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## 2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

**You Name:** Sharon Sherman

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

Office: House                      District:        66

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

Yes, served on the CT Summer Opera Foundation Board. I prepared publicity for CSOF events, etc.

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

Attending Carnegie Hall musical programs; listening to classical music when I was a teenager; attending Andrea Segovia concert in Minneapolis, MN; supporting the Arts Alliance nonprofit in Woodbury, CT; supporting and attending the CT Arts Theater in Woodbury, CT performance; attending many area arts events in the area (example, concerts at the Leroy Anderson house in Woodbury) and many more to mention.

**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?*

I will join.

**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. A wise investment.

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

Right now, the 501c3 nonprofit I started in 2007 has 4 free concerts annually for our membership. I have served as chair of this nonprofit several times and now am responsible for all publicity for these concerts. This nonprofit offerings are very well appreciated by Woodbury residents and the surrounding area. We work closely with the 501c3 nonprofit Woodbury Bethlehem Community Music Foundation, originally started by Bill Geddes.