

# CREATE THE OTE 2024

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## 2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

**You Name:** Kerry Wood

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

Office: House                      District:        29

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

I have personally supported the arts by attending gallery openings and shows throughout the New England region.

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

I purchased an immersive art class in Vermont for my mother in law and it inspired her to start working on her paintings again and she hasn't looked back.

**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 in 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, this investment has a return on investment for our entire economy. As a member of the Commerce Committee, we see a direct boost in the economy when we prioritize these types of investments and programming.

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

I support all my local arts and cultural venues and am also a member when it's possible. I actively promote arts/culture/tourism through my social media.