

Utah Cultural Alliance: 2016 Candidate Survey

Candidates for public office in Utah for 2016 were asked to answer questions about their positions on issues concerning arts and culture in Utah. The questions precede their answers below. Contact information for each candidate and the candidate's photo are also included.



UTAH CULTURAL ALLIANCE

*{ Celebrating 35 Years of
Fortifying Arts & Humanities }*

The answers to the survey were graded to reflect which candidates are arts and humanities friendly. An "A" grade reflects that candidates have positions friendly towards arts and humanities in regards to education, tax distribution, and in seeing the Cultural Sector of Utah as a viable part of Utah's economy. The grades continue from there with an "F" grade representing candidates with platforms that threaten public support for arts and culture in education, arts and culture in the community, and whose platforms pose a threat to those working in the cultural sector. For grading the candidates, only questions with fixed answers were graded. Free response questions could not be graded objectively, and therefore were not used in the final grades. Each question had a varying weight for quantitative scores and then these scores were added up for each letter grade.

Question weights

#9 5 points for yes, 0 for no

#11, 12 and 14. 3 for increase spending, 1 for keep the same, 0 for decrease

#13 and 15. 4 for yes, 1 for unsure, 0 for no

#16, 17, and 19. 2 for yes, 0 for unsure, 0 for no.

The grades were then based on the following points A=24 - 31, B = 21-24, C=18-20, D=16-17 F=15 or below.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: B

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I feel that education is the future of America.
People of all ages should strive toward a
well rounded education.

For the following questions, k-12 is a State issue.
My office will not have a direct vote on these questions.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities
education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts &
humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12
curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Unsure

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I am not running for the State Legislature, so many of these questions do not apply to me on a State level. I do however, believe and support the humanities. Art and music is what make a beautiful world. We don't need our whole society only supporting the sports.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Yes, I put myself through college mostly on piano scholarships, and majored in Math and Statistics. Art, music, and humanities are many times the foundations for many directions.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: A

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

We all benefit from the knowledge and experiences we receive from art classes, dance, music, ballet or any opportunity for personal growth.

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Increase Spending

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Unsure

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No

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would have to see the bill first before I could answer that question.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

No

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would need to see the impact to that industry before I could make that decision.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I can think of many wonderful places in Salt Lake that we still enjoy because of historic preservation. Even if it is limited to case by case applications. We should preserve buildings and areas that are unique to Utah.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I received years of art and dance classes in public school. I have used that knowledge to teach others to experience that joy when they see what they have accomplished on their own.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The arts and humanities are not necessarily profitable pursuits, so they are often vulnerable in purely capitalistic systems. This does not mean that they are any less valuable than engineering, mathematics, or the sciences. Arts and humanities are what make us human and allow us to share common experience with each other, eliciting emotion in ways nothing else can. Government is a tool by which we, as a society, can ensure the preservation of art and cultural pursuits that couldn't find funding in the private sector.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

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Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Property taxes are largely used to fund public education. Since cultural non-profits provide their own type of public education through cultural exhibits, performances, classes, and outreach, they shouldn't necessarily have to pay to fund other forms of education--especially since they operate at no profit.

However, some non-profit organizations still have to pay property taxes on their real estate to continue to support local schools. I'd have to review the precise fiscal impact of the bill to know whether or not it makes sense.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

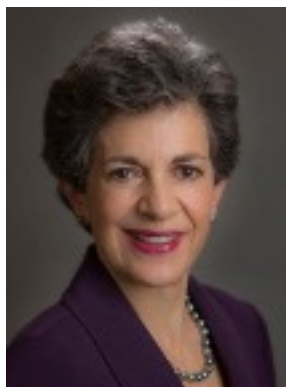
Our community doesn't have much tourism nor does it have much in the way of cultural districts. I'd be interested in learning about the benefits of such legislation as it pertains to more tourism-rich communities in our state.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I think historic preservation needs to strike a balance with the needs of the community in which it occurs. Certain historic monuments need preservation against future potential redevelopment, but others may act as more of a long-term weight on the community without providing much economic or cultural benefit. I think it's difficult to approach the issue with a broad brush, but historical preservation is certainly an important issue that should receive the support it needs to move forward without too many barriers.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

My undergraduate degree is in the humanities, and I try to encourage my children to participate in artistic and cultural pursuits whenever the opportunity arises. I feel there is so much about the human experience that we cannot understand without art, and it's so important to encourage that type of expression in the rising generation so that they have an outlet for complex feelings, and others have an opportunity to understand what others are experiencing. There is so much emphasis on STEM education right now, but I think that a STEAM approach is far more beneficial, and it produces a more well-rounded populace that can comprehend not only empirical concepts, but more emotional and social concepts as well.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: A

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The arts and humanities are critical to our society - particularly to the education of our children. They also add to the economy of our state.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would be happy to consider supporting this bill, but never endorse legislation until I have read the text and reviewed the fiscal note.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would be happy to consider supporting a minor tax increase, but would need more information such as the amount, how it will be allocated, etc. I do support cultural districts and believe they add a lot to our communities.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I support the concept of historic preservation, but had some concerns about the language in HB 223. As with most legislation, the devil is often in the details.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

The arts, culture and humanities have been an important part of my entire life. It would be impossible to describe all of my personal experiences which include everything from helping my children prepare for recitals to visiting museums and attending musical & theatrical productions.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: A

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Arts and humanities education is crucial. Both programs and curricula are included in public school curricula--to varying degrees. Some teachers are better trained in the areas and certain areas in certain school districts have more available and better prepared volunteers. But these subjects should be in the public schools.

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Increase Spending

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Unsure

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Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Public schools are, in part, funding through property taxes. Also, I general do not favor tax exemptions because often the exemptions detract from overall public ed funding. Sometimes they are counter-productive. If there is an exemption for cultural non-profits, I would want and need to know (to gauge my support) what the affect would be on public school funds. When public ed funding is inadequate (which it is), the first programs and activities that are cut are arts, music, humanities and afterschool programs.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I did not support the bill. But I would need to know more.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Pretty minimal, but I play the piano and have attempted to learn to play the organ. My arts appreciation is limited to what I like! I have always believed that both art and music enrich our lives; as I have grown older, I also appreciate how they stimulate our brains.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: A

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Taxpayer investment in arts and humanities is crucial to a healthy society and the equitable distribution of cultural opportunities.

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Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

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Yes

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Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would probably support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax but I would like to review potential impacts first, given that property tax is a major source of education funding.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I believe cultural districts can serve as engines for both economic development and artistic growth.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Historic preservation is vitally important. I did not support HB223 and I think it should be easier, not more difficult, to create local historic districts.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Every aspect of my life has been shaped by arts, culture, and humanities! I earned a degree in English Literature and have worked as an editor and writer most of my adult life. My mother was a journalist and playwright. I married a filmmaker, Kevin Hanson, who currently chairs the Department of Film and Media Arts at the University of Utah. My children have all studied dance, theatre, and music. My son is a dancer living and working in NYC.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: **A**

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The Arts are a necessary tool for improving student achievement. Core concepts can be taught by using the Arts as the learning medium.

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Increase Spending

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Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Because Arts and culture programs are not funded at the rate they should be, property tax is an added burden.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

It is important that we all have a better understanding and deeper appreciation of other cultures. The Arts are vital in all communities.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

We must preserve our past in order to better understand the present and determine the future.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I received the Lifetime Achievement award from the Utah Theater Association and was Utah Arts Teacher of the Year. I have served on the Arts Boards of Sandy City, South Jordan City, and Herriman City. I have been involved in the Arts for 45 years.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: D

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

No

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I do not believe they should fund private organizations. I believe that people should have more power over their money earned, and these places could be funded by donations from those, like myself, who appreciate the arts. I do, however, believe that students should be given an introduction to the arts while in school so they can gain an appreciation of it.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

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Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Tax exemption is something that libertarians support.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

No

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Decreases are fine, but I don't believe in increasing taxes.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I would need to look more into it, but I think that it has an impact of increased tourism for people wanting to see the way things used to be.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I am a published poet, so it has definitely had an impact in my life. I enjoy art very much, and love to visit galleries to see what creations people come up with.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: A

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I support ZAP.

