



KINGSTON VOTES ON 24 OCTOBER

2022 Candidate Art and Culture Survey

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Do you think art and culture add value to Kingston? How does it contribute?

Absolutely art and culture add value to the entire world, and as a city it is our responsibility to greatly champion them. The contributions they provide are too numerous to be listed, but I would sum it up by identifying that they make us who we are, and they connect us all. The arts in all forms have the ability to speak to us all, in any language we can feel the power of visual art, song, literature, and the list goes on. The arts teach us of other cultures, and provide a beautiful way to share cultures. Without the arts, we are a shell of a society. Their importance cannot be overstated. From creative outlets, to connecting us together, to a source of health and wellness, arts and culture are critical components to our lives.

Please rate the following statements:

The arts inspire and innovate. We should support artists as leaders in our community.	Strongly agree
The arts are essential to the social fabric and cultural identity of Kingston residents.	Strongly agree
The arts are important to the community, contributing to the wellness and sense of belonging of Kingston residents.	Strongly agree
The arts are not interesting to me, but I understand they have value to the City.	Disagree
The arts are enjoyed by some people, but they don't need public support.	Strongly disagree

What are the most important ways the City of Kingston can engage with arts and culture through strategic planning, policy, investment, programming, etc.?

We must champion the arts leaders in our city, and listen to what they experience, and where we can promote and encourage growth. Through protecting our arts spaces, and providing accessibility to the arts for everyone. Art thrives in diversity. We are a city well positioned to be an arts and culture leader. We have world class facilities, and amazingly talented people who add immeasurable vibrancy to Kingston. Strategic planning will help identify the need and guide strategic priorities for supporting this vital part of our lives and city.

Do you support continued funding for arts and culture in the municipal budget?

Yes

Can the arts community count on you to be an advocate at Council in the future?

Yes