

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 help make Kingston a great place to live, work and raise a family. They bring people together, preserve our history, strengthen our communities and support local businesses through tourism and community events. I believe we need to continue supporting local artists and cultural organizations, listening to their needs and finding practical ways to help them succeed. Investing in arts and culture is an investment in our community, our local economy and what makes Kingston special for future generations.

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

The City has a role to play in supporting local artists and cultural organizations by listening to their needs and finding practical ways to help them succeed. This includes responsible funding, access to affordable spaces, promoting local events and building partnerships with community groups and businesses. We need to make sure opportunities are available across Kingston and that support is reaching the organizations that need it most. Art is also an economic driver, creating jobs, attracting visitors, supporting local businesses and contributing to a vibrant local economy. Ultimately, it's about being responsible with taxpayer dollars while recognizing the value arts and culture bring to our community, our local economy and the quality of life of our residents.



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

If elected, I would focus on listening to local artists and cultural organizations to better understand the challenges they face and where the City can make a practical difference. I would be open to new ideas from the artistic community, look for opportunities to promote local events, improve access to affordable spaces and strengthen partnerships with community groups and local businesses. I would also work to ensure art and culture can be appreciated and enjoyed across Kingston, so residents in all parts of the city have opportunities to participate.

Additional Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to complete this survey and share my thoughts on arts and culture in Kingston. I also want to thank everyone who contributes to making our city more vibrant through their creativity, passion, and support for the arts. Arts and culture help bring people together, strengthen our communities, and make Kingston a better place to live. I believe we should continue to listen to the people who make our arts and culture sector what it is, remain open to new ideas, and find ways to ensure everyone across our city has the opportunity to experience and enjoy it.