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Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Non-profits should be property tax exempt.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

We are not spending enough. Out of town visitors are attracted to our culture. This would be a small admission tax for their visit.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Support, but their needs to be some property rights protection and buyers of a property must be informed of the historic preservations restrictions on the property they are buying, before they buy and they should be asked to sign an agreement.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I'm 75 years old, too many to name.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: A

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I believe arts and humanities are just as important as all the others such as sciences. We need to help foster and grow all education.

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Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

If allowing a non-profit to be exempt would help, I am in favor.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

It is a simple way to increase funding.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Unfortunately I don't know enough about this. But I do like to see the historic houses and areas. I am sad that often people want to tear down and rebuild when all that is needed is a little help.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I grew up in a very cultural family. My mom is an artist and I was expected to learn study music. I believe the arts, culture, and humanities can really change your life.



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UCA's grade for this candidate:

C

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Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I believe that a modest level of government support for cultural activities, particularly supporting the creation of venues (museums, art galleries, local concert locations) is appropriate.

Government support should be designed to provide initial stimulus for a broader program, not underwrite the full cost of cultural events. Most arts programs operating costs should be funded by private donations or ticket paying customers.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

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Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

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Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Other entities that create community are exempt from property tax - schools, churches, non-profit hospitals. Cultural non-profits similarly influence the health of a community and should be tax-exempt as well.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Tourism is an industry and it is driven by the available recreational and cultural activities in the area. Good cultural venues with desirable activities increase the demand for hotels, restaurants, and other amenities. Therefore this tax is appropriate both to increase tourism and to offset the investments needed to make Utah a desirable destination.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I very much support historic districts but recognize that it also imposes a significant burden on the property owners in some cases. In some cases, compensation to property owners for historical designation may be an appropriate strategy. Without actively working to preserve our history, we won't have any. I would have to look at the details of HB223 before saying whether I would support or vote for its repeal.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Yes. When I was going to school in Los Angeles area as a child, we had many school field trips that included, visiting museums, art exhibits, and plays. I believe that this significantly impacted my views of life and society and continue to affect me to this day in very positive ways.

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UCA's grade for this candidate: A

Should Government Be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient)

I feel that arts and humanities challenges a child's mind. Allows for expression and teaches diversity in all forms. It mingles what has been taught and introduces new ideas. These programs give our children a well-versed lead in to future education.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on the after-school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector and economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support the Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Unsure

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithsonian's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes, but the preservation of this site will need to be continually monitored.

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient)

I am unclear why a cultural non-profit would be paying property tax and where/how this tax is benefiting the arts.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient)

I am not opposed to a minor increase of tourism tax as our tourism rates are increasing rapidly state wide. However, for me to give a firm answer I would need a better idea of the funding and how this would overall help the arts and humanities programs in education.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendment) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient)

I am 100% supportive of restoration and preservation of historical sites and districts.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient)

Yes. Our family was active in a cultural program that introduced adults and children to arts and different cultures through foods, holidays, traditions and history.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Regarding state funding of schools - there is an abundance of research that shows teaching the arts enhances student education. Test scores rise when arts are taught in the classroom. Yet getting our legislative leaders to fund arts programs is difficult.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Unsure

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

No

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Property tax goes to support public education. Utah has the most poorly funded public education system of any state. I don't think we can afford to exempt organizations from property tax.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The burden of this tax falls on the shoulders of visitors to the state. I pay this kind of tax when visiting other places. I am okay with Utah doing this.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I am not aware of the specifics of this bill, but I am in favor of preserving Utah's unique Heritage. Several years ago I was quite active in the Utah Heritage Foundation.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

When Granite District eliminated Art and Music programs for budgetary reasons, as PTA president I organized PTA volunteers to go into every classroom and help teachers present the art, music and literature curriculum to all students at the elementary.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The arts and humanities contribute greatly to our culture and civilization. Government has a role to promote the arts and humanities for the benefit of the citizenry.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Unsure

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would have to look at the financial impact. While I definitely support government support for the arts, financial impact must be considered. Reducing property tax also punishes schools and I am most passionate about improving public schools in Utah.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Within reasonable limits.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I support reasonable historic preservation. There will, I suspect, always be tensions between private property rights and society's desire to protect and preserve historical legacies. I'm a believer that stakeholders approaching the issue in good faith can reach a compromise.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I served on several committees for the Sundance Film Festival during which I lobbied the state legislature for funding.

I was also on the University of Utah Humanities Partnership Board.

I have been a subscriber to Utah Opera.

All these experiences have benefited my life.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

There is so much value in creativity and expression that is often disregarded completely or forgotten. The government should be equally invested in funding arts and humanities as it is in funding science and math--both of which create a diverse and dynamic society.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Unsure

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I find a lot of value in diversity.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

It's hard to say whether a cultural district would be appropriate in any community. Safety, accessibility, need, and aesthetics are things to consider before implementation of any type of cultural district.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Similar to cultural districts, there should be a substantial amount of thought and consideration before implementing a historical district.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I am trained in classical ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, contemporary, and modern dance. I have been a dance teacher for many years and studied it briefly on scholarship in college. Dance has had an incredibly positive impact on my life, and has given me opportunities to travel, work, teach, and learn. Creativity, artistry, and expression continue to be important aspects of my life.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

There is so much value in creativity and expression that is often disregarded completely or forgotten. The government should be equally invested in funding arts and humanities as it is in funding science and math--both of which create a diverse and dynamic society.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Unsure

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I find a lot of value in diversity.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

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It's hard to say whether a cultural district would be appropriate in any community. Safety, accessibility, need, and aesthetics are things to consider before implementation of any type of cultural district.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Similar to cultural districts, there should be a substantial amount of thought and consideration before implementing a historical district.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I am trained in classical ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, contemporary, and modern dance. I have been a dance teacher for many years and studied it briefly on scholarship in college. Dance has had an incredibly positive impact on my life, and has given me opportunities to travel, work, teach, and learn. Creativity, artistry, and expression continue to be important aspects of my life.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: D

[UCA Candidate Survey](#)

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Arts add to a person's education which we provide

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Unsure

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

No

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Cultural Non-profits' is a title under which some groups can hide and avoid taxes they should be paying. For true and legitimate non-profits I could support exemptions.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

No

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

No more tax increases.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Preservation is great until it bites you personally and you cannot remodel your own home due to new laws.

Historic districts are fine but too easy to abuse.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

My wife and I have had season tickets to the Utah Symphony performances for over 30 years. We look forward to each new season.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

No

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

No where in the State or Federal Constitutions does it grant the taking of money from one through taxation to another. That is socialism.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Decrease Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Decrease Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

No

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Decrease Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Unsure

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

No

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Property tax in general needs to be repealed. So I support any cuts to taxes, especially an immoral tax such as property tax

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Need to explore what the current tax rate is and it's impact and what other taxes and debts we can cut in it's place.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Any legislation that violates one's private property rights needs to be abolished.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I do like the arts, but like all industries needs to have zero governmental interference

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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The arts is what gives personality to our communities. The arts are uplifting, enjoyable, spiritual, and peaceful.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I'm for historical preservation.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Yes, Several. Listening to a string quartet in Historic Williamsburg. Music and the Spoken Word every Sunday.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Arts and humanities are vital community assets that deserve public support.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Providing public (tax-based) support for non-profit arts organizations and then taxing the same organizations is self defeating.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

