



2010 Questionnaire Multnomah County Supplemental Primary

Please fill in your information and answer the five questions below. Return via email at oregonartpac@yahoo.com

Responses are due no later than March 21, 2010

Candidate: _Gary Hansen_____

Contest: ___Mult. Commission Dist 2_____

Date of Submittal: ___March 21 2010_____

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1. What steps will you take to help significantly increase **private sector** funding for local arts organizations so that the community's arts organizations can present more high quality arts programs for all citizens? 1] Show that Multnomah County values art. Publically and privately encourage contributions. Help when asked.
 2. As you know, there is a movement afoot to create a new dedicated annual stream of **public funding** for the arts that will likely be established through a voter-approved tax measure. Can you commit to supporting this effort and if so, in what way? Yes, and I can help in a campaign.
 3. Each year, you may have the opportunity to vote to approve an arts funding budget for the region. Will you commit to maintaining or increasing this funding level? Yes
 4. To increase regional funding for the arts through a ballot measure, there are several approaches that can be undertaken – a partnership with the Metro Council, a ballot measure proposed in all three counties in their entirety or the establishment of a new Metropolitan Arts District with the authority to tax the region, voted on county by county. Which of these approaches do you support and why? I would support a partnership with Metro as my first choice. We need to think in regional terms. Plus I think passage would be easier regionally then by individual counties.

5. In addition to seeking more funding for arts and cultural endeavors, what other public policies would you pursue to strengthen the creative capacity of Portland and the region? Please include your thoughts about how you and your board, council or commission could enhance the delivery of and support for arts education in the region's schools.
As we offer tax incentives to locate businesses in the County or Region, business could be required to support school art programs or direct support to the arts. By allowing partial tax credits to the County/city business income tax, we could leverage increased funding to the arts. We should explore a county wide library/ art education levy. The library is not just books, but ideas.