



# Election 2018 Legislative Candidate Survey District 21

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Providing diverse opportunities for university and postsecondary education.

4 - Very 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

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Comments: I have been a strong supporter over the years and have supported the funding through our rainy day interest funds.

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Supporting local business and attracting and retaining new businesses.	5 - Extremely Effective
Encouraging tourism.	5 - Extremely 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.	5 - Extremely 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?

- Continued, one-time allocation of interest from the Rainy Day Fund.
- 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.
- 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 both an economic value and a social value to our state. In places like Boston something as simple as giving cameras to students in poor schools and encouraging them to take pictures in their neighborhoods have helped to turn their lives around and impacted the school work.

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 had the opportunity to be one of the judges for some of the art award grants. It was amazing to see the quality of work that was presented.



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Peoria Theater works is an important part of downtown Peoria and the city has recently commissioned several works of art that add to the overall appeal and livability of Peoria. In my medical practice I also visit many group homes and they frequently have musical performers come into those homes which I can tell the residents really enjoy.

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I of course do many activities with my son. One of their field trips this year was to watch a play. I do also try to support local musical performers when possible. And we do like to attend the various events and festivals Peoria has to offer as well as visiting the Renaissance Festival every year.



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Below are the Legislative District 21 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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