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The Mission of the St Lucie Cultural Alliance is to better position the arts and cultural sector as a significant contributor to the vibrancy, education and economic wellbeing of St Lucie County



## 2018 Candidate Questionnaire – Arts & Cultural Impact

Dear Candidate:

**An informed, engaged citizenry is the lifeblood of our nation’s heritage and future.** As the Board of Directors for St. Lucie Cultural Alliance (SLCA), we applaud your decision to seek elected office.

We are interested in your views on Arts & Culture and the economic impact and quality of life value they bring to our community and look forward to sharing your perspective on Arts & Culture with our colleagues, voters, and patrons of the arts in St. Lucie and beyond. We the Board and Leadership of St. Lucie Cultural Alliance appreciate your time and consideration in answering these important questions.

**Thank you.**

**CANDIDATE** (your name): Toby Overdorf

**ELECTED OFFICE YOU SEEK:** State House of Representatives; District 83

### Q1: ARTS AND CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ECONOMIC VITALITY

The arts and cultural sector leverages both private and public funding to contribute to economic development for St Lucie County.

**How do you view public investment in the Arts & Cultural sector as it contributes to the economic vitality of St. Lucie?**

**RESPONSE:** It is a needed compliment to local society & demographics

### Q2: ATTRACTING THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST FOR ST. LUCIE

St. Lucie County’s diverse arts and cultural activities complement Treasure Coast initiatives to attract and retain new talent and businesses, making our county an interesting and desirable location that supports both professional development and personal/family enjoyment and entertainment.

**As an elected official, how would you work to make Arts & Culture a part of your economic development policies?**

**RESPONSE:** Encourage public/private partnerships.

### **Q3: EDUCATIONAL IMPACTS AND ARTS INTEGRATIONS**

There is a broad scope of education programs (including STEM/STEAM focuses) initiated and managed by the arts and cultural community in support of St. Lucie County students and teachers.

**How would you describe the significance of art education programs and how would you support the continuation and growth of similar educational contributions within St. Lucie?**

**RESPONSE:**

Yes I would support this essential part of our educational programs.

### **Q4: ENHANCING TOURISM AND CULTURAL DESTINATION**

Arts and cultural programs promote the County's reputation as a destination attracting tourists as well as providing affordable creative and entertainment opportunities for our residents.

**Do you support public investment for Arts & Cultural initiatives to further develop St. Lucie County as a cultural destination?**

**RESPONSE:**

Yes

### **Q5: PERSONAL/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

This is your opportunity to describe both your personal engagement with Arts & Cultural programs as a private citizen and to describe your prior work to support Arts & Culture through the public leadership roles (elected or other) which you have held. *(For candidates who currently serve or have served in elected office, please include in your response specifics concerning your support for Arts & Culture.)*

**How have you supported Arts & Culture in St. Lucie County through your work in public office and/or as a private citizen?**

**RESPONSE:**

Our company supports Arts&Culture and my partner serves on the public arts board.

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