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2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

You Name: Kim Becker

What office and district are you a candidate for?

Office: House District: 62

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

The Granby Education Foundation, which I chair, built an Arts Endowment that we use to fund unique arts programming for our small town. This year GEF funded the GRR Unity Festival's music, dance, and other arts performances as well as new mics for the high school's Dramatic Arts program.

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

When my children were in middle school, we took them to see Les Miserables in Boston. That performance blew them away and inspired my daughter to try technical theater in high school. In fact, it is her second major in college and she wants to do light design and stage management as a career. The problem solving, the engineering, the computer skills needed to create a world on a stage fascinate and excite her. And we love going to see her shows!

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?

Absolutely! As a devoted theater and museum goer myself and the mom of an up and coming stage manager, I have selfish reasons to see a vibrant arts community in

Connecticut. In addition, I recognize that the arts are an economic driver and a source of good jobs. We are so fortunate to have such a breadth of the arts here.

- 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! The arts is part of what makes Connecticut special: the performances, the museums, and the local artisans. We can grow this economic driver and all benefit from the cultural enrichment and the revenues.

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