



Election 2018 Legislative Candidate Survey District 14

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Please rank each of the issues identified below according to how critical they are to building Arizona's future, by choosing a number from 1 to 5, as follows: 1 - Not At All Important, 2 - Not Very Important, 3 - Somewhat Important, 4 - Very Important, 5 - Extremely Important

Stimulating Arizona's economy and creating more good quality jobs.	5 - Extremely Important
Increased funding for K-12 schools.	5 - Extremely Important
Providing diverse opportunities for university and postsecondary education.	5 - Extremely Important
Protecting and stewarding Arizona's natural resources, e.g. air quality, water.	5 - Extremely 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

Please rank how effective the non-profit arts and culture sector is at supporting the following community priorities, by choosing a number from 1 to 5, as follows: 1 - Not At All Effective, 2 - Not Very Effective, 3 - Somewhat Effective, 4 - Very Effective, 5 - Extremely Effective

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

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.
- Another dedicated funding stream. If so, what?: I believe it is up to elected officials to make decisions regarding funding that's why I support continued funding through the general fund budget process.

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.

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.

Art is part of the fabric of a community. Sierra Vista has a vibrant art scene including long time support for symphony. However students do not get enough exposure to the arts. Also there is not enough public art in the area to encourage "art tourism".

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.

I am a regular patron of Broadway Tucson seasons. I also support local artists having attended many events at the Huachuca Art Association and have purchased paintings and photographs from local artists.



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Comments: Clean Air, Water, Soil, Food, Shelter, Family, and ART are essential.

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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?

- Credit in the A-F school report card for student participation and achievement in standards-based arts education.
- 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.
- Other ideas?: More public service announcements/illustrate lifelong impact-accessible art programs/local and online.

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Art makes peace possible. The beauty of nature and of human hands, inspires the mind, uplifts the soul and soothes the body. Children freed by art and creativity, choose to empower others to be free.

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Art inspires. Every moment engrossed in poetry, books, songs, plays, films, paintings, sculpture or hours spent singing, dancing, cooking/baking or squishing playdoh, I experienced- influenced me-and allowed me to express myself and empathize with others. Art humanizes.

So yes, I encouraged my children (their friends) and now, my grandchildren, to participate in "art" and music. Often and with abandon.



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Below are the Legislative District 14 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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