This is a use or user tax strategy that is fair in terms of extending a reasonable tax burden to non-residents who enjoy cultural offerings.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Our state is so rich in culture and heritage that it would be a tremendous loss to our sense of community if legacy sites are not protected and preserved.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I experience arts, cultural and humanities every day. I am an avid reader, I enjoy visual arts and my wife and I support theater performances in Cache and Salt Lake valleys. Art and humanity are inseparably connected.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Yes. I met my wife through the arts and it has been a significant part of our family life ever since.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I believe the government should help fund arts and humanities because these are the things in life that bring joy and purpose to most people. Developing skills in these two areas make students and adults more cohesive in society and are some of the positive things in life that people need. They add so much to our society and we should start early and often to teach them.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Yes

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

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Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I believe children in all school programs including after school, need their imagination and creativity expanded and developed, even as young children.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I think we should definitely have historical districts in the State of Utah to preserve its culture and continue the gentrification process. We owe it to our children and future generations to preserve the history of our ancestors in many ways.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

My grandparents were all immigrants from Europe. We have kept alive the heritage of the food, art, and culture of these countries. I have many in my home and around my family. I feel this is important for my grandchildren to see who their ancestors were, the kind of honest hard working people they were. Some of their professions were in art, floral, and music. Some in social type work. This is important to me.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Government has a very limited role in funding arts and humanities primarily through funding institutions of education.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

No

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

No

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I have not looked at the overall economic impact of such an exemption, but I would be very cautious about creating that kind of exemption.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

No

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

This type of subsidy is far to often misused.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I'm in favor of historic preservation as long as it does not place undue burdens on property owners and tax payers.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I've been to many productions. My family has season tickets to the Hale center. Art is a big part of our lives.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The arts and humanities can elevate and lift humanity as few things can. While I appreciate the emphasis on STEM in education, I believe that arts and music can be added into the mix to make STEAM.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Unsure

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

No

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

This proposal is problematic. Working for a city for the past decade, I know how vital property taxes are. Cultural non-profits, as vital as they are, still need water, sewer, public safety and other services. I think a reduced rate might be more appropriate as a starting point. The other concern is that then residents could potentially start bogus 501(c)(3) for the arts in their homes and forgo property taxes.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I think this is more than appropriate, especially in areas where arts and cultural activities are tourism drivers.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Again, working for a city for a decade, I have mixed feelings about these historical districts. Unfortunately, I do not feel that every old house or block deserves protection from progress.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Arts add to a person's education which we provide

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would need to know more about the impact that would have on others before supporting or not supporting.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Need more information about the impact that would have on tourism and the state of Utah.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

"Those who forget history are doomed to repeat it." We need to make sure our history is preserved.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Yes. Art taught me to express my emotions in positive and creative ways. A student's EQ is just as important as their IQ.



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[UCA Candidate Survey](#)

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Arts & humanities are integral parts of our society and government has an obligation to support this uplifting part of life.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Other non-profits- 501(c)(3) are tax exempt from property tax and cultural non-profits should be too.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

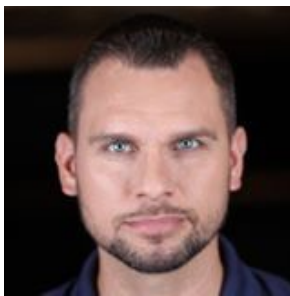
Cultural areas and events drawn tourists to our communities and increased funds would help to establish or expand these. This would benefit the local economy and artisans.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

This is should be decided on a local level and the community can determine what qualifies as "historic".

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Absolutely! Music and art an integral parts of my life and I'm grateful to live in an area that values and supports arts, culture & humanities.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

No

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Governments' charters are very limited in their scope of operations. It is the People who are not only responsible for their governments, but for the function of civilization in general.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Decrease Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Decrease Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Decrease Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Unsure

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

No

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

No

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I support the removal of property taxes for all private citizens' private residences. That comes first.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

No

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I'm not for taxation in general (even if its for a good cause) due to the permanent and destructive nature of taxation.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I think historic preservation, in general, is important as it helps maintain our connection to the past culture, arts, and humanities that have shaped the current demography.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

My visitations to art museums have been thought provoking experiences of the art and history of different periods of humanity's past.



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Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Unsure

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I want to know who owns adjacent property and who they are talking to in the legislature. I would also like to see more ideas of keeping historic sites preserved while still finding ways to improve old ones.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

yes. my parents were hippies. Need I say more.



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UCA Candidate Survey

UCA's grade for this candidate:

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Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Only under a budget for communities to help out and join in with their own innovation ideas

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Unsure

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I am also writing a Proposal Bill to fund all Government Entitlements without using Taxpayers money. It's called the Estate Creation Program

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

No

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Same answer to this question on 19

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

An Art Gallery of historic sites along with its history would be sufficient enough

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

In School I took a dancing class with a project in my culture that has impact my life forever love it



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

As an economist, the arts often fall into the category of "public goods"--those things which bring benefit to all and are universally available to all. Hence, the cost of the arts, such as a fountain, statue, or piece of art that enhances the experience of a public venue should be included in the overall expected expenditure and decision making by the responsible government entity.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

From an economic perspective, historical preservation creates value for an area in protecting a unique market character that adds value to both current and future property development in a designated area. The limits on personal choice in how the property is developed vs. historic preservation concerns should be done in a "neighborly" mindset, assuring all parties reap benefits from the restrictions on development.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

As a part-time instructor at a high school academy that specializes in arts education, I see examples nearly everyday of the positive impacts (such as higher thinking skills, better learning retention, self-confidence, wider cultural acceptance, and more consistent attendance) that come from encouraging young people to cultivate their talents and gifts through the many forms of artistic expression. While I understand the challenges of funding and staffing, I also know that those extrinsic costs must be compared to the intrinsic losses that a lack resources for the arts & humanities creates.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

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No

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).



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Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I believe that the role of government is to ensure equal access for all. Ensuring that all children have access to the arts and humanities is a social justice issue to me because it's the arts and humanities that make us empathic and human.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

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Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I support as long as the cultural nonprofits were for education/enrichment purposes. I do not support if someone is making a profit as a result.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The long-term effects of funding cultural districts in the community far outweigh the effects of a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes. In the end, it will result in economic benefits as well and then repay itself manyfold.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Historic preservation is important. Without it, we lose our heritage, our culture, and the lessons of the past.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

My mom is an artist, so I have had a life rich in art, culture, and humanities. As a teacher, I have seen the impact of these on children. When students struggle or hurt, it's the arts, the culture, and the humanities to lift them. These are the things they remember, and these are the things that give them purpose in life. When former students write me, they thank me for experiences that involved the arts.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Arts and Humanities events provide an avenue of expression, and participation in a higher level of experience and thought not always available in daily life requirements.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I understand the definition of a non profit is an organization which benefits or improves the lives of a group. Not necessarily to influence a particular group action. Cultural access and education does not intend to promote a group action.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

My district does not have a hotel or motel. Would need to discuss if bed or tourism cultural tax collected in larger communities could be fairly distributed.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Preservation of the past is important. History and past experiences are sources of how to solve current problems.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Visiting art events locally, New York, Washington DC, Denver and theater event Toronto gave me a desire to experience more and appreciate protecting what I saw for all.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Arts and humanities are an integral part of our quality of life. Accessibility to art, dance and music should be available to all regardless of income or location

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Non profits provide a service that supports all and should be given the same advantage as churches. However, we should make sure they follow a strict standard of non profit and are not abusing the privilege

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Tourism is important and unless the taxes start to decrease revenue we should encourage more art opportunities for tourists

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Truly beautiful and meaningful historic buildings and areas should be preserved. However just because a building is old doesn't mean it needs protection. Care should be given to ensure property rights and needless waste of tax dollars are observed

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I took ballet as a child from a principal dancer of the San Francisco ballet. Even though I did not pursue it, the love of music and movement has stayed with me. All of my children learned to play an instrument and my daughters danced. My granddaughters now dance and compose music and play various instruments. I believe all of our lives are enriched through art.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Art and the humanities give meaning and beauty to life. A city that is beautiful as well as functional, creates an environment that is welcoming and encourages citizens to take pride in their city culture.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would need to know the specifics of the legislation.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

