

**Other Legislative Issues and Comments
On Ranked Online Survey of Top 2010 Issues
November 2009**

10. Are there other arts, arts education, or cultural legislative issues you believe are important to pursue during the 2010 Florida Legislative Session? If so, please briefly describe below. Thank you. **19 responses to question**

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| 1. Push writing skills along with the arts! | Mon,
Nov 9,
2009
5:40 PM |
| Yes. Create State wide legislation to allow for a half mil local option tax devoted to arts and culture. | Mon,
Nov 9,
2009
5:26 PM |
| 2. Yes. One full credit for arts required for graduation from middle school | Sun, Nov
8, 2009
7:37 PM |
| 3. The state of Florida has done enough studies and have the information to back up the support of the arts that is is mind boggling to think the arts are being ignored as a monster economic impact in the state of Florida. | Sun, Nov
8, 2009
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AM |
| 4. Yes, Please make All location a priority when and organization is requesting grant money . It seems that most areas are always given grants and money. Those who are in areas that are not prodimentially of a certain culturl. do not get the money. Please let's help All culturals. If you need more information on this request please advise or call me 305-235-5486 or 305 773-9662(Cell). | Sun, Nov
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| 5. I participate in the Melbourne Community Orchestra as principal oboist, and Cocoa Village Playhouse, Henegar Center for the Arts, and Titusville Playhouse as both a pit musician and actor. I am a supporting member of the Central Florida Winds and the King Center. I donate as much money and time as I can to maintain these organizations becuase I think cultural arts and art education is of maximum importance to the state and local community. Music education helped me with logic, mathematics, social skills and cultural literacy. Without music, I probably would not have been able to get through college, veterinary school and graduate school. Band and theater kept me busy and provided a non-destructive outlet for me. The educational programs at the theaters such as "Stars of Tomorrow", "Rising Stars" and the youth orchestras are doing the same for children now. Please continue to support these programs and the community arts. Equality in exposure between the four arts disciplines; dance being on the bottom is a grave detriment to the developing child. | Sat, Nov
7, 2009
11:39
AM |
| 6. Arts-Integrated Learning Opportunities within the school day; not ARTS as a separate experience. | Sat, Nov
7, 2009
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| 7. Make sure that dance courses can be substituted for physical education courses (we understand that students may not earn credit for fine arts and | Fri, Nov
6, 2009 |

- p.e. for the same course). Students should have the option to take rigorous dance class instead of team and individual sports. 3:03 PM
- Maintain the program of grants for GENERAL OPERATIONS of established museums. This is more important than grants to individual artists and more important than grants for isolated "projects" or "festivals". 2:27 PM
8. Pursuing a dedicated fund or a way to local option the funding around the state is a better sell right now to this Legislature. 1:06 PM
9. Identify designated, protected, non variable funding stream for arts and culture at the state level. 11:51 AM
10. NO. This platform needs to be extremely simple. We need to advocate for the basics and do our best to educate and win over our legislators or be prepared to lose state funding altogether.
- Sherron, It is very difficult to express this in a collective of mixed agendas and puts the arts organizations in a very awkward position. The potential advocacy power of all the arts organizations collectively is weakened by such a lengthy and multi-faceted platform.
- I know we need to talk, and you know we are doing all we can to win better state support for the arts. But we just can't support carrying these other issues when we are losing everything we have worked to establish. And it isn't fair to put us in an unfriendly position with our colleagues in the education field. We understand and support their importance, but we can't make their agenda ours at the cost of our livelihoods. 11:33 AM
11. We work hand-in-hand with our education system, schools and teachers because we understand and embrace the importance of education. And we provide services often at no cost, but they are not advocating for funding for arts organizations, and we are not on their platforms because this would confuse the legislators about their most important needs.
12. No new unfunded mandates. 11:10 AM
- I believe it's important that the State of Fla. allocate funding to support cultural arts organizations in our state! Without our organizations being funded, many areas such as critical thinking, self-expression, confidence building, vandalism, etc. , will be felt throughout our state thus making even bigger problems for Florida! 10:54 AM
13. Even though science museums/centers, zoos and aquariums are included in the Arts education and included under cultural institutions, the guidelines do not reflect the kinds of activities and outcomes that have been discussed in the National Research Council's book on Informal settings. We are there to 9:34 AM
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motivate and instill interest in the sciences. We would like to assist in the wording of grant RFPs to have some language that reflects what is going on in these settings.

15. #1 and #2 are critical to the survival of Florida's arts organizations. Those of us still around are hanging on by the skin of our teeth! Fri, Nov 6, 2009 9:24 AM
16. Revisit the governance structure of large metropolitan regions such as South Florida that are presently unable to effectively address or efficiently deliver services and infrastructure due to fragmentation, parochialism, and corruption. Fri, Nov 6, 2009 9:16 AM
17. I think this covers it pretty well. Fri, Nov 6, 2009 9:11 AM
18. It really boils down to funding and finding funding sources. Fri, Nov 6, 2009 9:09 AM
18. It would be good to ask for an arts requirement in middle school, but that's not a priority this year.
19. Investment in capital projects is also important