



Election 2018 Legislative Candidate Survey District 15

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- Another dedicated funding stream. If so, what?: Any way we can ensure continuation of the arts funding.

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Tremendous impact.

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Very interested and involved.



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No Response Provided

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My children are all involved in community theater. In May, I declared my candidacy and was costume designer for a show with 30 kids. I believe the arts are an integral part of human existence and their inclusion in our lives can only serve to benefit our community and personal growth.



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Comments: I fully support the arts and understand both its ties to economics and (more importantly) its ties to citizens living an engaged and meaningful life.

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- Other ideas?: We need to look to both school boards and the legislature to fund art programs in schools as a separate line item. One of my good friends is an art teacher at a public school. She receives the same \$200 stipend as the rest of the faculty for supplies. I don't know how someone is supposed to supply an art classroom for a year for \$200. She spends a lot of her time doing fund raisers to supply her classroom.

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The Arts are the glue that holds communities together. I have met my best friends through museums, the Phoenix Zoo, and the AZ Science Center. These cultural landmarks not only drive creativity and innovation, but they are also what makes Arizona a great place to live.

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All of my family are involved in the arts. I paint and play bass guitar, my husband plays six instruments, one daughter plays keyboard and paints, my other daughter sings, and my son plays drums and does graphic design. We live the arts at my (very noisy) house every day.



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Studies show a correlation between an exposure to the arts and academic achievement. Having a culture rich in the arts with museums, zoos, botanical gardens and so on, benefits our community by creating a culturally diverse population.

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I enjoy attending performances at the Arizona Ballet and the Phoenix Symphony. My husband and I also enjoy taking our three daughters to the Phoenix Zoo, the Botanical Garden and both the Science and Phoenix Children's Museums.



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Below are the Legislative District 15 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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