



# KINGSTON VOTES ON 24 OCTOBER

## 2022 Candidate Art and Culture Survey

### Rami Maassarani, District 10 Sydenham

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

Yes, art and culture add value to any City. They are what bring people together, allow for the sharing of ideas, and help communities form their identity.

#### 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.	Agree
The arts are not interesting to me, but I understand they have value to the City.	Neutral
The arts are enjoyed by some people, but they don't need public support.	Disagree

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

The City can help by continuing to promote and facilitate events which increase the visibility of local artists. The use of municipal facilities and spaces to host art shows or exhibits could also be effective in this regard. In terms of policy, special attention should be given to ensure equitable access to resources, especially for newer or marginalized artists who would benefit most from some assistance.

#### 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