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2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

You Name: Rebecca Hyland

What office and district are you a candidate for?

Office: House District: 90

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

I grew up in a very active arts household. My husband graduated from Alfred University with a degree in photography and ceramics.

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

As a child, I was involved in theater and musicals. It was a great outlet for me, especially when I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 9. My longest life-long friend was made during a musical camp one summer. I also took piano lessons, which was a primary bonding point for me and my grandmother.

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?

Likely!

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?