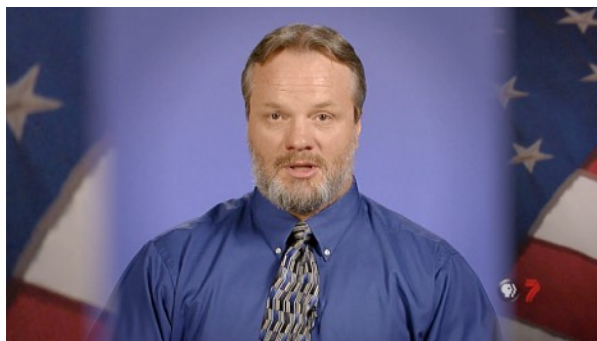
Again, I would need to know the specifics of the legislation, but many progressive cities use a portion of tourism related taxes to fund cultural districts because they are mutually beneficial.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

William J. Murtagh wrote "It has been said that, at its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future." I believe that preserving our history is essential to maintaining our identity and building our future.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Music performance has always been an important part of my life and it is a heritage that I have passed on to my children. Sharing this passion with my boys has helped to create many wonderful memories with my family.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

No

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

A Government purse always has strings. The arts simply are defined by the artists & viewers not legislators

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Decrease Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Unsure

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

No

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

By profession I am "Lead Designer." I also very much enjoyed playing the drums in band classes and still play today.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

No

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would simply the tax code to a flat rate sales tax across the board for government funding.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Historic preservation is best a private venture.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I enjoy attending the Utah Symphony as a season ticket holder. I occasionally attend other plays, operas, etc as time and interest permit.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Education comes in many forms, and I believe that arts and humanities are important to the development of critical thinking and spatial relationships. As a recent graduate from the College

of Humanities at the University of Utah, I was grateful to have had the opportunity to see my cohort receive funding from the State of Utah so they could pursue their higher education.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Unsure

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Unsure

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I've answered unsure to the aforementioned question because I do not have the facts or figures at hand to study the impacts of tax exemptions as and how they impact revenues. Prior to issuing a position on exemptions, it would behoove me to study the facts at hand.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Prior to providing a position statement on taxation as it relates to cultural districts in our community, I would have to study the tax implications and how it could contribute to arts and culture. From what I understand as of this writing, Millcreek has few or no "hotel tax" dollars in our city.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I support Local Historic Districts. Our sense of community, history and the attending architecture that comes with Local Historic Districts provide for richness within our neighborhoods. Certain standards for historic preservation must be met, however, and all the stakeholders involved with these processes must be part of the discussion.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

As I mentioned earlier, I am a recent graduate with an M.A. in Linguistics from the College of Humanities at the University of Utah. In addition, I taught elementary art at Cosgriff Memorial School and Eastwood Elementary for 5 years. Teaching young children is exceptionally rewarding, because the integration of color, spatial relationships and student's interpretation of the different modalities of art gave them the opportunity to experience art and culture that was outside of the current mainstream curriculum. Fine arts provide an outlet for children that allows them the freedom of expression that adds richness and depth to their lives.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Our society is greatly benefitted by the arts and humanities. Government should be involved in the funding of things which benefit society.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

While I believe that legislation would have little chance of success, I would support it.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I have a thriving arts community in my district that would benefit from such an increase.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Historic preservation is important. It should be a local effort with significant local buy-in.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

The first time I was a part of a college theatrical production changed my life and appreciation of the Arts. My life has been significantly improved because of the experience.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The local, county and state government have committees or organizations that offer grants to individual school and/or districts as well as other organizations that promoting the arts and humanities.

It is critical that our public school students are exposed to a variety of music, dance, drama, art , etc.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I am not familiar with the current laws regarding different types of non-profit organizations and property taxes. I need to do my homework on this issue.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

What is the definition of 'minor' increase. I live in an aging city where many of our senior citizens are struggling to pay their utility bills.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I am strongly in favor of designating historical buildings in every community.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

As an educator I helped teachers apply for grants in a variety of areas. For many of the students, it is their first exposure to music, dance, drama, guest artists, exhibits, etc.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The arts and humanities reflect our diverse culture in Utah and that must be promoted, encouraged, and supported for future generations of Utahns.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would need to have a better understanding of the various organizations that would qualify as "cultural non-profits" before committing to a property tax exemption. However, I would be generally supportive if my sense of "cultural non-profits" aligns with what would be defined in legislation.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

As our travel and recreation industry is a major economic engine for Utah, and draws revenue from outside the state, I would consider bed or tourism taxes as an appropriate revenue source to ensure Utah's cultural districts have the necessary funding to continue their missions.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Generally, I support historic preservation efforts and would agree that community members should have the right to preserve the history and aesthetic character of their neighborhoods and architectural gems. However, sometimes the restrictions can be too burdensome for property owners. There should be common ground to ensure that these goals are met with reasonable variances to prevent such districts from becoming too rigid.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I definitely have a personal connection with the arts and culture that reflect my Italian and Latina heritage and hope to pass those legacies on to my children.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Frankly, there are many people who need art as an outlet/means to learn other things. If it allows growth and improvement in our country, to our people, then the government should be MOST interested in funding such programs.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I'd need to see how much impact would be felt, and if the money could be retained elsewhere. (aka: I'm not educated enough right now to make that call! I'd LOVE to say yes, but I'd need to know how/where the effect of saying yes would be felt!)

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Especially if that would offset a loss created by legislation from question #18!

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I agree that historic preservation is vitally important, but I also agree that eventually a line should be drawn. If ALL historic properties are protected and preserved, how can property owners effectively own and manage their property without the ability to improve or expand?

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I, personally, would have been lost in schools without the arts and humanities. I currently own my own art/design based business and know the loss that would occur should these programs disappear.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Government funding for the arts as part of an integrated curriculum for public schools is a critical part of educating all students. Public/private partnerships like the Beverley Sorensen Artworks for Kids is one stellar example.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would need to have for information on the costs and benefits to answer the question.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Once again, I would need some data to analyze the cost and benefit before taking a position.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I think these decisions should be made on the local level by the residents of these historic districts, not by legislators who don't live in the area.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

My professional career as a high school English teacher included teaching classic and modern literature to thousands of students. My hope is that the love of reading great novels, poetry, and plays, as well as attending live theater, has become a lifelong habit for my students, as it has for my own children and grandchildren.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Art and culture enriches lives of citizens through dance, visual arts, music, history.....As the wealthiest nation I believe we can and should support them, especially endeavors that bring art and culture to underserved communities. I personally was involved in after school visual arts programs throughout my primary and secondary education and benefited immensely.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would need to know more about this. Property tax funds education in part, especially in my district where a lot of new growth occurs. If other non profits were exempt then I would support it. I also believe in a variable property tax rate and would support non profits from paying the full tax rate.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Right now we need to redistribute where the current TRT money goes. This is a state issue. There is already plenty of available money in this fund to go to badly needed infrastructure and other areas, and instead it is recycled into more advertising. Arts and culture could also be a valuable recipient of this fund. Public mural projects can really help to revitalize a downtown for instance.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I grew up in a pre civil war house in Maryland, and spend my childhood exploring historic homes throughout the East coast. I currently am restoring a 100 year farmhouse. Developers in Moab knocked down a historic home recently to build another Marriot and I was appalled. Historic districts are good for tourism and good for the pride of residents, they are not simply old buildings. They deserve our respect.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Ha! I use art everyday. I began as a visual arts major in college and switched to the sciences. Art help you to see things in a perspective that is unique. It helps in all disciplines. The most innovative people in society are artistic. It helps me run my campaign!

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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

No

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I believe that Arts and Humanities are an important part of the students' education.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Historical sites are a great example of our history.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I have enjoyed Hale Center Theater and the Pioneer Theater for many years and even held season tickets.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Without government support of the arts, museums would be closed and programs across the communities would cease. Our small theater in Magna could not survive without help from grants and endowments. That becomes a great loss to the township.

