



To: Arts Action Fund Members
From: Americans for the Arts Action Fund
Date: 21 November 2016
Re: Mike Pence and the Arts*

*Note: On 11/9/2016, Mike Pence became the Vice President-Elect of the United States.



Name: Mike Pence
Party: Republican
Born: 7 June, 1959, Columbus, Indiana
Previous Public Offices Held: Governor of Indiana (2013-Present), U.S. Representative from Indiana's 6th district (2003-2013) and 2nd district (2001-2003)
Other Jobs Held: Lawyer, President of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation, talk radio host
Educational Background: B.A., Hanover College; J.D., Indiana University



2016 Presidential Campaign Information:

Declaration Location: Donald Trump announced the choice of Pence on Twitter on July 15, 2016. Trump and Pence appeared at a joint news conference the following day in New York City.

Campaign Website: <https://www.donaldjtrump.com>
Campaign Email: <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/contact/>
Headquarters Address: Unlisted
Headquarters Phone: 646-736-1779
Campaign Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MikePence>
Campaign Twitter: [@mike_pence](#) 706,000 followers

Positions on the Arts

Personal Arts Background

- Pence's wife, Karen Pence is a former elementary school teacher who paints in her free time. (Source: [Heavy.com](#))
- Prior to his political career, Pence hosted a radio talk show which he characterized as "Rush Limbaugh on decaf." (Source: [Indystar](#))
- As First Lady of Indiana, Karen Pence is honorary chair of the Art Therapy Initiative at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis as well as a member of Riley Children's Foundation Board (Source: [in.gov](#))
- Karen Pence created the Indiana First Lady's Charitable Foundation. The Foundation, organized in August of 2013, is a 501(c)3 whose purpose is to encourage and support youth and families of Indiana. The beneficiaries include individuals, schools, communities, families, family support organizations, along with arts organization (Source: [in.gov](#))
- Pence's daughter Charlotte holds a degree in Digital Cinema and English from DePaul University. She has worked on several films, including the documentary *Fleeced*. (Source: [Heavy.com](#))
- Pence was a cartoonist for the newspaper of the Indiana University's Robert H. McKinney School of Law Newspaper. (Source: [Esquire](#))
- Vice President-Elect Pence attended a performance of *Hamilton: An American Musical* in New York City where he was booed by some audience members. Following the performance, the cast of the show spoke directly to Pence with prepared remarks. Although Pence did not address the incident, President-Elect Trump tweeted that it was "rude" and called the show "overrated". (Source: [The New York Times](#))

Policy Views on the Arts and Education

- As Governor of Indiana, Mike Pence championed the repeal of the Common Core educational standards. Indiana was the first state to implement its own standards, in lieu of the ones set by the federal government. (Source: [NPR](#))
- While serving as Governor of Indiana, per-capita funding for the arts rose to \$.50, ranking Indiana 36th in term of per-capita arts investment. (Source: [National Assembly of State Arts Agencies](#))
- Fine arts classes are not required to graduate high school in Indiana (Source: [Indiana Art Education](#))
- Pence issued an official proclamation designating January 27, 2015 as "Indiana Arts Day." (Source: [Indiana Arts Coalition](#))

Examples of Actions Taken on the Arts

Congressional Arts Voting Record

- Co-sponsored the Lena Horne Recognition Act (Source: [congress.gov](#))
- As a U.S. Congressman from Indiana, Pence received a "D" grade in the 2004 Congressional Arts Report Card. (Source: [Americans for the Arts Action Fund PAC](#))

- Pence received a “F” grade in the 2006, 2008, 2010, and 2012 Congressional Arts Report Cards. ([Source: Americans for the Arts Action Fund PAC](#))
- Supported the FCC Indecency Penalties Bill, which would allow the Federal Communications Commission to levy fines for every airing of “indecent, obscene or profane” material by a broadcaster. (Source: [votesmart.org](#))
- Supported a “slight decrease” in federal arts funding in 2008. (Source: [votesmart.org](#))
- Supported a “slight increase” in the charitable contribution tax deduction in 2008. (Source: [votesmart.org](#))
- Voted against an amendment in a 2005 Appropriations bill that would have restored \$100 million in funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. (Source: [votesmart.org](#))

Arts and the Economy in Indiana

- More than 300 community-based arts organizations and arts programming providers annually seek funding support from Indiana’s state arts agency, the Indiana Arts Commission. In most cases, for every dollar the Indiana Arts Commission grants to organizations, at least one dollar is matched by the local grant recipient. (Source: [Indiana Arts Commission](#))
- Each year, an estimated \$88 million is generated in Indiana communities to match IAC grant funds, stimulating the state's economy through jobs, services, purchases of materials, and other expenditures related to arts events and activities. (Source: [Indiana Arts Commission](#))
- Over 80% of the IAC budget appropriation is returned to Hoosiers through direct and indirect grants. 3% is distributed through services such as technical assistance and information referral. (Source: [Indiana Arts Commission](#))

Americans for the Arts Facts & Figures for Indiana:

- Creative Industries: There are 45,149 people employed by 10,012 Arts-Related businesses. This represents 3% of all businesses and 1.5% of all employees in Indiana. (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))
- Economic Impact: In Indianapolis alone, non profit arts organizations and their audiences spent \$384 million in Fiscal Year 2010 and contributed over \$42 million of revenue to state and local governments. (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))
- In Fiscal Year 2016 the Indiana Arts Commission received \$3,390,865 in legislative appropriations. (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))