Vito LaBella (R)
Office Sought: Senate, District 17
Current Occupation & Employer: Parent Elected Member, Community Education Council

The current 2022 funding of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) is $92.5 million. Would you support a plan to maintain or increase state arts funding for NYSCA, so that arts organizations across the state can continue hiring local artists and present even more accessible arts programs for all NYS residents?
Yes
Optional Comment:
Yes. The arts provide so many benefits to both individuals and communities. They provide an outlet for people to express themselves, they bring people together, they provide jobs and attract tourists to the area, as well as acting as an educational tool.

Several statewide plans and task forces address sectors other than nonprofit arts, and many times the arts are considered under the context of tourism only. If elected, would you advocate for the inclusion of a NYS nonprofit arts task force, which could assist with the arts sector’s economic development and sustainability practices, and serve as expert partners to state representatives when making statewide decisions in relation to arts business?
Yes
Optional Comment:
Yes. Task forces are an important mechanism to explore different issues and offer solutions and paths forward. I believe a bipartisan task force that brings interested stakeholders to the table would be beneficial to help arts business in NYS

Bill Weber (R)
Office Sought: New York State Senate - 38th SD
Current Occupation & Employer: Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Officer for Turco Golf Inc

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Yes
Optional Comment:
The arts provides so many benefits to our residents and tourists. NYS is a destination state for many and we need to do this to attract more tourism.

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sector’s economic development and sustainability practices, and serve as expert partners to state representatives when making statewide decisions in relation to arts business?
Yes
Optional Comment:
*Task forces are important that they bring all different stakeholders together for common sense solutions and path forward. These task forces must be bi-partisan. We have seen the failures in our state recently with the lack of bi-partisanship and One Party Rule.*

Richard C David (R)
Office Sought: New York State Senator for the 52nd District
Current Occupation & Employer: Former Mayor of Binghamton NY 2014 to 2021
Campaigning for Senate

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Yes
Optional Comment:
The Arts provide so many benefits to both individuals and communities. They provide an outlet for people to express themselves as well as bringing people together. The Arts provide jobs and attract tourists to the area, as well as acting as an educational tool. As Mayor of Binghamton I helped to expand the First Friday Events and Art Walk. While in office we created the DECO District Downtown Entertainment and Cultural District. We have created many Street Scapes and publicly funded murals. As Mayor I also helped to bring LUMA into the streets of our city an international projection arts festival that brought over 10,000 people to the streets of downtown Binghamton for which we are very proud of.

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Yes
Optional Comment:
*Task forces are an important mechanism to explore different issues and offer solutions and to find paths forward. I believe a bipartisan task force that brings interested stakeholders to the table would be beneficial to help the Arts business's and individuals in NYS.*

James VanBrederode (R)
Office Sought: New York State Senate - District 56
Current Occupation & Employer: Retired Police Chief

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Yes

Optional Comment:
The arts are important to every community and need to be supported in this state.

Several statewide plans and task forces address sectors other than nonprofit arts, and many times the arts are considered under the context of tourism only. If elected, would you advocate for the inclusion of a NYS nonprofit arts task force, which could assist with the arts sector’s economic development and sustainability practices, and serve as expert partners to state representatives when making statewide decisions in relation to arts business?

Yes

Optional Comment:
I think a statewide task force would bring more interest and ideas to support the arts.

Dorey Houle (R)
Office Sought: NYS Senate
Current Occupation & Employer: home school and American sign language instructor self employed

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Yes

Optional Comment:
The arts provide multiple benefits to communities. Art is therapeutic, stimulates conversation, improved hardscapes in many communities, and is a valuable educational tool.

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Yes

Optional Comment:
Task forces allow for the best ideas to develop through exploration, problem solving, and communication. A bipartisan task force on the arts would be a wonderful way to bring attention to the value of arts in each of our communities.

Rebecca Shiroff (R)  
Office Sought: New York State Senator - District 50  
Current Occupation & Employer: Program Analyst, Onondaga County Office of Economic Development

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No  
Optional Comment:  
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Yes  
Optional Comment:  
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