Losing funding in schools would have a devastating effect on children. I can't remember where I found it, but during college I read that schools that offered arts and humanities programs, specifically music showed students improved their scores and comprehension in math and reading skills.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

There are currently exemptions for non-profits, but I believe that if property tax exemptions and credits are available for Facebook, who earned 3.69 billion dollars in profits for 2015, then cultural non-profits should be entitled to the same exemptions and tax credits.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

It would depend on the definition of minor increase. I am for anything that would benefit the community of Magna, even if that means a small increase.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Preserving our history is vital in any community. In Magna, our museum on Historic Main Street shows what it was like at the beginning of our township. This is important to build strong ties to any city or town. The pride you have in an area that is part of historic preservation will spill over in to the other businesses and residential areas. While Park City may be an extreme example, the areas outside of historic sites are just as beautiful and well maintained. This can happen in any city in Utah.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Attending school, we had many field trips to listen to music or visit a museum. These trips prepared me for my time in the military overseas. Instead of hanging at the clubs and bars, I made an effort to visit castles in Europe, museums, symphony halls and cultural events like the German American cultural festivals. I did this in Europe, Asia and South and Central America. This opened my eyes to the cultural differences and similarities across the globe, while at the same time allowing me to make friends with hundreds of people from outside the U.S. Those friendships and memories will last a lifetime.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I think that on the state and community level government should be involved in supporting the arts and humanities. Otherwise it is left up to private funding which is also a good thing. But the more people are aware and support the arts the more of an impact it can have on the people.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

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Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I am surprised to hear that cultural non-profits pay taxes. If the property tax benefits the arts then I would want to look at how effective it is.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Without knowing what is happening already, I would be inclined to support it. Our tourism is up and they would also benefit from our arts and culture.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I support historic preservation. Once it is gone, the people will forget about it.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I have had each of my 5 children and my wife and I participate in the arts and culture. We live in a very diverse community. We love the many cultures and participating in many different events and activities.



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Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Science, math, and English language arts education are funded by tax payer money and supported by state office of education learning standards because we believe they are important baseline knowledge for a healthy society. I believe that the arts and humanities are equally important for viewing and understanding the world, for learning to participate in democracy and for a healthy society. They should be equally supported and funded by our tax payer money.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Unsure

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Consistency is important. Property tax is a primary source of income for education spending and I would not want to decrease that funding base. However if other non-profits or corporations have exemptions as incentives for the work they do in our community then YES I would support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Tourism benefits from our cultural and arts foundation. Paying a small increase in taxes could be their way of supporting the arts and culture.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I believe that a sense of place is important for our society. Maintaining historical districts is a value that should not be restricted.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I spent a year as an exchange student in Ecuador while in high school. Experiences a different culture, their artistic expression and different world view formed a strong value of seeking diversity in arts, culture and humanities that is not encapsulated with what mainstream "entertainment" industry is promoting. The arts culture and humanities are rooted deeply in live, original and local human expression and I think we have set ourselves back from many other parts of the world by de-valuing them over science, math and reading.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I believe education in the arts (visual, performance, music, etc.) is a key part of children's education. Continuing to fund these important programs is an essential part of our education responsibility.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I am unsure what impact my office would have in this decision - if any.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

This would not be a decision made by the board on which I am running to gain office.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I have fought for historic preservation since I was in college (I was one of the protestors who fought to preserve Brigham Young Academy in Provo). I have since participated in other historic district preservation efforts. Additionally, I am fortunate to get to work in an office in South Temple office housed in a restored mansion on the National Registry (The Downey Mansion). I appreciate and support the ongoing preservation of our architectural history.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

As a school founder, builder and educator I have worked in the schools I have created to build solid arts programs. Personally I can say that a 7th grade sculpture teacher was key to me developing confidence and a sense of self that then led to success in other areas of life. Similarly, one of my sons has found a similar passion in music (he plays tenor sax in several bands including a Jazz ensemble). I've seen his personality and confidence develop through these programs. Although I did not grow up to be a professional artist, and I doubt he will grow up to be a professional musician - this education was key to the development of both of us, and so many other students I have seen in my years in education.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Local governments that are close to the people and more responsive to the will and the needs of the people should, if supported by the will of a local community, collect taxes and use the revenue to help support, but not completely fund, local arts and cultural events. People and organizations and businesses who participate and directly benefit from such events should also help support and fund such events. The federal government should not be directly involved with funding arts and cultural events. They are too distant to understand and react to local needs and resources and funding arts and cultural events is not constitutionally their responsibility.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Unsure

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I do believe that State should continue to support arts and the humanities through continued funding of the WPU and encourage each district to use part of WPU revenue to fund music and arts programs in all public schools.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

It is usually a local tax voted on and controlled by local entities who stand to benefit or be hurt depending on how it is collected and used. Local control.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

It needs to be decided on a case by case basis by local communities that will be directly affected by historic preservation declarations. Such designations should not be decided by people who are

removed from the area and have no direct contact or association with proponents and opponents of such designations

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I did not participate in competitive sports. I was too uncoordinated. But I really got on music. I played French horn in the Granite Youth Symphony and the Utah Youth Symphony and participated in band and orchestra from 4th grade through 12th grade. I would likely not have made it in life or be in a position to answer this survey without my public education music experiences- extremely positive.



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UCA's grade for this candidate:

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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Yes to a degree. Encouraging arts in turn encourages: creativeness, intelligence, independence, resourcefulness, self esteem among other things. But it should be deemed public property if bought with any sort of public tax revenue aka any government money. I have more to say but not enough space to write it out.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Unsure

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

No

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I feel either everyone pays property tax for any property owned by any person , business , church , entity , etc. Or no one pays property tax , or only pay a property tax once on purchase and no continuous taxes. If we all wanted to be treated equal we must treat each other as equals, no one is exempt from the rules and laws of the land.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I am unsure exactly what you mean by cultural districts? When you say cultural I would hope you would include all cultures, I notice certain cultures are not included in culture months in education system, events, among other things. All or none is my standing.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I agree with the preservation of history in all forms. Architecture , writings, art, ethics, manors, respect, errors. But there must be a happy median or else no new building and advancement can happen.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The arts and humanities should be funded because our students and community members need that exposure to cultural events and learning.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would need to see the tax exempt impact before i could make a definitive decision on this question. Make no mistake, however, I am in favor of the arts and cultural events!

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I believe this is a good way to increase the funds to support the arts and cultural events in the various districts. Those who use the services should help pay for them.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I am in favor of historical districts within reason. I favor preserving our history for teaching and learning potential for our students.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I have an Art Minor from Brigham Young University. I believe that is explanation enough. I love the arts. This has been instilled in me since I was young in that my great uncle is the respected Utah artist, Lee Greene Richards. I have been told stories and have been exposed to his art work from the time I was very young.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: A

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The government supports arts and humanities. I would like to see it expanded.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Property taxes are used to fund schools. Exemption from property taxes of all non-profits could negatively impact k-12 funding. I would have to have more information.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Historic preservation furthers a community spirit and an understanding of our culture.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I am a teacher in elementary school. My kids are a part of meet the masters at Granite elementary in Canyons District. My family has gone on many road trips experiencing cultural, art and humanity sites. Our family has developed a great respect for our community and country through these programs.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: A

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I believe arts and humanities are a critical part of a well-rounded education, and should be funded just like any other subject.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I believe most cultural non-profits greatly benefit education and should be supported for that reason. My goal would be to support the arts and humanities, and I would be open to various

ways of accomplishing that goal. I believe discussions on the exclusion from property taxes probably need to be held in conjunction with discussions on other sources, such as tax-payer supported funding. (i.e., If we do enough of one, do we need the other? etc.)

