

Answers by - Barry Finegold Democratic Candidate for State Treasurer

Questions for State Treasurer Candidates:

(Note: Questions 1-3 can be answered with a yes or no, but please feel free to elaborate beyond a one word answer)

1. MALC has had a great working relationship with the last two Treasurers and their administrations. Would you continue this open door policy to MALC and by extension to the arts and creative economy communities?

Yes. Barry's father is a musician and instilled in him a great respect for the arts.

2. The Treasurer's Office was one of the cofounders of the Annual Artist Under the Dome event at the State House and it remains one of its key supporters. If elected Treasurer, will you continue the office's support for this annual event?

Yes.

3. MALC has been working to establish a disaster/emergency fund for artists of all disciplines that would be held/managed by the Treasurer's office. All funds would be from outside sources, but in the case of a national disaster (ie Katrina/9/11 type of emergencies) it would allow for additional funding from the Federal government and/or other governmental/private sources to address the increased critical need.

Yes, Barry would support such a proposal.

4. Is there anything else you would like to share in regards to your policy and/or platforms that directly impacts artists of all disciplines and by extension the arts and creative economy communities?

Barry's vision for the Treasurer's office is simple: Invest in Massachusetts. As the son of a musician, that includes investing in the arts. It also includes investing in Massachusetts' small businesses, including those in the creative economy, with our pension dollars, and investing in Massachusetts' families through financial literacy programs. As Treasurer, Barry would seek to work with local cultural councils to ensure that the arts are promoted in all our communities.