

# CREATE THE OTE 2024

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## 2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

**You Name:** Johnnie D McFadden

**What office and district are you a candidate for?**

Office: House                      District: 95

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

So much of my education, heritage, and work is intertwined with the arts. The city of New Haven is rich in arts and it is just part of my life in a big way.

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

There are many members of my family with special needs and arts has been so instrumental in the learning process for some of those special family members and we bond through art so it's just part of my everyday life.

**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?**

No.