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WyAA 2020 Arts and Culture Survey Response

What arts and cultural activities have you and your family members attended, participated in, or supported in the past year?

* Dance, Theatre, Music, Film/Media

Considering your own personal background and education, what arts or cultural classes, programs or activities did you participate in?

* Instrumental Music, Theatre, Dance, Film/Photography, Drawing/Painting/Sculpting, Digital Arts/Design

What role do you believe Wyoming and/or local government should play in supporting arts, culture and the humanities to enhance economic and community development?

* Our state should play a role in promoting the arts, culture, and the humanities. Culture is at the core of economic development. It is central to community development. For this reason local government should also be heavily involved in its promotion. Said no young person ever, "I want to move to X city because it has nice roads and great garbage rates." People, particularly young professionals, select their cities of residence based on opportunities, culture, art, etc. We need to first, be aware of this and second, plan more strongly in promotion.

What role do you believe Wyoming and/or local government should play in supporting arts and culture to provide a comprehensive education for Wyoming K-12 students?

* This is also huge for the reasons cited above. The roles of government are the same and just as important to the long-term growth of our communities and state.

What role do you believe Wyoming and/or local government should play in supporting arts and culture, diversifying the local economy, and enhancing quality of life?

* Diversification of our economy should not only be a role of Wyoming and local governments, it should be one of our highest priorities. Diversification of our economy will lead to solutions for many of Wyoming's economic and budget issues. Enhancing quality of life leads to more people investing long-term in our communities and state. The state should be a promoter. The state should also invest in the promotion of arts and culture. The local governments should invest in things that enhance quality of life (parks, rec centers, playgrounds, walking trails, theaters, etc.)

Rate your level of support for a local-option sales or property tax to support cultural activities and development.

* Supportive

Rate your level of support for expanding the lodging tax to support cultural activities and development.

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According to Americans for the Arts, statewide cultural district programs have been established in 14 states and more states are considering implementation of such policies. Rate your level of support for local cultural districts, funded by an expanded lodging, property or sales tax.

* Neither Unsupportive nor Supportive