



Create the Vote 2024

Candidate Survey

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Darin Smith (SD 06)

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

Theatre, Music, Film/Media, Literary Arts, Visual Arts

Are there any specific arts and culture activities from your experience that you would like to highlight as noteworthy or exceptional?

The Creation of Adam - Michelangelo Buonarroyi "Ex Nihilo" – Sculptor Frederick Hart A Storm In The Rocky Mountains – Albert Bierstadt The Buffalo Hunt - Charles Marion Russell Any Many...Many...Many More!

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

Wrestling. - I grew up in Rock Springs.

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?

Government funding, introduces complexities and potential conflicts, from censorship and bias to political influence. Private funding mechanisms such as philanthropic donations, sponsorships, and grants enable artists and cultural organizations to pursue their creative visions independently, without interference or bureaucracy.

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?

While arts and culture are valuable aspects of a well-rounded education, the primary responsibility of government in education is to ensure a strong foundation in core subjects like math, science, and literacy.

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?

By championing a model where art is funded through private means, we uphold artistic freedom, encourage innovation, and celebrate the diversity of creative expression that enriches our world.

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

Very Unsupportive