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2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

You Name: Alexandra Thomas

What office and district are you a candidate for?

Office: House District: 67

1. Do you have a connection to the arts? If so, please share.

Not at this time, although I serve on our Town Council and in this capacity I have supported the arts in our budgets and at meetings.

2. Can you share an arts experience that has impacted your life or the lives of your family members?

I still have my artwork portfolio from HS (1967-1971)! My fondest memories from my younger adult years are from attending theater productions with my mother and my children. In my career serving youth through summer camp experiences, I loved developing fine art, and music and theater arts programs. They were our most popular programs and provided me with, once again, lovely memories.

3. The Connecticut legislature hosts the Arts, Culture, and Tourism Caucus, a bipartisan group of legislators who champion state support for the arts community.

If elected (or re-elected), will you join (or rejoin) the Caucus?

Yes!

- 4. Studies have shown that arts and culture can deliver a 3 to 1 return on investment at a minimum if adequately funded. Despite this, Connecticut has historically under invested state funds in the arts and lags the rest of the nation in recognizing that arts generate tax revenue and support a thriving economy.**

If elected (or re-elected), will you support increased investment of state funds in arts and culture?

Yes!

- 5. Are there any other ways that you'd like to convey to voters how you have been supportive of the arts?**

I attend arts events and shows frequently. I would like to bring more opportunities to showcase the arts to our community and beyond. I would like to use local artwork on my campaign materials.