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2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

You Name: Jeff Litke

What office and district are you a candidate for?

Office: House District: 70

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

Unfortunately, I do not have a real strong connection to the arts or arts community. However, I believe that in no way reflects my commitment to the arts and support of the arts.

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

My husband and I enjoy going to see plays and one memorable experience was winning the Hamilton lottery and being able to see that on Broadway. However, winning the Hamilton lottery a second time and taking my youngest niece to see the play was an even more impactful experience.. She absolutely loved the play, plus she is into history and government, so overall being able to experience that was pretty awesome.

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, that is absolutely something that I would join.

- 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 would.

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

As Chair of the Naugatuck Board of Education I have always been supportive of our arts programs from arts education, band, color guard, chorus and establishing a theater program.