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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, Film/Media, Literary Arts, Visual Arts

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

* Film/Photography, 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?

* The state legislature should support these programs through grants or other programs to enhance a culture of arts and humanities across Wyoming. Wyoming has paid lip service to diversifying our economy for decades, but continues to fail at identifying and supporting the things that help bolster growth and well-being of residents. But funding arts and culture will be increasingly difficult as we continue to cut the budgets of other programs like mental health, supplemental housing programs, and more. I believe our legislature should work to sever our dependence on the mineral industry and create a more sustainable revenue model that allows the state to support arts and culture that would enhance our tourism industry.

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 legislature should support arts and culture in K-12 education to ensure students have a well-rounded background and support in other areas of their lives where they're otherwise struggling. Art provides a variety of ways of teaching children complex topics, critical thinking,

and lays a critical foundation for perspective taking of others' life experiences that they otherwise may not get at home or in their community.

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?

* Without diversifying our economy AND our revenue structure, Wyoming will not be able to sustain basic government programs that help with healthcare, housing programs, and more. We must fix our budget crisis so that we can protect and invest in the people of Wyoming, and that won't happen without raising revenues. Arts and culture play a critical role in our quality of life and should be protected, but until lawmakers come to grips with the reality of our budget crisis, I worry that programs that support arts and culture will take a backseat to other programs that aid in food insecurity and basic necessities.

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

* Supportive

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

* 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.

* Supportive