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2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

You Name: Catherine Osten

What office and district are you a candidate for?

Office: Senate District: 19

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

I have no personal connection with the arts. I do enjoy participating in tours of museums, art shows, events at farmers markets, etc..

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

The experiences that impact me the most have to do with allowing myself time to immerse in an arts exhibit. Letting myself imagine what the artist was thinking when they were crafting their project.

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?

I am a member of the caucus and I will rejoin.

- 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, I will support increased investment in arts and culture. The return on investment in itself shows the value of increasing state funds.

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

I have continued to push for more investment each year, I attend local events all the time. Expending personal dollars to Support the arts and culture community.