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2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

You Name: David Bedell

What office and district are you a candidate for?

Office: Senate District: 34

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

My mother was past president of the Mt. Carmel Art Association, predecessor to the Hamden Art League.

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

My mother was a professional artist; she had a career as a fashion designer and painting instructor. My niece is a college dance student.

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 support the Caucus.

- 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, we need arts and culture throughout the state.

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

As vice president of Teachers Against Prejudice, I organized an elementary school art contest and middle and high school essay contests for ten years.