

Candidate Information**Your name as it appears on the ballot**

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City, State & Zip

Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

I am a candidate running for

City of Ann Arbor - City Council - Ward 5

Party Affiliation - I am running as a/an

Democrat

As an elected official, you have an opportunity to lead and influence public policy and investment in the arts + creative industries.

What are your personal beliefs, interests and investments in the arts + creative industries? Please check all that apply.

- I believe that the arts + creative industries are important and that they enhance and improve the quality of life, place and economy in our community making it a great place to create, live, work, learn, play and visit.
- People living in my community should have access to excellent and affordable art, creative, cultural and heritage offerings in our community.
- I believe every child in Washtenaw County should have access to excellent arts and creative education at every grade level.

Government/Municipal Planning - Integrating the Arts + Creative Industries

- Government/Municipal Master Plans
- Government/Municipal Strategic Plans
- Government/Municipal Economic Plans
- Government/Municipal Arts + Creative Industries Plan

Commissions - Establishing & Investing in an Arts + Creative Industries Commission

- An arts + creative industries commission charged with developing, implementing, maintaining and evaluating a comprehensive arts and creative industries plan (including public art and design). This commission will have proper resources including a budget and qualified staff resources.

Public Investment & Policy - Arts & Creative Industries

- Appropriations - direct spending on arts & creative programs such as including funding for commissions and qualified staff.
- Require the integration of public art & design into government building projects.

- Economic development support/grants specific to arts and creative industry projects/programs.
- Contributed public safety and services for special/community events.

Emergency Relief and Restoration

- Yes, I will work to require that the arts + creative industries are included and have equitable decision-making responsibility at economic development agencies.

Arts + Creative Education Integration for Student Excellent (ACEISE) in Washtenaw County

My pre-K-12 education included arts + creative education.

- Yes, my pre-K-12 education included arts + creative education.

Arts + Creative Education

Yes, I will be an advocate in support of arts & creative education.

What role do you believe elected officials and government agencies should play in leading arts and creative industry development and sustainability in their communities?

Ann Arbor is known for being an arts-centric community and elected officials here have an obligation to further that success. Arts attract visitors and investment to the city, ultimately helping to create a sense of place as well as job opportunities in Ann Arbor. An important role elected officials and government agencies play in the development and sustainability of the creative arts in Ann Arbor is to recognize its impact on our social and economic good and to support their ongoing success here.

If elected, what role will you take in leading arts & creative industry development and sustainability in your community?

I believe elected officials should endeavor to best represent all citizens in our community. As a supporter of the arts and as someone who recognizes the value of the arts community to our economic vitality, I would work closely with the arts and creative industries to listen to their concerns and opportunities, and be an advocate for their success at the city council table. If elected, I would work specifically to include the arts community in the city's upcoming land use plan conversations to ensure we not only have an eye on public art as a core value, but also the arts industry as an economic driver.

If elected, I will be a leader and champion for the arts + creative industries in sessions, committee meetings and in my district. I look forward to working with and learning from those in my community practicing in, championing and advocating for the arts and creative industries.

- Yes, I will be a leader and champion for the arts + creative industries.

If elected, would you join a legislative arts, humanities and/or creative industries caucus?

- Yes, I would join.