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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, Vocal Music, 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 appreciate the fact that Legislature finally took on the advice of the Wyoming Arts Council and is requiring a percent of the total cost of new construction on government buildings go towards art. I think the threshold should be lowered on all new construction on state buildings. I also believe that local governments need to take a bigger role in requiring or encouraging art in all public spaces. I was on the Laramie Arts Council for several years and I appreciate that economic development is directly tied to art.

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?

* I answered some of this in the previous question, but I believe if we don't require art and music in K through 12 education, we are erasing culture that is necessary for a civilized society to remain civilized.

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?

* I think we have seen through the Laramie Art Council's efforts art not only enhances public spaces but increases property value, promote tourism, and teaches history. I think on the local government level especially cities, towns, and counties need to fund art projects in school districts, and need to fight for art and music to be taught in the schools all the way from preschool through college.

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.

* (No Response)

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