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2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

You Name: Norm Needleman

What office and district are you a candidate for?

Office: Senate District: 33

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

Yes, I have been heavily involved in the arts for many decades. I was involved in theater while growing up in New York City, and more recently I have served as the Treasurer for the Ivoryton Theater in Essex while my partner has been the Executive Director

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

My family and I have been heavily involved in the arts for decades and we have been proud to support the arts community here in Essex.

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 have been an adjacent member of the arts, culture, and tourism caucus during my time in the legislature and I'm happy to continue working with the group.

- 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 have supported increased state investments into arts and culture in Connecticut and I will continue to do so.

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

I'm proud to represent a district that has multiple theaters, galleries, and a focus on the arts. I've worked to ensure that our state prioritizes the arts and I will continue to do so.