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Westerfield, Whitney	3	Yes	Yes; Pennyroyal Arts Council	Extremely important	Extremely important; I'm disappointed that arts education has usually been the first budget line item to be cut when local districts have to tighten their belts.	Extremely aware	I'm thankful for the arts, and I hope to expose as many Kentuckians as possible, particularly youth, to the arts! The next generation needs to be inspired to create!
Whipple, John	5	No; I enjoy being creative, writing and photography. I like to create projects for use in my class.		Extremely important; In our modern, manufactured world I believe that we need to build an appreciation, a market for things made by human hands.	Extremely important; I am a public school teacher. I can share MANY stories of how we have connected the arts to learning. It is a crucial element to education.	Somewhat aware	I believe that any statewide assessment of learning, such as the CATs test, must include an Arts portion. There needs to be more focus on the Arts and including it in accountability standards ensures that resources continue to be allocated it.
Freeland, Chris	6	Yes; My daughter has been involved in community theatre for many years. She graduated from NKU with a Musical Theatre degree and works in theater in Chicago.	Yes; Marshall County Arts Commission	Very important	Extremely important	Somewhat aware	
Graviss, Joe	7	Yes	Yes; KAC	Extremely important	Extremely important	Very aware	Thanks for ALL you all do!

Southworth, Adrienne	7	Yes	Yes; Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts	Extremely important; I was self-employed for 12 years in the arts! Performances are also the primary type of date nights I enjoy most with my husband now.	Extremely important	Very aware	I would love to hear more what you are working on and see how I can help move the needle at the state level.
Fiorelli, James	11	Yes	Yes; My wife and I go to plays at 3 or 4 Cincinnati and Northern KY venues, take in concerts (...Smokey Robinson, Aretha Franklin, Lindsey Buckingham, plus indie artists like SYML, Andy McKee, the Weepies...plus we had tickets for Michael Buble which have been pushed out to 2120 due to COVID.) We are also museum hounds and visit them whenever we travel.	Very important; Two business consideration for companies moving to KY, even more important than tax credits, are education and quality of life. Arts bring quality to life.	Very important; Again, my kids had access to the arts as a huge educational advantage. Kids in band do better in studies and in life. Setting the tone for a love of the arts early, brings a lifetime of satisfaction.	Not so aware	Only this...I do not believe that the general public appreciates just how many people's livelihoods are found in the entertainment industry. Broadway shuts down and how many people are out of work? Tens of thousands. In music, there are folks who work in the venue and other who set up the venue, ticket sellers and resellers, electricians and sound techs, van and semi drivers, the list goes on and on.
Stroude, Jason	17	No		Extremely important	Extremely important	Somewhat aware	I was in the band all through high school and a Music major at Morehead State University. I strongly believe in and support the Arts throughout all aspects of life, but especially in education.
Hammond, Glenn	31	No		Extremely important	Extremely important	Very aware	I believe the arts are a valuable contribution to the education of Eastern Kentucky's children and will fully support the arts and school art programs as State Senator. Communities that have thriving arts culture are also places where companies want to relocate to, this increasing jobs in the area -- a critical need for Eastern Kentucky.
Wheeler, Phillip	31	No	Yes; Louisville Orchestra and the Kentucky Opera	Extremely important	Extremely important	Extremely aware	I am a great lover of classical music and art and have been since an early age. I am strongly supportive of artistic development for the youth of Kentucky.
Bojanowski, Tina	32	No	Yes; Louisville Visual Art Association	Extremely important	Extremely important; Through my lens as a special education teacher, I have seen the impact that arts education has had on the self-esteem of many of my students.	Somewhat aware	I believe that a strong arts programs is an essential component of a healthy society.

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Snardon, Corbin	3	Yes; I am a musician and writer.		Extremely important; I grew up as a child of the arts. Every culture, every state, every city expresses itself primarily through arts. How can we not invest in the arts?	Extremely important; I'm an educator. While I do support academia, I also realize that some kids are just hardwired for the arts. Artists are just as valuable to American society as tradesmen or academics.	Very aware	I'm a big supporter of the arts in all forms
Valentine, Jr., Austin	4	Yes; I am not very good at painting, but I do like to do acrylic paintings in my spare time.		Extremely important	Extremely important; Access to arts in the schools helps to cement the student to their own cultural identity. All students across America need exposure to the arts to become a well-rounded citizen of American society.	Extremely aware	As a Job Corps instructor and former substitute teacher, I have had access to many different cultures in the past few years. I fully understand and fully support measures taken to preserve our national, state, and community identity. The arts provide future generations the opportunity to explore both their past and their imagination through artistic interaction.

