



Election 2018 Legislative Candidate Survey District 12

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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?

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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 believe the arts are crucial to the wellbeing of our society. The arts play an instrumental role in mental health and creativity. It reminds us of our connectivity we have to the planet and each other.

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I am a former middle school drama teacher. I saw firsthand the importance of how drama contributed to the students over all academic development. As a parent I encouraged my children as they participated in their school music productions, dance recitals and band. I was the Neighborhood Director of our local Girl Scout Neighborhood and a Troop leader for 12 years. Both of my daughters earned their Silver Award.



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I spent time as a multimedia journalist and produced a documentary in college. Videography and photography are near and dear to my heart. We need to ensure students and communities have access to the arts and humanities.



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The arts connects us human beings. The arts reminds us of our humanity. Though often used for leisure which is important due to health benefits but equally important as art imitates life. Art is a powerful tool to inspire, inform and educate as life in turn imitates art. The arts is the ultimate expression of our shared humanity.

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As a family we try to foster a love and appreciation for the arts with our children. We discuss plays, the environment as a world canvas, our duty to protect it as we enjoy it. What's clear to us is that the future belongs to them and they are encouraged to see the beauty in life itself. I personally enjoy plays the most, especially musicals.



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Below are the Legislative District 12 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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