



Create the Vote 2024

Candidate Survey

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Kim Withers (SD 06)

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, CFD Carriages, Stained Glass Artist, pottery, woodworking

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

CFD Old West Museum Board Member, stained glass artist, and woodworking

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

Drawing/Painting/Sculpting, Stained Glass Classes, Western Art Shows, local festivals, as a CEO, we assisted with fundraising for a bronze sculpture "The Lone Sailor"

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 government is part of the fabric of society and should promote efforts to preserve our art heritage, support venues and open spaces to hold workshops, concerts, and work with businesses that offer these types of venues or offers residents ongoing classes and learn-as-you-go events. We can also support the local civic center and theaters with fixed costs and operational grants or funding.

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?

Completely support. There are so many ways art can be integrated into education even through different subjects that seem unrelated; supporting 4-H's wide variety of arts and culture entries; and an idea is to develop a Jr. Achievement Program for Arts.

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?

Including opening up city/community buildings and spaces for art festivals, concerts, etc., a key initiative is to ensure that entrepreneurs are supported in opening shops, retail centers, or venues. Those that have existing businesses, can expand or continue to operate by having sufficient parking, less burdensome way to do business, or operating costs. Another way is to support our museums and cultural centers.

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

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