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Same answer as above. The point is to provide sufficient support for the arts and humanities, and how we get there can be a multi-faceted plan.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I am not familiar with that bill, and my position in ASD would have no bearing or impact on such issues. However, as a person and voter, I support historical preservation with the proviso that, as with all things, wisdom and care must be exercised on where the "line is drawn" in making those decisions. And as with most issues of this kind, I've found that different people have a different "line in the sand" even when they are on the same side of the issue. In short, historic preservation can be both overdone or left greatly under-served.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Yes. I have been in music performance since I was in 7th grade, and all of my children have been in music, art, and theater all through school. In fact, we send our children to Northridge Elementary even though we do not live in that boundary so they can participate in the school's music and art programs. Theater, music performances, art exhibits, etc. have always been a large part of our family activity.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: **F**

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

No

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

No the government shouldn't fund the arts. it should stop stealing money from people all together.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Decrease Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Decrease Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

No

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Decrease Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

No

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

No

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

No

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

No

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The government has no business in education. All they have done is utterly destroy it as they do with everything. Keep government OUT of something as critical as education and allow the free market to work as freedom and righteousness intended.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

True history should be preserved. Sadly the government has worked to utterly destroy the true and real history of the Americas and the creation of the world. God created the earth. We track time to this very day by the sign given at the birth of Christ. The flood of Noah and piles of other historic evidence give proof of the scriptures and truth should be preserved and glorified.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I love art and we should have the most artistic and beautiful state in the world. However it should be done with freedom and righteousness not government mandated slavery.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The support of the arts is essential to the quality of life for members of our community. Investing in the arts particularly in k-12 should be a priority.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Students that are exposed to the arts learn better. In addition an appreciation of the arts helps young people have a healthier outlook on life and become happier.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

It is important to have an understanding of our heritage as a community. Preservation of historical sites should be given strong consideration.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I support the arts! One of the great joys in my life has been watching most of my children learn to play several instruments. The sound of music in the home is wonderful! Watching the many performances was and continues to be a highlight of my life!



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Arts and humanities is a valuable and essential part of our education, society and business. I agree with the designation of STEAM v. STEM as part of our approach to K-12 education. State funding is essential here.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do? Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do? Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax? Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would seriously consider legislation that would exempt the cultural non profits from tax-- however, like all legislation would need to see the details. Also, would like to see impact such change in funding would have on education, Medicaid and other vital social services funding etc.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community? Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I support the State funding of programs in the arts and humanities. However, as with all state expenditures, we need to carefully review each project and fund it based on its merit. There are so many worthy projects, such as the Leonardo, Topaz, etc. it is challenging to pick and choose. So, yes I definitely support the arts and cultural agenda.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Historic preservation is very valuable to some areas. We have great history, architecture and districts that benefit not only the immediate community but the cities and state as well. However, the legislation has to be crafted to not interfere with local entities own agendas to preserve and enhance their own communities. I am working with Murray city to help with their preservation efforts. Sometimes a bill--even well intentioned--may have to be modified on local levels.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I have truly enjoyed the great balance of technology, business and science and the great art and humanities culture in the state. I support for example, our ballet, museums, symphony etc for their regional value. I also support the inclusion of art and humanities in our education systems. I am grateful to work to work with the Heritage and Arts group at the State level. I have worked each session to continue and grow our State funding to preserve and improve work in this area.

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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Both public and private institutions have a part to play in creating and maintaining the public spaces, theaters, festivals, museums, and galleries which shape the soul and character of our communities.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

While I understand the attraction of exempting non-profits of many kinds from property taxes, the fact remains that they consume many of the same services that other property tax payers do. A reasonable case could be made to pay taxes at a reduced rate.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

This depends entirely on the level of the increase and the intended use of the funds.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Maintaining the character of selected historical communities can foster an appreciation of the past and ensure that future generations have the same opportunity. A careful balance between respect for the past and respecting the rights of current property owners is paramount to the success of a historical district.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I was fortunate to grow up between Lansing and Detroit, Michigan, and access to several metropolitan areas and university campuses full of museums, theaters, libraries, cultural festivals, and historical parks has given me a lifelong appreciation for the value these establishments bring to our lives.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Funding the arts and humanities ensures our diverse and rich cultural history continues as a source of inspiration to our young people and a public good for all residents to enjoy.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Unsure

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

While generally supportive, my commitment would depend on the precise definition of "cultural non-profits" and the impact that such exemptions would have on funding for municipalities and education.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

While generally supportive, I have not studied the tax burden for businesses that would be subject to bed or tourism taxes and could not commit my support until I had further information.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Communities have a legitimate interest in protecting the aesthetic qualities of their neighborhoods and I generally support historic preservation efforts. However, sometimes preservation prevents some reasonable accommodations to property owners that want to make minor renovations, improvements, or maintenance repairs. As with any legislation, the devil tends to be in the details.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Aside from my personal appreciation for the arts, there is nothing in particular that comes to mind.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Public funding for art both recognizes and jump-starts young artists who lack patrons or notoriety, and acknowledges that art is important for our city, state, or nation.

The public relations campaign for the Salt Lake County ZAP funding is correct... "ZAP is You"... because public art belongs to and can be enjoyed by all of us.

I also think public building projects should incorporate art into their design, construction, and final result--from murals on construction barriers to installation art when the project is done.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

No

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

My understanding is that "religious, charitable and educational" nonprofits can be exempt from property taxes if the property use is exclusive. This does not apply to "cultural" nonprofits. I am running for school board and local property taxes are one of the main funding sources for public education. To expand art instruction and student opportunities within the Salt Lake City School District we will need additional funding, and cutting the tax base will do the opposite. I work for a local nonprofit (UHPP) that pays property taxes and believe we should contribute to the tax base of our community.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

No

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Salt Lake City's tourism and convention business is strong and growing, with visitors (and event organizers) benefiting from the many cultural and arts amenities in our capital city. From my prior research on the biannual Outdoor Retailer show, I know that SLC's convention/visitor costs are lower than competitor cities and could be tapped to support cultural districts.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I followed HB223 and know how it was promoted by builders (with Rep. Brad Wilson as their sponsor) to oppose new historic districts in the Yalecrest area of Salt Lake City. I like the new approach that SLC took with resident-led zoning and district amendments, although I think it needs some tweaking on timelines and petition percentages. HB223 reinforced the lesson that local control is ephemeral if valuable legislative interests are at stake.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I strongly believe in the importance of art and creativity in public education. I learned from fantastic classroom art teachers, and I want my kids and all kids to have the same experience. Sadly, Utah's school funding barriers restrict the amount of art and creative instruction that students receive. My son's kindergarten art class won't start until halfway through the school year. In order to instill a lifelong appreciation for art and culture, we need to invest more in the arts education of our school children---from creative classroom projects to visiting Utah's arts and culture sites. As for personal experiences, I completed this UCA survey while my two boys emptied my desk drawers to create "art projects" involving colored dot stickers, tape, business cards, CDs(!), envelopes, and permanent markers(!) that will soon be displayed on our "art wall" at home. This is the beginning of the experience for them.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Arts are one of the key elements of humanity. If we truly want to show our respect for our neighbors, and to understand and appreciate differences, arts are some of the best ways to do so.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would be willing to consider such an exemption, but I would need to understand the full ramifications before committing.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Again, I would have to see the specifics, but I do think it is something worth considering.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Historic preservation is critical but must be appropriately balanced with economic creation. Just as important, though, is telling the story of the historic area in a way that resonates with the larger community.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

My wife is a dancer, and I have been a long-time supporter of Ballet West, Ririe Woodbury, and other dance performances. Watching dance through the eyes of my wife and children makes me realize the importance of movement and creative expression. Without it, life just doesn't hold the same meaning.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The arts is an important component to a child's education, opening the door to imagination and creativity as well as connecting to the fundamentals in science, math, language arts and social studies. Our state should be providing funds to educate the whole child, not just the academics.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

