

Answers are limited to 300 words or less.

- 1.** Nonprofits are the cornerstones of our communities and the lifeblood of the Commonwealth. They enrich the culture and beauty of our state, provide essential services for those at risk, and impact the quality of life of every single resident. Describe your personal experience with nonprofits.
- 2.** The nonprofit sector is a significant economic and social engine in Massachusetts, with more than 35,000 nonprofit organizations employing almost 17% of the state's workforce. What would you do as Governor to support efforts to recruit, retain, and train a strong and stable nonprofit workforce?
- 3.** New approaches and tools for tackling historically persistent challenges are emerging, or are already in practice, across the country. As Governor, how would you invest in promising nonprofit ideas, resources, and proven solutions that can strengthen the sector and solidify its position as a social innovation leader?
- 4.** Civic engagement is the backbone of the nonprofit sector, with more than 1.3 million Massachusetts residents volunteering each year. What would you do as Governor to encourage citizen philanthropy and volunteerism?
- 5.** Nonprofits exist to serve the public interest and advance the common good and have been granted tax exempt status to further these efforts. As Governor, how would you protect this exemption for nonprofits and preserve the public trust that makes it possible?
- 6.** Nonprofits provide critical social safety net and quality of life services, often in close partnership with government. As Governor, how would your administration strengthen nonprofit and government collaboration?
- 7.** The leadership structure put in place in the beginning of a Governor's tenure is an indication of their priorities. Given the importance of nonprofits in Massachusetts, and their many and strong partnerships with the Commonwealth, where within your administration would you place a high level position responsible for ensuring the nonprofit sector as a whole has a voice at the table?