



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?

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?

ART 3,2,1, Stage III, NCS D Theatre Departments, and Casper College's theatre department.

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

Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Theatre, Dance, Film/Photography, Digital Arts/Design, Literary Arts, 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?

I believe that Wyoming and local governments should play a supportive but strategic role in fostering arts, culture, and the humanities to enhance economic and community development. Local governments can boost economic development and tourism by providing grants or matching funds for community-driven arts and cultural projects, attracting tourists, boosting local businesses, and creating jobs. Promoting Wyoming's unique heritage, including its Native American history, cowboy culture, and natural beauty, can also create a unique brand that draws visitors from around the world.

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?

Wyoming and local governments should play a pivotal role in supporting arts and culture to ensure a comprehensive education for K-12 students. Integrating arts and culture into the education system can significantly enhance students' creativity, critical thinking, and overall academic performance.

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?

Wyoming and local governments should actively support arts and culture, diversify the local economy, and enhance the quality of life through strategic investments and initiatives. By providing grants and funding for arts organizations, community projects, and individual artists, they can foster a vibrant cultural scene that attracts tourists, stimulates local businesses, and creates jobs. Additionally, public art initiatives, such as murals and sculptures, can beautify public spaces and create a sense of community pride. Governments should encourage public-private partnerships that invest in cultural and creative

industries to diversify the economy, promoting innovation and entrepreneurship. Supporting arts education and community programs can also build stronger, more cohesive communities, improving the overall quality of life. By preserving local heritage and promoting cultural activities, Wyoming and local governments can create a unique and appealing environment that attracts residents and visitors alike, contributing to a dynamic and resilient economy.

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

Neither Unsupportive nor Supportive