



Create the Vote 2024

Candidate Survey

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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, Music, Film/Media

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

Crow Fair

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

Instrumental 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?

None. The intention is noble, but the unfortunate nature of government is to pick winners and losers based on personal connections, not merit, talent, or effort. The results never measure up to the intentions.

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?

Theater, music, and other arts are part of a comprehensive education learning. Schools have become too focused on STEM and college prep instead of developing other aspects of thinking and interacting.

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?

The government's job is to provide public goods for all that the private sphere of business and the arts won't necessarily, like roads, water treatment, and public education. See my previous answer about how results of promoting business or arts rarely meet the stated intentions.

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

Neither Unsupportive nor Supportive