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## 2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

**You Name:** Mark DeCaprio

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

Office: House                      District: 48

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

Have a musical family, in that all of our children took piano and a second instrument.

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

Neither my wife or I are musical, but our children were very interested. We were involved in providing music in nursing homes and some played for the Willimantic Symphony. Four of our daughters taught music lessons to beginners and more advanced students. This included piano, viola, violin and lever and pedal harp.

**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?*

If reelected I will consider that, but even if I don't join this group, I do support most of these initiatives to support these organizations.

**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?***

I have supported these organizations while serving in the Appropriations Committee. I think it's a wise investment to help grow Connecticut's economy.

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

One of our sons has recently graduated from the Julliard School of music with DMA in Cello Performance. Needless to say, we have driven him to countless number of lessons, attended many of his performances through the years, and have met many wonderful people through the entire process. Thank you for the opportunity to share.