

Bill Daniel for City Council  
District 7  
Response to Regional Arts and  
Culture Questionnaire

1) Yes. I feel arts and culture is essential to the health and well being of any society and contributes to the unity of all communities.

2) Yes. I have familiarized myself with the role of the Commission for Arts and Culture. Its role is essential in bridging the gap between the business of running the city and the general, mental, and emotional health and well being of the people of the various communities of San Diego.

3) I do not attend cultural events. I have always known the vital nature in the individual to express themselves artistically. It is the wisest of investments to support the arts and culture of a people. It is in human nature to express artistic tendencies. It is with disastrous results that these tendencies are suppressed.

4) Yes. Thank you for educating me on the source of funding for this essential endeavor. I will work to ensure this funding continues and expands.

5) Yes. It could and should expand this aspect of the city. The city should invest in advertising campaigns to attract artisans from across the country and around the world. The city should improve current performance venues and build more.

6) I did not participate in the arts in school. Many of my friends were in choral groups and I saw the benefit for them. As a teacher I see every day the benefits of the arts for students and the sad consequences when they are curtailed. I would work with San Diegans involved in cultural arts to explore ways to get schools to improve existing programs and offer more programs to encourage cultural arts education and participation in San Diego schools.

7) Since Balboa Park was built to be the site of the 1915 World's fair, 2015 should be celebrated on the same scale. A commission should be formed to begin the process of capitalizing on this historic event. Performers and artisans from around the world should be selected that would attract thousands from around the globe. Venues and performance facilities should be selected and built to house the thousands that will come. This could be a tremendous boost to the city and to the cultural arts community.

8) There is a movement away from capital expenditures that don't have an immediate and sustainable revenue return to the city. The arts suffer. District 7 is in the midst of great redevelopment projects. An effort needs to be made to ensure that these projects and all others like them don't just meet the minimum requirements but go above and beyond in bringing culture and arts to all communities.

9) Not sure what you mean by public art here so I will go on to 10.

10) I have never been an active supporter or a participant in cultural or artistic events. As you can tell I am, however, wholly dedicated to their importance to the community.

May I conclude with just a comment or two? I believe American society is at a turning point. San Diego is in trouble. We have no credit rating. We are a laughing stock to the country. We are a scandal ridden, bankrupt city. The answer is not to elect better politicians. We have to overhaul the entire system. That is why I am running. I am not a politician. I am a citizen concerned about his government. My campaign pledge is moral and ethical leadership. I promise San Diego to open city government to them again. To give citizens like me their voice back in city government. My dream is to turn San Diego into a city set on a hill that other cities will come to to see how we turned things around and revolutionized city government. I would love to join with San Diego's cultural arts community to help do that.

This is also a turning point for the cultural arts community as a whole. Americans are disgusted with TV and movies and video games. More and more citizens realize these are sewers into their living rooms and into the minds of their children. I would love to join forces and create a partnership with your community to create a family oriented artistic community here that San Diegans would flock to by the thousands. I can see many, many small theaters and venues around the city costing only a few dollars for an evening's family entertainment. What a concept!!!

I challenge your community to never hide behind the nonsense definitions of censorship and obscenity used by the courts to bombard the public with anti family material. If you can accept that challenge I would be proud to work with you and announce your endorsement of my campaign to create a truly family centered entertainment enclave that would be the envy of the world.