

KINGSTON VOTES 2026:
Candidate Survey on the Arts and Culture in Kingston

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How do you see the role of arts and culture in Kingston?

Arts and culture are among the driving forces of our society, contributing to tourism, strengthening our community, and providing opportunities for people to experience events that are emotionally and spiritually uplifting. They play a vital role in socialization, bringing people together to share experiences, enjoy activities, and engage in meaningful conversations about art, performances, and cultural events.

Celebrating arts and culture means celebrating our social infrastructure, the creativity and talents of our residents, and the diverse abilities that enrich our community. Arts and culture help define our city's identity, foster a sense of belonging, and strengthen inclusion by creating opportunities for people from all walks of life to connect, participate, and celebrate who we are as a society.

What role should the City of Kingston play in supporting a sustainable arts and culture sector?

Sustainable arts and culture can take many forms, from corporate sponsorships and community partnerships to ticketed admissions and fundraising initiatives. However, the foundation of a strong and sustainable arts and culture sector begins with the City's commitment to direct funding and investment. This support is essential to sustaining cultural events, strengthening local arts organizations, and providing emerging artists with the resources and opportunities they need to develop their talents, establish their careers, and contribute to the cultural fabric of our community. By investing in arts and culture, the City helps create an environment where creativity can flourish, local talent



can grow, and residents and visitors alike can continue to benefit from a vibrant and diverse cultural scene.

If elected, are there any actions you would take to help strengthen Kingston's arts and culture sector?

Having served on the Arts, Recreation and Community Policies Committee (ARCP) for the past four years, I hope to return to the committee and continue advocating for the arts and culture sector in Kingston. I look forward to working collaboratively with City staff to review existing funding models, explore opportunities for sustainable investment, and identify ways to better support our cultural organizations, local events, and emerging artists. My goal is to help strengthen the sector, encourage creative growth, and ensure that arts and culture continue to play a meaningful role in our city's identity, vibrancy, and community well-being.

Additional Comments

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