

STATE CANDIDATES SURVEY ON THE ARTS AND GOVERNMENT : Entry # 15104

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

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Governor

Party:

Democrat

Basic Arts Background of Candidate

Question: What is your personal background and experience in the arts?

- Vocal
- Theater

Question: What arts activities have you attended, participated in, or supported in the last year?

- Music
- Theater
- Visual Arts
- Literary Arts
- Attended a children's school performance

Do you believe all South Dakotans should have access to the arts in their community?

Yes

South Dakota Arts Council

Are you aware of an agency of state government – the South Dakota Arts Council (SDAC) – whose purpose is to recognize the importance of creativity in the lives of all South Dakotans, the Council makes quality arts accessible throughout the state by providing encouragement, grants, services and information to artists, arts organizations, schools and the public?

Very aware

DO YOU BELIEVE THE SOUTH DAKOTA ARTS COUNCIL, UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, SHOULD RECEIVE STATE FUNDING? Matching funds received from the National Endowment for the Arts benefited all South Dakotans and generated \$21.00 for every \$1 invested by the state of South Dakota

Yes

Arts South Dakota

We believe arts education stimulates creativity, communications and learning, and that arts education is an essential tool for reaching youth at risk. HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE ARTS TO THE EDUCATION OF ALL SOUTH DAKOTA CHILDREN?

As a father of two young men were very involved in music and theater, I know firsthand how important the arts are to the education of all South Dakota children. The arts help our children grow as people, learn valuable life skills, and become more involved in their communities.

We believe the arts are an intrinsic part of the well-being of our communities, and that the arts play an important role in economic development and tourism. WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE POTENTIAL FOR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH DAKOTA, AND HOW WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE THAT DEVELOPMENT?

I believe South Dakota has unlimited potential when it comes to cultural development. I would encourage this by using my office to advocate for inclusiveness, encourage tourism, and recruit people to our state who can help us grow.

We seek the support and endorsement of individuals, businesses and government. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE ROLE OF PUBLIC FUNDING FOR THE ARTS AT THE NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL?

At the state and local levels, I advocate for public and private funding for the arts. The public-private partnership is key to making sure that cultural vibrance and funding for the arts is sustainable and the best I can be.