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

Dance, Theatre

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

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

Instrumental Music, Vocal Music

# 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 strongly believe that arts, culture and the humanities help to promote a better society in many ways. The role of government to support all the various arts programs is a choice of the people to decide what role they will play in providing support. If a local government wants to use tax dollars to enhance economic and community development, then they will make that decision.

## 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?

Students will benefit by having a variety of cultural programs taught in k-12 educational settings. I believe we need to support these efforts within reason.

# 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?

Local government has more freedom to decide what area of the tax revenue' will be used to support local arts and cultural events and the level of quality of life they want to provide for their residents. The State of Wyoming government should support the same programs, with the awareness of the role of government in a constitutional basis. As always, there is a battle over the incoming tax dollars and the priority is to follow the constitution in the role of government. I would not support any efforts to raise taxes in any way to further fund cultural activities and development. I love the arts programs. I served on our local arts council for about 20 years and really enjoyed it. So, I am a supporter, and I also want limited government and smaller government. Thus, we have to be creative sometimes.

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

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