

Thinking Outside of the Clipboard

Creative Approaches to Voter Engagement

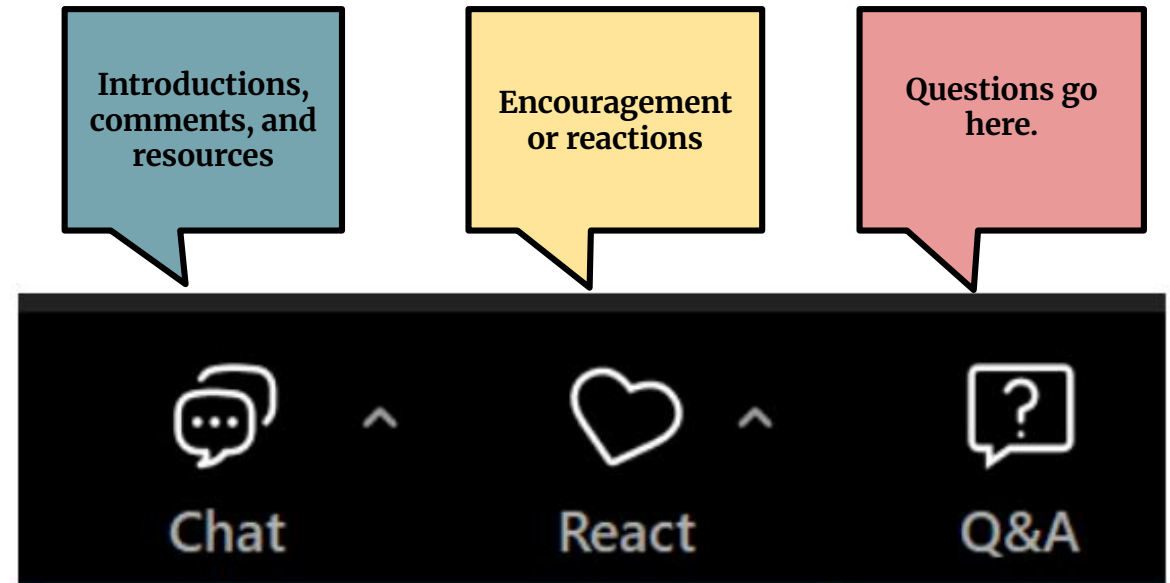
June 24 2pm ET

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Announcements and Housekeeping

- Please put questions in the **Q&A** section of the webinar (not the chat, please) and they will be answered at the end of the presentation.
- A recording of the webinar will be sent within a week to everyone who registered, whether or not they attended.
- We have a live captioner today. If you'd like to see those, click more in your tool bar



Agenda

- Welcome and Housekeeping
- Nonprofit VOTE Overview
- Speaker Introductions
- Speaker Discussion
- Q&A
- Call to Action
- Closing

Who is **Nonprofit VOTE**?

Mission: Nonprofit VOTE equips our nation's nonprofits with nonpartisan tools and resources to help the communities they serve participate in voting and democracy.

Vision: We envision a diverse network of nonprofits across the United States with the skills, resources, and commitment needed to foster a **more inclusive democracy** where all voices are heard, particularly those currently underrepresented in the voting process.



Nonprofit VOTE's Work

- Free Voter Engagement Resource Library
- Free national webinar series
- Research Based Partner Case Studies
- Nonprofit VOTE Blog
- Customized Trainings for your organization
- Lead National Voter Registration Day



This webinar is being recorded and the link will be shared.

Speakers



Morgan Furnari,
Arts Action Fund Manager
Americans for the Arts



Evan Weissman,
Founding Executive Director,
Warm Cookies of the Revolution

Call to Action

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is considering a rule that would prevent nonprofits from using federal funds for voter engagement work. They are accepting public comments through July 13, 2026, and our voices *need* to be heard.

1. [Read the rule here.](#)
2. [Submit a comment by July 13 here!](#)
3. [Share this explainer with a colleague.](#)



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How We Work



Advocate

We mobilize **year-round advocacy** that strengthens relationships across the political spectrum and secures federal, state, and local policy wins for arts and culture. Through our affiliated **Arts Action Fund**, we activate a **nationwide network of advocates** ensuring the arts remain a priority in public policy.

Connect

Through **AFTACON**—our national convention and the country’s premier gathering of arts leaders—and other programs, we **convene** artists, policymakers, and community partners to **align** strategy and scale innovation.

Learn + Lead

We produce trusted **research** and practical tools that help communities demonstrate the arts’ impact and break down barriers to participation—**expanding access** to underserved communities and **strengthening** local creative ecosystems.

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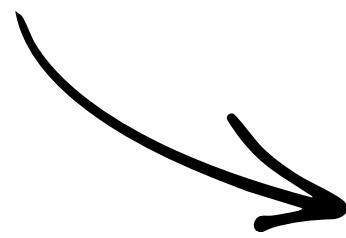


	Americans for the Arts 501(c)(3)	Arts Action Fund 501(c)(4)
Legal Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 501(c)(3) charity nonprofit• Regulated by the Internal Revenue Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 501(c)(4) social welfare nonprofit• Regulated by the Internal Revenue Service
Charity Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organizations pays no income tax• Donors <u>can</u> take a tax deduction for charitable contribution• 5% budgetary limit on lobbying• 100% expressly prohibited from electioneering work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organization pays no income tax• However, donors <u>cannot</u> take a tax deduction as a charitable contribution• No budgetary limit on direct or grassroots lobbying• 49.9% budgetary limit on election work

Federal Candidate Survey



Online Version



Federal Candidate Survey
2026 Election Cycle

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[This survey can also be downloaded as a pdf.](#)

Candidate Information

Candidate Name *
First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Party *

State *

District (Write NA if not applicable) *

Personal Background

76% of Americans believe the arts are personally important to them. Do you or an immediate family member have experience in the arts? (Check all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Musical	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance	<input type="checkbox"/> Theatre
<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Literary Arts
<input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> No Personal Background
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

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Please Describe _____

2. Community Engagement

Have you attended, partnered with, or supported any arts or cultural organizations in your district/state in the past two years? Please describe.

