oregon arts and culture political action committee

2010 General Election Questionnaire

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

Responses are due no later than September 28, 2010

Candidate: _____

Contest: _____

Date of Submittal: _____

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(1) Recognizing that job creation is a top priority in the current economic condition in Oregon and that investment in the creative arts & culture sector function as a jobs-driver, what policies or practices will you implement to continue to grow jobs in the sector and/or encourage more creative businesses to locate in Oregon?

(2) The Oregon Cultural Trust is an innovative, statewide private-public partnership raising significant new contributed funds. Each year, the Trust is directed by law to keep 58% of its annual revenues in the Trust endowment, and distribute 42% in direct support of Oregon's arts, heritage and humanities. Donors to the Trust are eligible for an Oregon income tax credit for contributions, after first making a matching gift to one or more of nearly 1,300 cultural nonprofits. Do you support the current Cultural Trust tax credit?

(3) During 2009, $1.8 million dollars was "swept" by the Legislature from the Cultural Trust for general government purposes to rebalance the state budget. Would you support statutory language that clearly describes the purpose and better protects the donor intent of contributions made for the purpose of growing the Trust endowment?

(4) In what specific ways have you supported arts and culture – as a private citizen, as a public or private employee, and/or as an elected official?