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Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I am sorry, I don't know much about this bill. From what I read on the website, and some of the news articles, it was a difficult conversation.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Having children in our public schools, I have had multiple opportunities to see first hand and experience first hand the joy an integrated arts education can provide to children and adults. I also am a board member of a district charter, School for the Performing Arts, a high school providing a rich and amazing arts curriculum.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Private funding will always be inadequate to provide the rich panoply of arts and humanities that are needed for a nation to thrive. Arts and humanities enrich life and thereby create better and more productive citizens.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Other entities that create community are exempt from property tax - schools, churches, non-profit hospitals. Cultural non-profits similarly influence the health of a community and should be tax-exempt as well.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

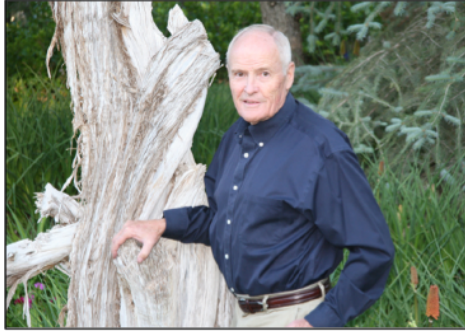
Cultural resources are one drive of tourism and should benefit from those taxes as well.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I live in Sugarhouse, and am appreciative of homeowners who have chosen to improve their historic homes. I am supportive of historic preservation.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

When I was 19 I went to live in Paris for six months. The exposure to French culture and the French language changed my life. I am who I am today because I was able to experience another culture and absorb its rich cultural resources at a formative age.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

No

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The arts and humanities are critical for the human spirit, and are insufficiently nurtured and developed when the market alone is the sole source of funding.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

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If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Unsure

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Funding is tough. But Utah gives tax breaks to corporations to incentivize economic growth all the time. I believe cultural non-profits help grow our community/economy and therefore should be incentivized similarly.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would like to see a specific proposal for a specific "cultural district" so I can weigh that against the proposed tax increase. I don't think your question provides enough information for a reasonable decision maker to say yes or no.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I think we should preserve important parts of our heritage, and we should decide on a case by case basis what those specific preservation projects should encompass.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I have worked with other nationalities and lived in other countries my whole life. From 1990-95, I earned a masters in philosophy from Stanford and taught ethics at West Point. Those five years were important capstone to my previous life experiences and helped me better develop a sense for the arts as a way to stimulate and enhance my problem solving skills.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Arts are essential to society for pleasure, as an expression of place, and an pressure valve to release the stresses of modern life. Music, visual art, performance art all play a roll not just for those who view or listen but the artist.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

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Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

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Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I would need to study this issue. Most of the nonprofit groups use city, county, or state properties be it a black box theater or a library auditorium. However, several groups have used some public funds to build facilities on private property that are managed by that group. I would need to see how those facilities are used and if these groups are using funds wisely

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

As a traveler I don't appreciate paying higher than normal sales taxes. While many tourists participate in arts programs I think state residents need to help fun programs like RAMP in Weber County and ZAP in Salt Lake Country. Perhaps all counties should have such options.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Much needed. While the rights of property owner should be acknowledged, the historic character of a neighborhood should be preserved. There are cities in the USA that draw millions of visitors a year to experience historic preservation.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I played flute for fifteen years starting in junior high through college where I earned a full music scholarship at Weber State. After college I performed in community ensembles and theater groups. Attending arts festivals, performances, recitals, gallery exhibits, admiring public art installations, add to my quality of life. The arts opened vistas for me and those vistas should be available to all.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Arts and humanities are part of the very fabric of our society, and are very deserving of attention from both the government and private sectors.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

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Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

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Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

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Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I believe that religious organizations are exempt from property tax, and I would certainly be open to considering a similar exemption for cultural non-profits, but I would need more information on the impact of such an exemption on municipalities that currently depend on property taxes as a major source of their operating revenue.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

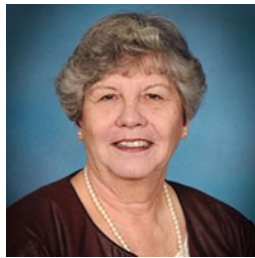
Again, arts and cultural experiences are part of the very fabric of our society, and I think this would be a reasonable option for helping to fund more cultural districts within individual communities.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I know there are good arguments on both sides of this issue, but I think a reasonable balance can be struck. I believe it is very important to preserve historical sites and buildings to the extent feasible at a reasonable cost, but as a lawyer I am also sensitive to the personal property rights of individual owners in dealing with their own property.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

My parents starting taking me to Pioneer Memorial Theater as a young child, and for years my entire family (including our three children) have had season passes to Hale Theater. As an attorney practicing in Park City, I have had the privilege of giving back to the greater Park City community by providing a lot of pro bono legal services for the Park City/Summit County Arts Council, the Park City Film Series, Mountain Town Stages, and the Park City Creative Group (Giving a Bleep).



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UCA's grade for this candidate: B

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Without government support of the arts, museums would be closed and programs across the communities would cease. Our small theater in Magna could not survive without help from grants and endowments. That becomes a great loss to the township.

Losing funding in schools would have a devastating effect on children. I can't remember where I found it, but during college I read that schools that offered arts and humanities programs, specifically music showed students improved their scores and comprehension in math and reading skills.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Unsure

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I am a believer that exposure to the arts should be part of public education. That exposure adds richness and understanding to the world we live in.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I don't know much about the bill and would like to be better informed.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Many. I have visited art galleries all over the world, am a regular patron of Ballet West, have a Bachelor's degree with a minor in music, and I taught literature for almost 25 years



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Unsure

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Yes

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Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

No

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I really didn't like the fact that HB223 was partially retroactive and affected processes that were already underway. But in general--I think there should be a pretty high bar set for before some neighbors get to say what their other neighbors can and can't do with their own private property.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I was Henry Higgins in my high school musical. I once sang a solo in a choir performing a Weird Al Yankovich song (Hardware Store) in the Tabernacle. I went to see the little Mermaid at the Hopebox theater in Kaysville last night to see my daughters choir teacher perform as the evil eel flotsam--It was great!

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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I am running for school board and it tells about how I would like to advocate for excellence in education. In order to do this I need to have conversations with people to learn from a wide variety of experience.

Question 9 is about government involvement in funding the arts and humanities. I believe government should fund the arts and humanities in a variety of ways. I believe they should partner with private organizations to fund public venues such as museums and performance places. They should fund libraries. And most especially the government should fund schools adequately so the arts and humanities can contribute to the broad education of our children and youth.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

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Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

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Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

To answer about spending for public K-12 education: I answered that I would keep it the same, but I'm not sure that's true. I would definitely not decrease spending, but I am not versed on the current budget allocated for the arts. I have not asked my arts educator friends about their funding. They have not complained to me about it, yet the 3 I know the best have premier programs. I'm on the PTA and School Community Council for the Junior High and High Schools in my community, and we often ask the faculty what their needs are. We regularly supplement our Junior High drama program with PTA funds. When I was a member of the high school band booster club, we raised money to buy extra instruments. If there was need to spend more money on the arts, I would probably vote to increase it. The arts and arts education are vital in our schools.

As for explaining the previous question, I don't know very much about property tax exemption and it's impact on cultural non-profits or the community at large.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I'm not sure I totally understand the previous question, but I have noticed that the city of Orem has a slight sales tax increase to fund the arts in their community, and I think it's a great idea. The people in my community of Spanish Fork seem to be very against any tax increase, so I would probably vote against such a proposal. It's important to represent your community.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I generally like the idea of historic preservation, but I know very little about it.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Thank you for reaching out to me! I am an avid supporter of the arts and humanities & art education. James Rees, Utah Art Educator of the Year, is a good friend and closely involved with my campaign, and one of his students designed my yard signs. My husband is an engineering professor, and along with the math and science we emphasize at the dinner table, we sing, play instruments, and patronize as well as participate in cultural events. In the schools, my children have participated in band, choir, orchestra, drama and visual art programs. These programs have enriched the culture of our family.

As I've traveled to many places around the world with my husband for his work, we have made it a point to be more than tourists. We seek to know people and better understand their perspective of the world. Our family has also been on sabbatical experiences in Germany and Australia, immersing ourselves in the schools and culture of those wonderful places.

