



**To:** Arts Action Fund Members  
**From:** Americans for the Arts Action Fund  
**Date:** August 2, 2018  
**Re:** Joe Arpaio and the Arts, 2018 Candidate for Arizona U.S. Senate

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**Name:** Joe Arpaio  
**Party:** Republican  
**Occupation:** 36th Sheriff of Maricopa County (1993-2017).  
**Incumbent:** No. GOP primary candidate for the open seat held by Senator Jeff Flake (R).  
**Born:** June 14, 1932 (age 86) Springfield, MA.  
**Previous Public Offices Held:** N/A  
**Other Positions:** Served in United States Army (1950-1953). Former Officer of the Las Vegas Police Department, Former Special Agent in Charge, United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Former Officer of the District of Columbia Police Department and Sheriff of Maricopa County (1992-2016).  
**Educational Background:** Received his GED.

**Contact Information:**

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**Social Media Platforms:**

- Facebook: @SheriffJoeForSenate 33.7k followers
- Twitter: @RealSherrifJoe 101k followers
- Instagram: @realsherrifjoe 967 followers

**2018 Primary Campaign Prediction:**

- Competitive Republican race for the open Arizona U.S. Senate seat with Martha McSally, Kelli Ward, and Joe Arpaio running. The primary election date is scheduled for August 28, 2018.

**2018 General Campaign Prediction:**

- Toss up (Source: [Cook Political Report](#))

**Personal Arts Background:**

- Sherriff Joe Arpaio quoted rap star Eminem in a fundraising email. The email pulls a quote from Eminem's hit song "Lose Yourself," the lead single from the soundtrack of the 2002 film *8 Mile*. To quote and paraphrase the singer, Eminem, the email reads. "You only get one shot, do not miss your chance. ... This opportunity comes once in a lifetime." (Source: [Washington Examiner](#))

**Notable Arts Quotes:** N/A

**Examples of Actions on the Arts:** N/A

**Arts Membership:** N/A

**Criminal Record:**

- Sherriff Arpaio was convicted of criminal contempt by District Judge Susan Bolton on July 31, 2017 for disobeying a federal order which barred him from conducting immigration round ups through racial profiling. On August 25, 2017, President Donald Trump pardoned Arpaio, sparing him from his sentenced jail time. (Source: [NPR](#) & [CNN](#))

**Stance on Issues**

- **Border Security / Illegal Immigration:**
  - Securing our border is an imperative and as your Senator I'll fight tooth and nail to make sure we have the resources to get the job done. Whether it's physical barriers, more manpower or more technology, we can and must do better to secure our country. (Source: [Sheriff Joe](#))
- **Taxes and Regulations:**
  - The landmark tax reform bill recently passed by Congress and signed by President Trump was an excellent beginning to jump-starting our economy. This will allow people to save, spend and invest the money as they see fit. After all, it's YOUR money. (Source: [Sheriff Joe](#))
- **National Debt:**
  - For far too long, Congresses – past and present – have mismanaged our nation's affairs, pilling trillions of dollars of debt onto current and future generations. We can do better. (Source: [Sheriff Joe](#))

- **Second Amendment:**
  - In Congress, I will strongly support legislation that protects our Second Amendment and protects our citizens from reckless and irresponsible legislation that attempts to undermine this precious civil right. (Source: [Sheriff Joe](#))

#### **Information on Arts and the Economy in Arizona:**

- In Arizona, arts and culture was a \$9.00 billion industry—equivalent to 3.10 percent of the state economy—in 2015. There were a total of 90,287 arts and culture industry jobs.<sup>1</sup>
- A 2017 analysis of Dun & Bradstreet data found 14,522 businesses employed 74,688 people in Arizona involved in the creation or distribution of the arts—4.38 percent of all businesses and 2.39 percent of all employees.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Sample Advocacy Questions on the Arts:**

- Sherriff Arpaio, what is your personal background and experience in the arts?
- Currently, the creative economy is an impressive \$730 billion industry, representing 4.2% of the nation’s Gross Domestic Product. Would you support federal legislation to strengthen opportunities for artists, nonprofit arts organizations, and small businesses in the creative sector to fully access economic development programs?
- The budget of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) was cut in half during the 1990s. With its current funding of \$153 million, the NEA spends just 47 cents per American—half the cost of a pack of gum. Would you support a plan to increase federal arts funding to the NEA to \$1 per American, so that arts organizations in your state or district can present even more accessible arts programs for all its residents?

#### **About ArtsVote2018:**

- The mission of ArtsVote2018 is to advance the role of arts in the 2018 midterm elections by providing arts advocates, arts leaders, elected officials, and media with needed information to effectively advocate for the arts.

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<sup>1</sup>Arts and cultural production are defined by ACPSA as those industries that produce arts and culture related commodities and generally follow the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). Employment estimates for ACP-related industries are for “direct” employment. [Arts and Culture Production Satellite Account](#) (ACPSA), 2015; U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and National Endowment for the Arts, 2018.

<sup>2</sup>Findings count active U.S. businesses registered with Duns & Bradstreet in the following categories: museums and collections; performing arts; visual art/photography; film, radio, and television; design and publishing; schools and services. [Creative Industries: Business & Employment in the Arts](#), Americans for the Arts, 2017.