maineequaljustice.org/vote-2020

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Ask your candidates where they stand

- 1 Many immigrants who are currently ineligible for Maine's Child Care Subsidy Program **hold jobs** in frontline industries like restaurants and hotels. Do you support increasing **access to child care** for working immigrant families, a **recommendation** supported by the Governor's Economic Recovery Committee?
- 2 Do you support removing the 24-month time limit on **General Assistance (GA)** for people without work permits? Right now, immigrants seeking refuge in the U.S. without a work permit can only get GA for 24 months, including **families and young children** who have no choice but to rely on GA for rent, food, and medicine.
- 3 **COVID-19** has disproportionately harmed Black, Latinx, and other Mainers of color, many of whom are immigrants. Will you support restoring cuts to immigrant **access to MaineCare** and ensure that all Mainers have access to health care regardless of their immigration status?

HERE'S HOW YOU ASK A CANDIDATE

Look up your voting districts at the **Maine Secretary of State's Office**. You can see your State Senate and House districts as well as your U.S. Senators and Representative. You can ask any candidates in your districts. You can also **use our guide** to contact elected officials.

Search Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for candidates using their **names** or phrases like, "Maine Senate District 1" or "Maine House District 2." **If you're not sure how to do this, contact us!**

Share your questions by email or private message, or create a post and **tag their page**, or ask a question at a candidate forum! Email us the response you get at **arana@mejp.org**, or **tag our Facebook page**.

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