If you have educational issues and experiences you would like to share with me, I would love it! There are many issues and perspectives I need to learn from.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: A

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Our culture is defined by our arts and humanities. With out them we have no culture.
Government has a responsibility to boost and promote culture.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Unsure

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Historical districts play an important role in teaching and reminding us of our history. Local governments should have the power to protect them.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

My wife plays with the Murray Symphony Orchestra and my daughter will soon be an accomplished singer. ;) Listening to either of them perform brings me great delight.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Arts cannot generate enough money to be self sustaining. Prices need to be kept low for the public.

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If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Unsure

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I need more information.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Unsure

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

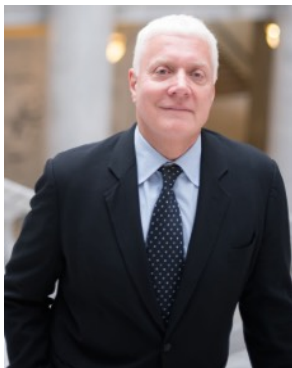
I know there is a pretty good tax right now.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I didn't know that. Without more information I would oppose it. I like historic preservation projects.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Not that I can think of right now.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities? Yes

Please explain your answer to Question 9 (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The arts and humanities play an important role in helping people define themselves, form common identities, creating civic pride, question current conventions, open debate and discussion, and invigorate the mind – and not always in ways that can easily be defined with words. All governments (particularly democracies) should embrace the arts as a way to represent the people.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do? Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do? Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum? Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do? Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah? Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art? Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art? Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax? Unsure

Please explain your answer to Question 18 (one or two sentences is sufficient): The reason I marked "unsure" was not because I feel that cultural non-profits should pay property tax – they should not. I do want to make sure, however that such legislation protects local governments ability to generate revenue. To that end, I would want the state to essentially subsidize the cost by returning otherwise lost revenue to local governments. I would also want to compare this to how other types of non-profits are treated to ensure fairness.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community? Unsure

Please explain your answer to Question 20 (one or two sentences is sufficient): I would personally support and champion any such increase if it were to appear on the ballot, however I do feel that

this decision should be made on the local level as the TRT tax is generally handled at the county level. If legislative action were required to add clarity to the TRT tax (say, to raise the taxation cap), I would support such action.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient). I was disappointed in the passage of HB 223 for two main reasons: First, it was specifically designed to help relators and developers who often use the legislature and governor as get what they want in exchange for campaign donations; Second, it was a direct attack on local communities who should be free to make such designations as they see fit.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient). I have been a long-time supporter of the local arts community here in Utah, including the following organizations:

Utah Museum of Fine Arts
Utah Film Center
Salt Lake Acting Company
Plan B Theater
SB Dance
Art of Chaos Dancers

In addition, my wife and I were co-executive producers of the 2014 documentary film on Congressman Barney Frank's life, "Compared To What: The Improbable Journey Of Barney Frank."

In addition to enjoying their work, my involvement with these organizations and projects has taught me to view life through a lens of creativity; and to understand the power of storytelling in moving people's hearts and minds.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: **A**

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

As government is responsible for managing other practical, functional elements in communities, it holds the responsibility to sustain artistic expression as a public, cultural element. Art and opportunities to learn and participate are not a matter of privilege. Art defines us, reminds us of the various aspects of our humanity, and establishes some balance to the strictly "economic" productivity that, I believe, is over-emphasized.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

As a native Utahan, I have always been proud of my state claims to honor culture and heritage. It is a matter of integrity that our tax structure reflect that.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Utah has gained a reputation for its arts as well as its natural beauty. As a musician, I am aware of the quality of Utah arts that tourists encounter, more and more often as a purpose for their visit to our state. A minor increase in tourism taxes would be absorbed as part of the planning, just as the current expenses are.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Preserving historic sites is preserving part of the culture from which we have come. There must be reasonable public processes through which communities can make decisions about historic districts. Economics will always be a consideration. Education and public vetting are essential to prevent losing meaningful and irreplaceable sites.

The general process described in HB223 for the creation of an historical district seems reasonable, but the passage that defines voter eligibility - "a property owner is eligible to vote regardless of whether the property owner is an individual, a private entity, or a public entity" - I consider indicative of possible intent to advantage profit-making land developers.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I grew up in a household where music was part of the family culture. We all participated in school music programs, studied privately, and I entered college on a music scholarship. My husband and many friends have come from the musicians' circle in the Salt Lake area. I no longer perform, but I understand the inestimable value of music and art to all people, regardless of the nature of their participation. I believe that art is necessary to humanity.



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UCA's grade for this candidate: A

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

The arts are an important part to a civilized society and affects the brain in ways other things can't.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I simply don't have enough information to make that determination.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Utah is known for our cultural offerings so it seems logical that visitors could help support the grant opportunities afforded them when they visit.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Utah is a funny character we say we value education and history, but we are hesitant to financially support them, Our past when gone is lost forever, historic buildings are worth investment and keeping.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I have seen how the arts in school can bring otherwise shy children into the center of activity.



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UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I believe we have a responsibility to build and shape our community into a place that lifts and cultivates the minds of everyone.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

No

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

I'm not sure if the legislature was working on "districts" and the problem they have created or just historical site.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

They have bring such joy to my children and wife to participate in. And I like the Theater.

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UCA's grade for this candidate: B

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

In Public Schools yes.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

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Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

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Unsure

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

If its a true Historic districts then I would be for it happening.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

Yes, I love to go out and experience life (plays, concerts, community events, festivals).



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UCA's grade for this candidate: A

UCA Candidate Survey

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I happen to agree with John F. Kennedy, who said, "The life of the arts, far from being an interruption, a distraction, in the life of the nation, is very close to the center of a nation's purpose- and is a test of the quality of a nation's civilization."

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

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Increase Spending

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Yes

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Yes

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

I'm shocked that we charge property tax on cultural non-profits.

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Yes, but as a former mayor I would advocate for local control on how those dollars are spent.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

As a former eight-year member of the State Board of History, founder of the West Valley City Historical Society, a graduate in history, with 12 published books, largely historical, I greatly value historic preservation and would not support restricting them.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

I am a proud member of the Utah Division of Arts and Museums Advisory Board and have had numerous experiences personally and with my family that have enriched our lives.



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[UCA Candidate Survey](#)

Should government be involved in funding the arts and humanities?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

It is because without government funds arts will not flourish as they should. More education is necessary and should begin at a very young age.

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on public K-12 arts & humanities education, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on after school K-12 arts & humanities education program, what would you choose to do?

Increase Spending

Do you believe that during-the-day arts and humanities education should be a part of K-12 curriculum?

Yes

If your elected office could impact the amount of money spent on cultural programs, what would you choose to do?

Keep Spending the Same

Do you consider the arts and cultural sector an economic driver in Utah?

Unsure

Do you support Utah's Percent-for-Art Act, which designates 1% of public building costs for public art?

Yes

Do you support the designation of Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art?

Yes

If your office could impact legislation, would you support a bill that exempts cultural non-profits from property tax?

Unsure

Please explain your answer to (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Would you support a minor increase to bed or tourism taxes to fund more cultural districts in your community?

Yes

Please explain your answer (one or two sentences is sufficient):

Education relative to the value of art needs to begin at a young age. I do not know how much is spent now so it is hard to say if it should be increased.

Last year the state legislature passed a bill (HB223 Local Historic District Amendments) restricting the creation of historical districts. What are your thoughts about historic preservation? (One or two sentences is sufficient).

Ambivalent. I hate to lose historic areas but I also know they are expensive to maintain. Property owners could answer this better.

Have you had a personal experience with arts, culture, or humanities that has had an impact on your life? Please explain (one or two sentences is sufficient).

A senior in high school, our teacher organized for us to attend a Shakespeare play at the Capitol Theater which was captivating. Music and school pageants were extremely fun.