Davis-Roberts, Shann	5	Yes	Yes; The Kentucky Arts Council, The Murray Art Guild	Extremely important; The arts are an all-encompassing area that includes several different venues. Each of which is tailored to one or more facets of an individual's tastes. These venues regularly attract individuals from around the country to the Bluegrass. In Western Kentucky, people come from all around to listen to the Paducah Symphony Orchestra and walk through Paducah's Lower Arts District. Daily, people drive to my district to experience the many talents of the local Amish community. Therefore, the arts have become an essential staple that helps to bind a community's economy.	Extremely important	Extremely aware	I am here to defend funding for the Arts! Access to the arts changes lives.
Pennington, Alonzo	5	Yes; I've been a musical performer since I was 6 years old. I've made the majority of my living performing for the last 20 years.	Yes; Kentucky Arts Council	Extremely important; Everyone needs to have a release of energy through being entertained. Artists release this energy by creating and sharing with others.	Extremely important; Our heritage and culture can be preserved, seen and felt through art. It's important to remember the past and know where we came from.	Extremely aware	Kentucky is deeply enriched with artists of every type. We have authors, actors, visual, interpretive, and my favorite, musical. I don't know of another state that is so deeply entrenched in the arts.
Dossett, Pam	8	Yes. I have written and published a novel. My daughters participate in marching and concert band.	Yes; The Big Read	Extremely important	Extremely important;	Very aware	The arts in Kentucky reflect our cultural heritage and pride. From quilts, to weaving, to Bluegrass music, we have it all right here. Our history and our arts can continue to enrich our students' lives and the lives of their families if we work hard to support the KY Arts Council.
McLaughlin, Arthur	12	Yes. Writing family Histories.		Very important; Our Schools should teach more of the Arts.	Extremely important; Research has proven that students who receive an arts education perform higher in other academic classes.	Somewhat aware	The public don't know how important the ARTS is until we no longer have them, ART McLaughlin
Lewis, Scott	14	Yes	Yes; RiverPark Center	Very important	Very important	Very aware	

Minter, Patti	20	Yes. My son plays several musical instruments and is a member of the Bowling Green High School band. I also love to dance!	Yes; SKYPAC here in Bowling Green	Extremely important	Extremely important	Extremely aware	I am proud to support the arts in Kentucky, both as a lawmaker and as a patron.
Pennington, John	21	Yes; I am a musician and singer.	No.	Very important	Extremely aware	Somewhat aware	I believe art is an expression of the soul and should be highly valued and regarded.
McPherson, Shawn	22	No	Yes; Sky PAC of Bowling Green, Cavemen choir, Stephen Foster story	Very important	Extremely important	Very aware	I feel it is very important that our youth in Kentucky are exposed to the arts in any form possible especially in their school age years.
Jones, Steve	23	Yes; I have managed the Capital Arts Center in Bowling Green as well as the Plaza Theatre in Glasgow and was the Ticket Office Manager for SKyPAC when it first opened. I personally have an MFA in Theatrical Scenic Design and have provided those services to area organizations, such as the local community theatre and Horse Cave Theatre before they closed their doors.	Yes; Plaza Theatre (Glasgow), Palace Theatre (Louisville), St. James Court Art Show	Extremely important	Extremely important	Extremely aware	Exposing students to the arts allows them to become a well-rounded person. Creativity often leads youth to a source to express the angst and frustrations of growing up. During this pandemic, I think that is even more critical.
Bratcher, Kevin	29	Yes; I play guitar with friends and family every chance I get, plus I paint and love photography.	Yes; St James Art fair	Very important	Very important	Very aware	I believe the arts are important for all Kentuckians.
Kugler, Suzanne	29	No	Yes; KY Opera, Louisville Orchestra, Stage One	Very important	Extremely important	Somewhat aware	
Rounsavall, Hunt	32	No	Yes; Actors Theater of Louisville	Extremely important	Extremely important	Not so aware	

Plattner, Margaret	33	No, but I highly appreciate the beauty, vibrancy and expression the arts bring to our lives.	Yes; Kentucky Center for the Arts	Very important	Very important	Extremely aware	
Willner, Lisa	35	Yes; I play piano, sing with a small ensemble, and play music with family and friends. I also enjoy folk dancing. I studied theatre in college and acted in many stage productions. In high school I participated in band, Louisville Youth Orchestra, and I accompanied several of our school choirs. Both of my children (now adults) were very involved in the arts throughout their education.	Yes; Actors Theatre of Louisville, KMAC, Kentucky Opera	Extremely important	Extremely important	Extremely aware	The arts and arts education improve quality of life for individuals, families, and communities across Kentucky.
Grammer, Jeff	36	Yes; I should say, sort of. I am likely the ONLY Male candidate running for any level of office in KY that has danced ballet. Even as a semi-professional in my youth for the Louisville Ballet Company.	Yes; Local musicians	Extremely important; While I am an endorsed STEM candidate; as Einstein once noted, "arts and sciences are branches of the same tree"	Extremely important; Again, as a STEM candidate, it is only through Art & Literature that we unlock and open our imaginations; and through the imagination we look to achieve innovation.	Extremely aware	As I noted previously, I am very possibly THE ONLY male candidate running for any level of office in the state of KY that has danced ballet, both for arts sake and semi-professionally.
Dupont, Carolyn	39	Yes; I am a harpist and have played professionally all of my adult life (40 years!) My husband is a professor of music at Transylvania University and a composer. I serve on the board of Athens West Theater.	Yes; Athens West Theater	Extremely important	Extremely important; Participation in the arts in school is a good for children in so many ways--as a social outlet, a way of nurturing talent, a means to broaden their world, and widen their modes of expression. I strongly support arts education.	Extremely aware	I look forward to serving as a strong advocate for the arts in Kentucky!

