



# Election 2018 Legislative Candidate Survey District 6

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Stimulating Arizona's economy and creating more good quality jobs.	5 - Extremely Important
Increased funding for K-12 schools.	4 - Very Important
Providing diverse opportunities for university and postsecondary education.	4 - Very Important
Protecting and stewarding Arizona's natural resources, e.g. air quality, water.	4 - Very Important
Preserving and promoting Arizona's unique cultural heritage and resources.	4 - Very Important
Leveraging Arizona arts as a means of community and economic development, attracting businesses and enriching education.	4 - Very Important

Comments: I rank the economy extremely important because that is how we fund all the other important issues. Our economy is thriving and growing and we want to keep it that way.

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Supporting local community development, e.g. downtown revitalization, neighborhood redevelopment.	3 - Somewhat Effective
Providing a well-rounded education for our K-12 students.	5 - Extremely Effective
Supporting local business and attracting and retaining new businesses.	5 - Extremely Effective
Encouraging tourism.	4 - Very Effective
Making Arizona a place citizens want to live and raise their families.	5 - Extremely Effective
Supporting community health by directing programs and services to groups such as veterans, seniors, young people, and the cognitively and physically challenged.	4 - Very Effective

Comments: I sponsored SB1081 for Yavapai County Jail program called "Reach Out Initiative" identifying mental health and substance abuse disorders within those entering the jail and then partnering with the community to assess available resources to decrease recidivism. I also worked to see that the budget increased funding for our Adult disable population.

Given the value of the nonprofit arts and culture sector to the state, how would you support the eventual restoration of funding for the Arizona Commission on the Arts to pre-recession levels?

Return to a General Fund appropriation which is built into the budget base.

To ensure all K-12 students have access to standards-based arts education and the benefits it can have on their academic performance and the overall learning environment, how would you encourage more attention and resources for arts education?

- Support audited reporting about arts education course offerings and student enrollment in any existing school "report card" or certificates of assurance required by state law.
- Other ideas?: Local School Boards need to be encouraged to see that a good arts program is implemented in their schools. Many of these decisions are left to local control.

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

I know that my own community of Snowflake takes pride in the various plays, musicals, concerts that are performed not only by the schools but by individuals, organizations and groups. It makes our Town a better place to live and enriches all our lives.

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 by your children, etc.

For over ten years I had a performing group of young people called "Youth for America." It was a musical patriotic program. It gave the young people confidence and developed their talents.



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- Support audited reporting about arts education course offerings and student enrollment in any existing school "report card" or certificates of assurance required by state law.
- Establishment of a Fine Arts Seal -- similar to the Civics Literacy Seal -- to be affixed to the diplomas and noted in the transcripts of graduating students with advanced achievement in high school Fine Arts.

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The arts are an essential development tool for rural area communities. They impact our state and local economies, preserve our unique culture, enhance the quality of life, and attract and retain a creative workforce.

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We send our children to the summer art festivals in our area. This allows them to grow in the arts and develop self-confidence to achieve more significant challenges in their lives.



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- Continued, one-time allocation of interest from the Rainy Day Fund.
- Annual percentage of the Rainy Day Fund set in statute.
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No response provided.



# Election 2018 Legislative Candidate Survey District 6

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I have been recognized during the last 2 years as Arts Legislator of the Year.



# Election 2018 Legislative Candidate Survey District 6

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Below are the Legislative District 6 candidates from whom Arizona Citizens for the Arts did not receive responses to our survey, along with their contact information. We encourage you to contact your candidates and ask them about their views on arts & culture in Arizona. A list of questions to ask candidates about the arts can be found on our VotesmART webpage under 'The Candidates'.

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