

Election 2018 Legislative Candidate Survey District 16

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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.	5 - Extremely Important
Leveraging Arizona arts as a means of community and economic development, attracting businesses and enriching education.	5 - Extremely 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.	3 - Somewhat Effective
Providing a well-rounded education for our K-12 students.	4 - Very Effective
Supporting local business and attracting and retaining new businesses.	3 - Somewhat Effective
Encouraging tourism.	3 - Somewhat 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.

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.
- Credit in the A-F school report card for student participation and achievement in standards-based arts education.

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.

All artwork is important.

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 create artwork involving metal and fire.



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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.	5 - Extremely Important
Leveraging Arizona arts as a means of community and economic development, attracting businesses and enriching education.	5 - Extremely Important

Comments: I established the Superstition Area Cultural Alliance in Apache Junction that is currently promoting events and artists in our community.

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Supporting local community development, e.g. downtown revitalization, neighborhood redevelopment.	5 - Extremely 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.	5 - Extremely Effective
Encouraging tourism. Making Arizona a place citizens want to live and raise their families.	5 - Extremely Effective 5 - Extremely Effective

Comments: I am a former board chair of the first integrated health care organization in Arizona—Mountain Health & Wellness (A.K.A. Horizon Health & Wellness).

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?

- Annual percentage of the Rainy Day Fund set in statute.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

The arts have a quality of life impact on a community that encourages a sense of community pride. When an area is known for the arts it is more attractive to new visitors, residents and businesses.

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 have been a member of the french horn section of the Mesa City Band for 28 years. I established and currently serve as board chair of the Superstition Arts and Cultural Alliance. We promote public, visual and performing art activities in the Apache Junction community such as a First Saturday Artisan Market, a youth arts olympics and music festivals in the park. I am a member of the AJ public art committee and the AJ Focal Point Tourism committee.





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Below are the Legislative District 16 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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