Mitchell, Shirley	45	Yes; I participated in a musical drama at my church for 10 years. I consider myself a novice at painting, and I paint for pure enjoyment. I did paint my version of Auguste Renoir's Two Young Girls at the Piano that is hung in our living room. While I am not a fantastic artist, my daughters are very talented, and my sister as well. They are great at painting and ceramics. One of my daughters works at the Wills Art Gallery on Jefferson Street. During COVID, I helped another one of my daughters participate in the Lexington Yard Art Show.	Yes; Before COVID, we attended many events at the Lexington Opera House - ballet, musicals, plays and Chinese New Year celebrations. We also attended the events at the Singletary Center for the Arts, as well as the Woodland Art Fair.	Extremely important	Extremely important	Extremely aware	My mother was a music major and piano teacher for over 50 years in Lexington. She passed down a great love for the arts in all of her children and grandchildren. When my children were growing up, I was thrilled that their school focused strongly on the arts and celebrated their works. I made sure they took extra lessons or attended workshops during the summer. It's a crucial part of a child's development, broader utilization of their brains, developing critical thinking and communications skills. As a leader in the corporate world, I knew that it gave them the innovation skills that are essential to a productive 21st-century workforce. At the state level, the arts have a wide range of benefits such as economic drivers, educational, health and wellness and cultural & community builders. The arts create jobs and produce tax revenue. A strong arts sector is an economic asset that stimulates business activity, attracts tourism and expands a state's work force and tax base. The arts cultivate young imaginations and facilitate success in school, enhancing students' academic achievement in multiple subject areas. Arts therapy is a medically and economically effective tool for treating. My niece is studying this in college and will go on to graduate school to study the combination of neuroscience with art therapy which has allowed me to keep up to date on the advancements in art therapy. I would consider it an honor to receive this endorsement, as well as the beginning of establishing a partnership for our common goals for our state.
Timoney, Killian	45	No; My children are though.	Yes; Lex Arts	Very important	Extremely important	Not so aware	
Sorolis, Maria	48	Yes; Everyone plays/ played an instrument in our home I enjoy writing. W of my children attended the Youth Performing Arts School and majored in an Arts related program of study in college.	Yes; Louisville Orchestra, Louisville Leopards, Louisville Ballet, Actors Theatre (and more !)	Very important	Extremely important	Very aware	I believe the arts and arts education is critical to our education system and our economy.
Steele, Richard	51	Yes; Though my time now is very limited, I have been a woodworker for many years.	Yes; Town Hall Productions in Campbellsville.	Extremely important	Extremely important; STEM may get you growth but will never have the power of STEAM.	Very aware	Arts education in schools, support of the arts in sales, and public art are vital for a healthy society.

Tipton, James	53	No; I love to sing in church chairs, but have not had the opportunity for a few years.	Yes; Actors Theater	Very important	Very important	Somewhat aware	The Arts are an important part of our education system and provide communities an essential benefit.
Jennifer Decker	58	Yes; I am an avid amateur photographer. I also enjoy playing piano.	Yes; At various times over the past 30 years, my family has subscribed to The Louisville Orchestra; The Broadway Series; and the Shelby County Community Theatre.	Very important	Very important	Somewhat aware	
Moser, Kimberly	64	Yes; When I have time, I love to draw and paint. We love theatre and music as a family.	Yes; KY Center for the Performing Arts, KY Heritage Festivals (arts, crafts, music) and KY Artisan Center	Extremely important	Extremely important	Very aware	My love for the arts lead to my interest in Architecture, which I pursued in Grad School.
Varney, Larry	64	No		Very important	Very important	Somewhat aware	
Henriquez, Roberto	66	Yes; Supernumerary in the Opera, community theatre.		Extremely important	Extremely important	Extremely aware	I believe the arts are a vitally important part of Kentucky and I believe the legislature should provide support for the arts in the community and in education.
Roberts, Rachel	67	Yes; Photography and writing	Yes; NKY Symphony, contemporary arts center, baker hunt	Very important	Extremely important; I attended school for the creative and performing arts and it has greatly informed my world view	Extremely aware	I serve on the tourism committee

