



## *Create the Vote 2024*

### **Candidate Survey**

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#### **Jen Solis (House District 41)**

**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?**

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

Instrumental Music, 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?** The Creative Economy in Wyoming drives economic growth and community identity. As such, the state of Wyoming should support arts, culture, and the humanities by funding grants for programming, workforce development for those pursuing creative occupations, and other resources to help grow this vital part of our state's economy.

**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?** Arts and cultural education support healthy students, graduation rates, and academic learning. When K-12 students have access to arts and cultural education, they learn to see the world more comprehensively and completely. State and local governments should ensure proper funding and access to these types of opportunities in our public schools.

**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?** Arts tell our stories meaningfully to the people of our state and those who visit. State and local governments should endeavor to ensure that opportunities for art and culture are available and accessible to all and that those who work in the Creative Economy have access to professional development opportunities as they shape local economies. Additionally, elected officials at all levels should reject any attempt to legislate and restrict the free expression that creates meaningful art and culture. Efforts to ban books, or criminalize librarians and museum staff stand in opposition to the values of Wyoming.

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

Very Supportive