

Answers by - Karyn Polito Republican Candidate for Lieutenant Governor (running with Candidate for Governor Charlie Baker)

Questions for Lieutenant Governor 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. As Lt. Governor, would you commit to an open door policy for the Massachusetts artists community and the creative sector?

Yes. As Lieutenant Governor, I will have an open door policy for all the communities of our Commonwealth and all the varied sectors of our economy. Beyond just an open door, I plan to travel the state visiting these communities and sectors where they are and talking about how the state can partner with them to help them grow.

2. Lt. Governors of our state have a great tradition of promoting the governor's policies throughout the state. If elected, would you advise the governor to make the promotion and support of our state's third largest economic sector, the creative economy, a top priority for your office? (The creative economy includes artists of all disciplines, arts and culture, the film sector, etc.)

If we are elected, I would certainly encourage Charlie Baker, my running mate, to support economic sectors such as the creative economy, which are employing people throughout the state and have the opportunity to grow further and employ even more people in Massachusetts. As we work to help revitalize communities throughout the state that have been struggling, we recognize that arts and culture are a vital component to creating thriving neighborhoods and communities, particularly downtown economies.

3. The Lt. Governor sits on the Governor's Council, a clear sign that our state values his or her involvement in matters of justice. As Lt. Governor, would you commit your office to promoting justice for all workers, including artists of all disciplines, those involved in the arts, culture, the creative economy, and those who create intellectual property?

As a lawyer and former state representative who has fought for justice and equality for all people, I will absolutely promote justice and fair treatment for all workers in Massachusetts.

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, culture, and creative economy communities?

Charlie and I are very committed to helping small businesses and entrepreneurs, which many artists are. You can read more about our plan to increase opportunity and support small businesses here: <https://charliebaker2014.com/opportunity>. In addition, we want to work with cities and towns to develop economic development strategies to help them grow. We recognize that arts and culture are a vital component to creating thriving neighborhoods and communities.