

Candidate Information

Your name as it appears on the ballot

Sue Shink

City, State & Zip

Dexter, Michigan 48105

I am a candidate running for

State of Michigan - Senate, - District 14

Party Affiliation - I am running as a/an

Democrat

I am currently an elected official and hold the office of:

Washtenaw County Commissioner, District 2

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.
- I serve on the board or volunteer at an arts, creative, cultural or heritage-based nonprofit business.
- I regularly make financial contributions to nonprofit art, cultural and/or heritage organizations.

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

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?

I anticipate leading efforts to include the arts and creative Industries in economic development funding, legislation, and education budgeting. I will work with Creative Washtenaw and other arts organizations to ensure that the voice of the Arts and Creative Industries are included!

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

I will work with artists and creatives and Creative Washtenaw to understand and address the issues facing the arts & creative Industries in Jackson and Washtenaw County. I will publicly tout the benefits of the arts & creative industries in our community and across the state and seek to include the arts & creative industries in decision-making, legislation and funding

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
- Washtenaw County Arts & Creative Industries Caucus - when it is formed.