

**Office Candidate Seeks:** Ann Arbor Mayor  
**District/Ward:** Ann Arbor

**Candidate's Full Name:** Stephen Kunselman  
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**1. In regards to arts, culture and heritage, do you consider yourself any of the following:**

I believe that availability and access to arts, cultural and heritage offerings in our community make our community a great place to create, live, work, play, learn and visit.  
I am a consumer of arts, culture and/or heritage products and programs.

**2. What arts, cultural or heritage activities have you and/or your family members attended, participated in or supported in the past year?**

TOP, Art Fair, German Park

**3. Thinking back to your own K-12 education, what arts or cultural classes, programs or activities did you participate in? In what way, if any, do you believe your participation influenced or still influences you?**

Ceramics, fine arts, theatre arts. I continue to enjoy all the arts as an adult that I had been exposed to as a youth.

**4. What role do you think arts, culture, and the creative sector can play in supporting key education priorities such as closing the achievement gap, reducing the dropout rate, and preparing more students for college enrollment and the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce?**

Humanities and the arts are a vital component of a well-rounded educational experience.

**5. What role can arts, culture, and the creative sector play in Washtenaw's economic growth and vitality?**

The arts lend to the vitality of our community.

**6. Do you support public investment in the creative economy? This includes arts, culture, heritage organizations and creative individuals.**

Yes

**Please explain your answer:**

Public contributions towards the community cultural arts provide for a quality of life that makes living in Ann Arbor a desirable experience.

**7. If elected, what measureable action(s) will you take during your term to support public investment in our community's creative economy and support arts, culture, heritage organizations and businesses and creative individuals?**

Continue funding of the events fund to off set expenses associated with cultural art programs available to the general public.

**8. What is your position on public funding for arts and culture and, if elected, how will your position be reflected during the budget/planning process?**

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Utilizing the guidance of the Public Art Ordinance, ensure public art is a component of capital improvement planning and construction.

**9. If you support public funding for arts and culture, what do you think are the best means of allocating funds?**

Line item appropriations

Tax based (millages, accommodations, sales etc.)

Line item appropriations include funding public art via capital improvement construction.

**10. If elected, would you accept an invitation to become a member in an arts, culture and heritage caucus?**

Yes

**If yes, from which caucus would you accept an invitation?**

U.S.A. Congressional Caucus

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