

Statement of the Arts

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The Arts are an important component of Frederick City. The Arts provide economic strength for our community, cultural/community identity, enhances community/city life for residents, provides educational opportunities for creativity expression, and fosters a sense of connection.

I have supported the Arts personally and professionally. As a member of the City Council, I currently serve as the liaison to the Weinberg Center and supported the City's commitment in terms of funding for the Manager of Arts and Culture position. Public art in public spaces is another opportunity for our city's wellbeing and social connection. The Arts is an essential part of the City's history, present and future.