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2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

You Name: Martha Marx

What office and district are you a candidate for?

Office: Senate District: 20

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

I truly love the arts. I grew up dancing and participating in musicals, as did my children. I would rather attend a high school play than a high school ball game!

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

Waterford CT used to do Community Musical every August when my children were young and I have the best memories of show week - these memories are some of the best I have of my children growing up. The impact those shows had on our family are longlasting - they gave my kids confidence and a love of the arts.

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 was a member of the caucus and I do plan to join again when I am re-elected!

- 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 I will.

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

I championed and continued to push for financial support for the arts. Without a voice, allocations will go elsewhere and I will do my best to keep the arts community voice in the discussions in Hartford.