

# Trey Sherwood - HD14 (D)

## WyAA 2020 Arts and Culture Survey Response

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

\* Theatre, Music, Film/Media, Visual Arts

(I am a founding board member of the Laramie Mural Project and Laramie Public Art Coalition)

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

\* Theatre, Film/Photography, Literary Arts, 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?***

\* Government should foster public/private partnerships with cultural organizations to support artists as entrepreneurs and grow our creative economy. Whether it be support from the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund, Wyoming Humanities Council or Wyoming Arts Council, these entities should be given the resources they need to be accessible and innovative in order to make a "boots on the ground" difference in all of our Wyoming communities. From investments in the form of grants or technical assistance, Wyoming should invest in the arts, culture and humanities in the same way it does, through the Wyoming Business Council, new and existing businesses.

***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?***

\* A holistic, well-rounded STEAM education, Pre K-12 allows students a creative outlet to pursue their passions. Access to art and culture is shown to improve test scores, build confidence, encourage create problem solving, and provide exposure to new or differing ideas. Wyoming will need a strong, engaged and creative workforce if we are to add jobs, diversify our economy and create more resilient communities.

***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?***

\* Quality of life is a basic building block of economic development. Without it, we cannot retain or attract a talented workforce. More and more, and especially in the age of Covid, people are embracing remote work and can choose to move to or live in communities that have the cultural assets they desire. As mentioned above, Wyoming should invest in arts and culture, the same way it does traditional businesses, as a way to enhance our quality of life and build our creative economy.

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

\* Very Supportive

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

\* Very Supportive

***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.***

\* Very Supportive