

*Election day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020*



Maine Equal Justice

# Economic Security for All where do candidates stand?

## WHERE WE STAND

**Raising incomes will lift Maine people out of poverty, shrink economic inequality that harms us all, and stabilize our economy.**

Maine Equal Justice works to make sure everyone has the **economic security** they need to get ahead, including the idea of “basic” or “guaranteed” income.

Even before the pandemic and recession, many Mainers' **incomes were too low** to access an education, raise a family, and thrive in their communities. The systems we have for getting public assistance are **stressful, dehumanizing, and time consuming**.

Our destiny should not be determined by our race, gender, or class. Instead of dictating how, where and on what terms individuals can build their lives, unrestricted and unconditional **income** offers dignity, self-determination, and trust.



More info at [maineequaljustice.org/vote-2020](https://maineequaljustice.org/vote-2020)

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

# Ask your candidates where they stand

- 1 Do you support the idea of a **“basic” or “guaranteed income”** – where the government would make sure everyone has enough to live on by giving people consistent income support?
- 2 Will you commit to supporting inclusive income solutions that aim to get more income to people who need it by **targeting disparities** for Mainers who are Black, Indigenous, and other Maine communities of color?
- 3 Will you work to improve existing economic security programs that provide people with income to **meet their basic needs** (like Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or General Assistance) by **reducing barriers and restrictions** to these programs?

## 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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