Bardgett, Nancy	68	Yes	Yes; I often attend productions at the Carnegie Center in Covington, and I make a point of seeing their art installations while I'm there. I attend many types of performances, (theatrical, vocal, and instrumental), at Northern Kentucky University. I also strongly support high school theater in my community. Because I live in Northern Kentucky, the arts organizations in Cincinnati are only 10 minutes away, and there is a lot of "cross-pollination" of talent that benefits both sides of the river.	Very important	Extremely important; Access to the arts in our schools is crucial to helping kids find their voice, explore their talents, and participate in inclusive communities. For some students, schools are the only place where they may have exposure to the arts, and that exposure, for some individuals, can be life-changing. As a high school special education teacher, and then as the coordinator of a program for students with disabilities at the post-secondary level, the arts (visual, theatrical, musical) provided avenues for both expression and inclusion for my students, as well as a way to communicate and participate that reached beyond words.	Somewhat aware	In times of division, the arts have enormous power to express ideas and emotions when words are hard to find. Many of the images surrounding Breonna Taylor, for instance, serve as both a message and a catharsis. This is why it is so important to provide experiences in the arts for our youth--for some of them it will help them find their voice, and for others it will allow them to connect with ideas on a different level.
Lawrence, William	70	Currently, I am not actively involved in artistic activities; however, growing up, I sang in my church's choir and gained an immense appreciation for music.		Extremely important; The arts help to distinguish Kentucky's unique heritage, which is essential for attracting people to Kentucky tourism.	Extremely important; A broad education in the arts is critical to the development of our youth. The arts provide diversity to our students' education by exposing them to different cultures, instilling comparative analysis and critical thinking skills that otherwise may not be gleaned from traditional coursework.	Very aware	
Blair, Kenneth	73	Yes; I have written a short story and sheet music. I play banjo, fiddle and guitar. I play and sing with a group in Berea Ky. once a week.		Extremely important	Extremely important; My mother was a music teacher in the Lexington ky. schools. (She passed away in 2012).	Somewhat aware	We need to keep the Arts in our schools, if cuts need to be made they should be made in a different area.

Spradling, Jeff	74	Yes; I am a writer. I also enjoy playing guitar with my family. My children have all participated in music and theater when they were in school, and we supported those efforts.	Yes; There are several. Locally, Gateway Regional Arts Center.	Very important	Extremely important	Very aware	I believe support of the arts and cultural activities are an important part of community development, both socially and economically. I will be a strong advocate for The Arts!
Flood, Kelly	75	Yes	Yes; Carnegie Center	Extremely important	Extremely important	Extremely aware	Advocacy for the arts is core to my work and to the values of the residents of the district.
Larson, Jon	79	Yes; Many musical, and even comedy and dancing activities over the years. I am most proud of my sister (now deceased) and her husband who had galleries in Soho, London, Copenhagen and San Francisco, as well as my wife having been a professional singer.	Yes; I hope history counts in this area. I was President of the Kentucky Women's Heritage Museum, and I am a member of the Civil War Roundtable, and I give speeches about people and situations involved in local abolition and racial violence.	Very important; I will be involved as an interested participant, win or lose in this election.	Very important; This is another area I have been talking about in which our kids are being shortchanged from their preparations for fuller lifestyles as adults.	Very aware	Call me: 255-1001.

Westrom, Susan	79	Yes; My daughter and I have had several art shows in Central Kentucky beginning with Level3 Art at the Lexington Antique Gallery "Jeweled Expressions Exhibit"	Yes; Lex Arts! Love Headley Whitney Museum, Kentucky Center for Performing Arts, Any Theatre, I am proud of the school for Performing Arts, Love going to Renfro Valley, kentucky arts Center is a showpiece, I love our musical instrument builders in Eastern Ky, attending regional Art Shows at festivals etc. NATIONAL FOUNDATION for the ARTS... so vital to our growth. What kind of art would I not appreciate? I haven't found it yet. Kentucky has shares some pres IOU's inspirations of artists in our rural area that are treasures!	Extremely important; We now know how the arts are to us now that we are living under a dome. We have to SEEK art...what a delicious search.	Extremely important; So important to academic growth.	Extremely aware	Thank you for always coming to Frankfort.. Many People do not look beyond their own backyardAnd meeting various artists through session is invaluable.
Redwine, William	99	No	Yes; Laurel Gorge Cultural Center	Extremely important	Extremely important; Having served 26 years as a school board member, I observed firsthand the value of the arts in developing successful students	Extremely aware	
White, Richard	99	Yes	Yes; Kentucky Folk Art Center	Extremely important	Extremely important	Very aware	