

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

State of Michigan - State Representative - District 47

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.
- I am an amateur artist or creative and enjoy spending leisure time on these activities.

Government/Municipal Planning - Integrating the Arts + Creative Industries

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

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.

State of Michigan - Arts + Creative Industries Legislative Issues

Michigan Legislative Issues - Arts + Creative Industries.

- Recognize arts + creative businesses (for profit and nonprofit) as an industry and incorporate it in Michigan's Economic Development Department
- Include the arts + creative industries and workers (including gig workers) in Michigan's economic development and workforce initiatives.
- Increase MACC funding, currently set at \$11 million.
- Insist that arts + creative education is available to every child in Michigan.
- Prioritize arts + creativity and engage its professionals in Michigan's tourism initiatives.

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

Elected officials and government agencies should ensure that the arts and creative industries are included in our economic development and educational plans and funding. We should also speak about the various important roles that the arts and creative industries play in our communities as important aspects of placemaking and enjoyment of daily life. We should help establish or refine processes for collecting, analyzing, and disseminating data about the impacts of the arts and creative industries.

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

As a health policy expert, I personally have been speaking and plan to continue speaking about the role that the arts and creative industries play in ensuring healthy people, healthy families, and healthy communities. Workers in the arts and creative industries should be able to make a livable wage doing this work, and should have other basic safety net services such as paid sick time, affordable child care, and excellent healthcare coverage. The arts and creative industries also help health and health care to be more effective at keeping people healthy or helping people recover or process from physical, mental, and emotional health challenges.

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.

If yes, which caucus would you join?

- Michigan Legislative Creative Caucus