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2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

You Name: Saud Anwar

What office and district are you a candidate for?

Office: Senate District: 3

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

Admirer and supporter. As Mayor of South Windsor, made sure this was promoted by creating committees.

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

Music daily. Daily Poetry reading. Started the statewide efforts to get all poet laureates together. Hosted them at the Capitol. Regular visitor to museums.

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

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

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

We really can do better as a state to increase tourism in our state. Some of the following strategies to increase Art and value of Art in Connecticut. Art Trails and Festivals. Art and Nature Integration. Support Local Artists via events. Cultural Heritage and Art by highlighting the state's amazing history. Partnerships with Schools and Universities for increase outreach and identifying talent. Art in Public Spaces is like what we have been doing in East Hartford and Hartford. Interactive Art Experiences: Create interactive art experiences, such as immersive exhibitions or digital art installations, that engage visitors of all ages. This can include anything from light shows to virtual reality art experiences. Connecticut Art Pass: Introduce a Connecticut Art Pass that offers discounts or special access to multiple art-related attractions, encouraging tourists to visit several sites during their stay.