



## *Create the Vote 2024*

### **Candidate Survey**

2024-06-16

#### **John William Bear (SD 31)**

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

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?**

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

Dance,, Digital Arts/Design, Drawing/Painting/Sculpting

**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, arts should be privately funded. The government should not pick winners and losers in any area where the private sector can fund.

**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?**

The Wyoming constitution requires that the state fund free education for all. That education should include fundamental art education.

**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?**

I believe that the highest quality arts and culture have come out of societies that have produced surpluses from economic prosperity. Historically the strongest economies have been found in cultures with the smallest and least intrusive governments which have left the most wealth with the citizens. Those citizens then chose and invested in the arts and culture they desired most. That is the model I prefer.

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

Very Unsupportive