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2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

You Name: Jeffery Duigou

What office and district are you a candidate for?

Office: Senate District: 33

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

Yes. My father Gaston Duigou was a graduate of the Yale University School of Art in the late 1940s. He taught Art Class at the Taft School in Watertown, CT after graduation from Yale. Eventually he was employed at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft developing/drafting engine repair manuals for the military. Our family possesses his artwork from his student and post graduate work.

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

After I graduated from UCONN, I worked as a research assistant at the UCONN Marine Science Institute and befriended an Assistant Professor of Physical Oceanography from Odessa, Ukraine. He possessed some Soviet Era artwork which he shared with me at a dinner at his home here in CT. I was impressed with the diverse style of artwork he possessed which reflected the suppressed lifestyle/freedoms in the communist state.

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 would be interested in joining and supporting the Caucus.

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

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

I was born, educated, and worked in CT all my adult life. I worked 30 yrs. as a consulting environmental engineer/scientist for 30 yrs.; 18 yrs as a licensed environmental professional in CT. One interesting assignment was to work for 20th Century Fox Studios on the film Knight and Day starring Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz. My assignee was to prepare a boatyard Bldg located in East Boston, MA for a scene in the movie. It was a very exciting experience for me and my family when the movie premiered. When elected, I would be interested in drawing more Film/TV activities to CT. I'm confident it would bolster tourism and boost economic development within our state.