



## 2008 General Election Questionnaire

Please fill in your information and answer the four questions below. Return via email at [oregonartpac@yahoo.com](mailto:oregonartpac@yahoo.com). Those of you who answered these questions in the primary election have an opportunity to reconsider your responses.

Responses are due no later than September 18, 2008.

Follow up interviews will take place in the late afternoon of September 22, 2008 at the Pulliam Deffenbaugh Gallery, 929 NW Flanders Street. We will contact you regarding a specific time.

**Candidate:** Carla Piluso

**Contest:** Multnomah County Commissioner #4

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1. What role do arts and culture play in the life and economy of a region and what do the arts mean to you?

Arts and culture play a major role in our economy. We need to be a magnet for a well educated and creative workforce. The creative workforce tends to move to areas with a rich history in arts and culture. Tourism is also a major benefit of having a strong arts community. When people come to visit our great region, they want to have activities that entertain and make them think. The arts also spur creativity and ingenuity. These are huge assets to our economy as well as our day to day lives. I also believe that a lack of arts and culture can play a role in the "brain drain" of our brightest students.

2. What steps will you take to help significantly increase *private sector* funding for local arts and cultural organizations so that the community's arts organizations can present more high quality arts programs for all citizens?

I am a fan of incentives. I believe we should look into developing tax credits for companies and individuals that contribute to the arts. Arts play a vital role in our communities so it is only fair that we include them in our planning and redevelopment of neighborhoods. As police chief, I have emceed numerous

fundraising events for the nonprofit and arts community. As commissioner I will continue to do so and use my bully pulpit to promote the arts.

3. How much of an increase in ongoing arts and culture funding will you support for your jurisdiction? Please provide a specific amount.

I believe that we should at least make a 2% allocation to the arts standard. Art is vital to our communities and our economy as I explained in question 1. While I understand the county is in a financial crunch, I am disappointed that the county's contribution to the Regional Arts & Culture Council did not increase from FY08 to FY09 and that it in fact decreased slightly.

I personally attend art classes every summer with my daughter. These classes are not only "fun" but I believe they have given my daughter a greater appreciation for the arts.

4. In addition to seeking more funding for arts and cultural endeavors, what other public policies would you pursue to strengthen the creative capacity of the region? Please include your thoughts about integrating arts and culture into the region's educational system.

I believe that our county's SUN Schools must include arts and culture programs. These programs are some of the best education you can get. They open and expand our children's minds unlike any text book can. It is imperative that we teach our kids the value of the arts at a young age.