

ArtsKC Advocacy Agenda 2020

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ArtsKC is the voice for our arts community, advocating for policies that strengthen public and private support for the arts across the greater Kansas City region toward an equitable, vital, and healthy region.

Public Access to the Arts

ArtsKC supports equitable access to and investments in arts and culture that ensures a strong and vibrant Kansas City region

Public Access to the Arts at a National Level

- Supports increased funding for NEA, NEH, CPB, IMLS

Public Access to the Arts in the State of Missouri

- Supports an increase in funding for Missouri Arts Commission
- Supports the A&E distribution formula for the five Cultural Partners (Public Broadcasting, Missouri Humanities Council, MO Library Network, and MO Historic Preservation)

Public Access to the Arts in the State of Kansas

- Supports increased funding for Kansas Creative Industries Commission in the Department of Commerce
- Supports use of the Department of Commerce resources to incorporate the arts as catalyst for economic development of local communities

Public Access to the Arts in the KC region

- Supports policy that encourages public investment in arts and culture (e.g. 1% for art)
- Supports the City of Kansas City, Municipal Arts Commission and the authority set forth in its charter.
- Supports the introduction and/or increase in dedicated funding for the artists and arts organizations in city and county budgets throughout the 5-county region

Arts Education

ArtsKC supports equal access to quality arts education for all individuals to ensure improved academic achievement and programmatic outcomes in primary and secondary schools, health care, social services.

Arts Education at a National Level

- Supports well-rounded arts provisions in the new Education law (*Every Student Succeeds Act*; PL 114-95) are fully implemented
- Supports funding for the Assistance for Arts Education program at the U.S. Department of Education at \$30 million.
- Supports full funding for the Student Support and Academic Enrichment grant program at its authorized level of \$1.65 billion

Arts Education in the State of Missouri

- Supports full funding for the Missouri Fine Arts Academy
- Supports the Missouri State Board of Education to ensure comprehensive fine arts instruction (dance, drama/theatre, music and visual art) in elementary, middle and high schools
- Supports the Missouri State Board of Education with the implementation of the Missouri Learning Standards and

- recognizes the role of arts instruction as an integral part in the effective achievement of these standards
- Supports the continued employment of a full-time Fine Arts Director for DESE (Dept of Elementary & Secondary Education)

Arts Education in Kansas

- Supports the arts as core subjects in the Kansas' Basic Education Program, all students will benefit from skills and processes that are developed through the arts and that can be applied in a variety of disciplines and settings

Economic Development & the Creative Economy

ArtsKC supports investment in the creative economy that encourages advancement of entrepreneurial artists, arts organization and creative business.

Creative Economy at a Federal Level

- Supports the CREATE Act (Comprehensive Resources for Entrepreneurs in the Arts to Transform the Economy)

Creative Economy in the State of Missouri

- Supports the reinstatement of Missouri Film Tax Credit encouraging growth of the film industry

Creative Economy in the KC region

- Supports policy that encourages regional redevelopment by entrepreneurial artists and small creative business with provisions that avoid displacement due to escalating property values
- Supports the reaccreditation of the UMKC Conservatory
- Universal support of the development of a Downtown Performing Arts Campus

Tax Policy

ArtsKC supports tax policy that incentivizes advancement of entrepreneurial artists, arts organization and creative business and encourages charitable giving that provides strong community access to arts organizations and arts programs

Tax Policy at a Federal Level

- Supports policy that ensures charitable contribution deductions for the nonprofits arts industry.
- Supports policy to regain fair deductions for artists and writers making gifts.

Tax Policy in the Kansas City Region

- Supports policy that encourages growth of the arts and creative sectors
- Supports tax policy that ensures long term affordable housing for the artistic and creative workforce

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Human Rights & Immigration

ArtsKC supports policy that advances mutual understanding, respect and builds positive and equitable relationships among diverse regional communities, as well as, between the U.S. and rest of the world.

At a National Level

- Oppose policies that limit the free exchange of art, artists, and ideas
- Supports congressional action to ensure the protection of people who work or plan to work in the creative and artistic industries.
- Supports the enactment of the Arts Require Timely Service (ARTS) provision, to improve visa processing for foreign guest artists preparing to perform in the United States.

In the State of Missouri

- Oppose the state's prohibition on higher education institutions from offering in-state tuition and scholarships to Dreamers, or non-US citizens who live in Missouri.

In the Kansas City Region

- Supports policy that ensures equitable treatment of all members of the Kansas City region regardless of nationality, faith, race, age, gender or ability.