



Election 2016 Legislative Candidate Survey District 5

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From the choices below, please identify the top five most pressing issues you believe the Arizona Legislature must deal with in the next session.

Stimulating Arizona's economy and creating more good quality jobs.

Increasing funding for K-12 schools.

Supporting the contributions that Arizona's creative sector makes to local economies and state tourism.

Insuring that our state parks and cultural heritages sites are maintained and are open and available to our citizens.

Border Protection

How would you describe the importance of arts and culture resources to the development of our state?

I was raised from an Italian family and I had the opportunity to travel the world from a young age. I understand the importance of art and culture because they shaped me into the man I am today. Most importantly, providing our children with the opportunity to express themselves through arts and culture is vital in the growth of our society.

What role should the state play in investing in and assuring that nonprofit arts and culture experiences are available to all Arizonans?

Would you support the gradual restoration of funding for the Arizona Commission on the Arts to prerecession levels?

I am always open to move more funding into areas that will be best for the growth of our society. Prisoners receive more money than students in our state. How did this happen? It is unacceptable and I will do what I can to make sure areas like education, art, job growth, etc. are funded to the max. I plan to do this by voting against bills that cut education funding and especially bills that provide more funding to prisons.

General fund appropriations? Another funding stream? Any other ideas?

How else could you as an elected official encourage the development of arts and culture resources and incorporate them into the development of our state and local economies?

I believe that we need to understand the importance of teaching arts and culture to our youth. It won't change overnight, but if we can provide our youth with these resources, eventually they will grow up into individuals who appreciate it. It plays such an important part in the development of our youth and I will do what I can to make sure my fellow legislators understand that.

Please select from the following statements which best reflects your philosophy about public support for arts, culture, and arts education in Arizona.

Public support for the nonprofit arts and culture sector is a necessary investment in our local economies, quality of life in our communities and educational experiences for our families and children.

Please discuss what impact you believe arts and culture has on your local communities, e.g. individual artists, nonprofit performing arts, museums of various kinds, zoos or botanical gardens.

We live in a society where our children and adults are spending more time indoors. Adults are working more hours and our children are playing more video games. Although I myself am guilty of both, it is vital to our society to have access to arts and culture. This allows our imagination to be at its highest potential and it also allows us to express ourselves in a unique way. So many of us find our true happiness in arts and culture and it would be an absolute tragedy if our communities did not have the funds to provide it to the public.

Please describe your personal participation and/or interest in arts and culture, e.g. professional or amateur visual or performing artist, a patron, board service, financial support, participation in your youth, favorite arts or culture institution, etc.).

I am a Screen Actors Guild member and have acted in movies, tv shows, commercials, etc., for over 5 years. I also played the alto saxophone for over 15 years. I understand the importance of arts and culture and I understand how it can truly provide a child with the ability to find something special inside of them that they never knew they had.

How would you insure that the benefits of a quality arts education available to every student in Arizona's K-12 schools?

My main platform is education. I come from a family of educators and I will be the first to tell you that I will do everything in my power to make sure education is one of the most funded areas of our budget. Our youth is our future and we as a society need to understand that if we continue to under fund education, our society will crumble. I promise you, no prisoner will receive more money than a student if I am elected. I know I can't change that personally but I will work endlessly creating bills that will try to make that a reality.

Would you support the inclusion of arts education in education reform measures that identify curricula, funding formulas or incentives designed to improve education outcomes for our students.

Absolutely. Arts education is just as important as other areas of education. I am a firm believer in things being equal across the board and it should be no different with art.



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From the choices below, please identify the top five most pressing issues you believe the Arizona Legislature must deal with in the next session.

- Stimulating Arizona's economy and creating more good quality jobs.
- Increasing funding for K-12 schools.
- Improving our state highways and transportation infrastructure.
- Maintaining a balanced state budget without raising taxes.
- Family

How would you describe the importance of arts and culture resources to the development of our state?

We need to make sure that arts, music, and physical activity remain a vital part of our schools and help with creativity.

What role should the state play in investing in and assuring that nonprofit arts and culture experiences are available to all Arizonans?

Would you support the gradual restoration of funding for the Arizona Commission on the Arts to prerecession levels?

I don't know. I don't have enough information. I've never run for office and have no idea what the funding was before.

General fund appropriations? Another funding stream? Any other ideas?

How else could you as an elected official encourage the development of arts and culture resources and incorporate them into the development of our state and local economies?

We need to ensure that arts and music remain a vital part of our K-12.

Please select from the following statements which best reflects your philosophy about public support for arts, culture, and arts education in Arizona.

Our schools are publicly funded and need to keep arts and music a vital and creative part of our children's development.

Please discuss what impact you believe arts and culture has on your local communities, e.g. individual artists, nonprofit performing arts, museums of various kinds, zoos or botanical gardens.

We are very involved in the ballet and music (piano and violin, etc). Grace Art's Live and other performance are very good in Lake Havasu. I'm sure there are others in my district as well.



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<p>Please describe your personal participation and/or interest in arts and culture, e.g. professional or amateur visual or performing artist, a patron, board service, financial support, participation in your youth, favorite arts or culture institution, etc.).</p>	<p>I have volunteered to help build the ballet floor and my wife and I help promote and advertise the ballet.</p>
<p>How would you insure that the benefits of a quality arts education available to every student in Arizona's K-12 schools?</p>	<p>It's very important. The creativity of our children helps the be well rounded and develop their brains more.</p>
<p>Would you support the inclusion of arts education in education reform measures that identify curricula, funding formulas or incentives designed to improve education outcomes for our students.</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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