

In early August 2014, Delaware Arts Alliance (DAA) emailed a survey to all candidates in the upcoming Delaware elections (for whom valid email addresses could be obtained). Candidates were asked to state their positions on various legislative matters as they relate to the arts and arts education in Delaware. Presented below are all the responses received as of August 29.

Responses appear exactly as they were received, and have not been edited in any way. Candidate names, offices pursued, and party affiliations are based on how they appear in the [Statewide General Candidate Listing](#) in the Delaware.gov website as of September 2.

QUESTION #1:

What role do you believe government should play in supporting the arts to enhance economic development (i.e. creative districts, revitalization of low-income neighborhoods, etc.)? Please explain what option you choose and the reasons for your selection.

Howell, Glen M. (Representative, Levy Court District 6 / Republican)

I do not see the government at any level competing with the private sector in the arts.

QUESTION #2:

What role do you believe government should play in supporting the arts to provide a comprehensive education for all Delaware students? If you have a specific example, please provide it.

Howell, Glen M. (Representative, Levy Court District 6 / Republican)

I am not in favor of government education in general. Delaware students are not well educated as it is. Broadening the curriculum will not help.

QUESTION #3:

What role do you believe government should play in supporting the arts to enhance quality of life? If you have a specific example, please provide it.

Howell, Glen M. (Representative, Levy Court District 6 / Republican)

Quality of life is primarily an individual responsibility. Government hurts more than it helps. If government were reduced people like you and me would have more money to spend on arts in general.

QUESTION #4:

What specific ideas do you have for creating new revenue streams to fund arts and culture? If you have a specific example, please provide it.

Howell, Glen M. (Representative, Levy Court District 6 / Republican)

I am not in favor of government withdrawing more money from the general public. It already takes far too much and wastes a good portion of it on red tape, rules and regulations. Van Gogh did not need governmental involvement. We don't either.