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WyAA 2020 Arts and Culture Survey Response

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

* Dance, Theatre, Music, Literary Arts, Visual Arts

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

* Instrumental Music, Theatre, Dance, Film/Photography, Literary Arts, Drawing/Painting/ Sculpting, Digital Arts/Design

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

* I believe the arts are crucial in economic development. Businesses and industries consider moving into communities with vibrant art communities already established. It brings culture and compassion to communities. It increases home prices as people desire to live in communities with active art programs. It bring considerable added value.

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?

* Right now, more than ever, we need to be fighting and lobbying legislature to ensure that the arts is not removed from the "basket of goods" that is being reconsidered by the state legislature. With budget cuts, my own county is at threat of losing the arts programs within our district. We have an obligation to provide a comprehensive education to all students and that includes the arts. Research has consistently demonstrated that when students engage in the arts, their achievement performances go up, student engagement and attendance improves, and for

many students, it puts them on a path to career readiness as they consider non-traditional career paths.

What role do you believe Wyoming and/or local government should play in supporting arts and culture, diversifying the local economy, and enhancing quality of life?

* Creating opportunities for art within the community. For example, this year was the first time I was able to participate in a Pop-Up Artwalk. This was a big success but this required approval and participation from local government. The state should consider grants in communities that do not have the means to begin community art cooperatives.

Rate your level of support for a local-option sales or property tax to support cultural activities and development.

* Very Supportive

Rate your level of support for expanding the lodging tax to support cultural activities and development.

* Very Supportive

According to Americans for the Arts, statewide cultural district programs have been established in 14 states and more states are considering implementation of such policies. Rate your level of support for local cultural districts, funded by an expanded lodging, property or sales tax.

* Very Supportive