



Create the Vote 2024

Candidate Survey

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Marguerite Herman (SD 8)

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?

Pullitzer Pageturners of Cheyenne (book club) Music: Attend Cheyenne Little Theatre musicals, Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra and vocal group concerts. Play clarinet in college and community bands. Church cantor. Avid fan of school chorus, orchestra and band music. Avid fan of art in local galleries. All kinds.

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

Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, , Film/Photography, Digital Arts/Design, Literary Arts, ,

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?

A vibrant arts community (all kinds, all ages, all venues) gives economic development agencies a strong means of attracting businesses and keeping young people here. It makes a community attractive to employees and employers, And I'm guessing that people active in a rich local culture enhance every part of the community.

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?

Politicians who want to appear fiscally conservative like to refer to the arts as "wants," as opposed to "needs." But that ignores the importance of amenities to the life of a community, including recreation and arts and entertainment. I support investment by state and local governments in cultural activities, especially those that are free and open to the public and that appeal to a wide range of residents.

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?

Support should take the form of grants and public school funding of arts (including music and drama). Government agencies also are in a great position to organize festivals and exhibits and sponsor visiting artists of all kinds to communities and schools.

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

Very Supportive