

## Statement of the Arts

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As a long-time supporter of the arts in Frederick, I believe that creativity and culture are essential to a thriving, inclusive community. The arts enrich our daily lives, support our local economy, and bring people together. I've spent years advocating for artists and arts organizations, and I'm committed to doing even more in the future. As a trustee of the Delaplaine Arts Center, I've had the privilege of working closely with artists, educators, and community leaders to expand access to the arts across our city. I've also supported initiatives like the Cultural Asset Mapping project to better understand—and invest in—Frederick's creative landscape.

Looking ahead, I will continue to:

- ☐ Advocate for more public art throughout the city, especially in neighborhoods that haven't had equal access to these investments.
- ☐ Support cultural planning and strategic investment in our creative infrastructure.
- ☐ Work to reduce barriers for nonprofit arts organizations and community groups to host events and exhibitions in public spaces.
- ☐ Celebrate and uplift local artists through rotating exhibitions in City Hall and other public venues.
- ☐ Promote the arts as a key part of Frederick's economic development, tourism, and downtown vitality.

To me, the arts are not a luxury, they are a public good. I'm committed to making sure the City of Frederick remains a place where artists are supported, creativity is valued, and everyone has the opportunity to participate in our cultural life.