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2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

You Name: Heather Somers

What office and district are you a candidate for?

Office: Senate District: 18

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

Yes I am a big advocate of the arts.

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

Art experience this summer visiting the Ivoryton Playhouse seeing the musical Mystic Pizza - Went back three times with multiple family members.

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 I am the Co Chair with Rep Parker.

- 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?

Absolutely 100 percent

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

Through attending events, my work as the Chair of Tourism Caucus, promoting on Facebook etc.