

# Albert Sommers - HD20 (R)

## WyAA Arts and Culture Survey Responses

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***What arts and cultural activities have you and your family members attended, participated in, or supported in the past year?***

\* Music, Film/Media, Visual Arts.

***Considering your own personal background and education, what arts or cultural classes, programs or activities did you participate in?***

\* Instrumental Music, Theatre.

***What role do you believe Wyoming and/or local government should play in supporting arts and culture to enhance economic and community development?***

\* I believe the arts are essential for enhancing economic development, and will support continued public funding for the arts.

***What role do you believe Wyoming and/or local government should play in supporting arts and culture to provide a comprehensive education for Wyoming K-12 students?***

\* The arts is important in developing the creative brain, which is vitally important in this Technology Age, and the arts should remain a part of the "Basket of Goods" that K12 students should have made available to them.

***What role do you believe Wyoming and/or local government should play in supporting arts and culture to enhance quality of life?***

\* You just have to look in Pinedale, Jackson and other communities to see how the arts enhance quality of life. Helping fund theatre or music in the parks is essential to provide these opportunities in small town Wyoming

***The recently-released ENDOW Report proposes increasing the Wyoming Cultural Trust corpus to \$100 million. Rank your degree of support for this proposal.***

\* Supportive

***The ENDOW Report also proposes a Creative Ready Community Grant and Loan Program that would expand state financial support for innovative arts-oriented community projects. Rank your degree of support for this proposal.***

\* Supportive

***The ENDOW Report also suggests making it easier for Wyoming communities to impose a local tax to build creative and cultural sector "capacity." Rank your degree of support for this proposal.***

\* Supportive

***For the 2018-19 grant cycle, the Wyoming Arts Council distributed more than \$800,000 in grant funds to local communities. (The total amount requested in 2018 was \$1.45 million.) How do you feel about this level of financial support to Wyoming communities and local arts organizations?***

\* No Response