3. Policy Priorities

What are your top three federal policy priorities for your district/state?

4. Economic Growth

What federal policies would you prioritize to support economic growth and small businesses in your district or state, including sectors such as tourism, hospitality, and arts and cultural organizations that contribute to local economies?

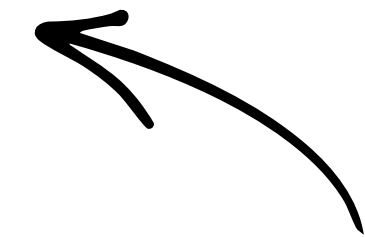
5. Education

What are your top priorities for strengthening education outcomes in your district or state, and what role, if any, should arts education or creative learning opportunities—from pre-K through higher education—play in federal education policy?

6. Workforce and Independent Workers

Many Americans work as freelancers, independent contractors, or in other non-traditional employment arrangements—including artists and creative professionals. What federal policies would you support to improve economic stability, access to health and retirement benefits, and professional opportunities for these workers?

Please e-mail the completed survey to Morgan Furnari at mfurnari@artsusa.org or submit your responses to the survey online at www.ArtsActionFund.org/Federal-Candidate-Survey-2026



PDF Version

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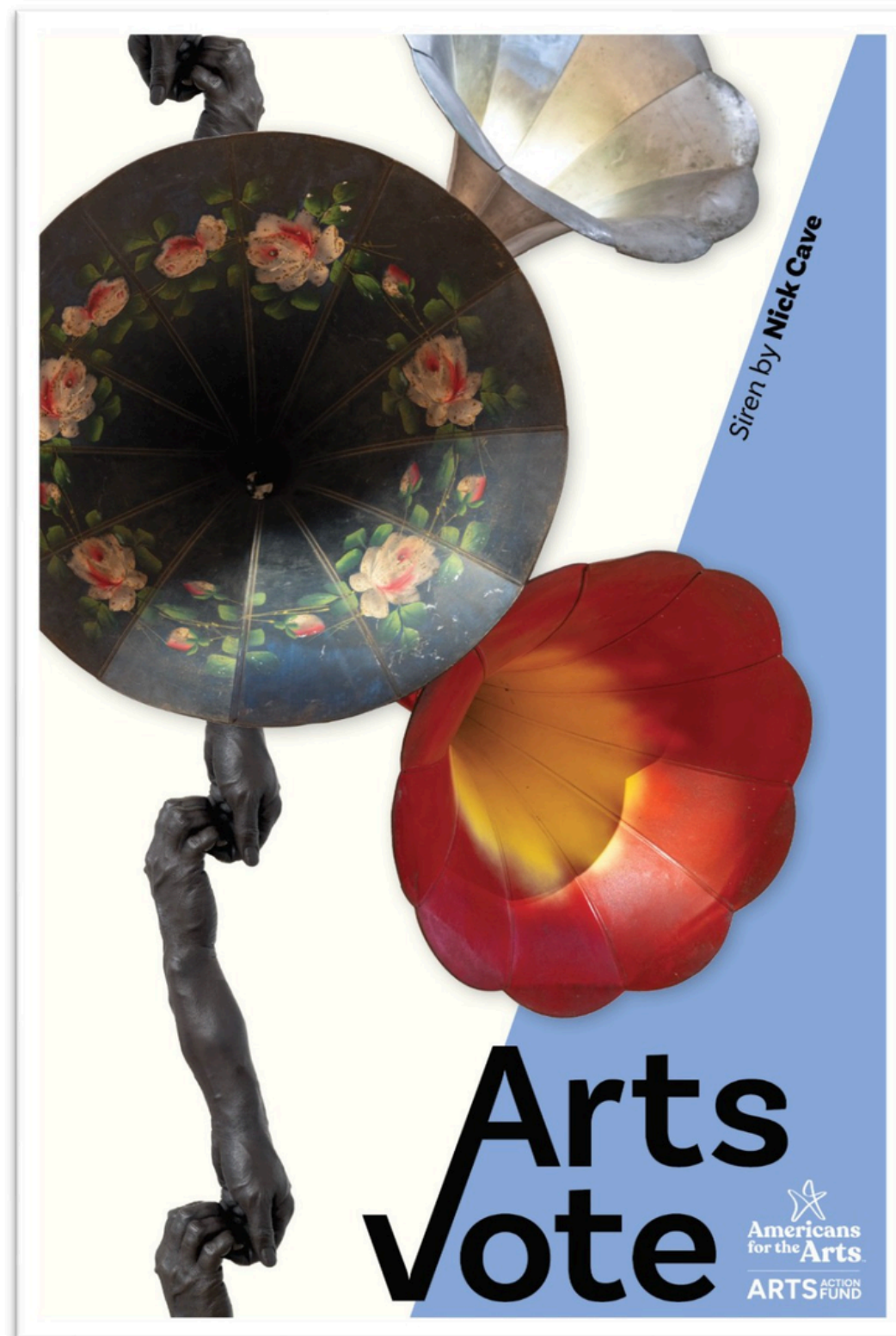
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1. Marketing Toolkit coming soon
2. National Marketing Campaign—led by Yosi Sergant, TaskForce
3. Webinars through November (ArtsActionFund.org/ArtsVote)

