

# Jarvis Johnson | District 29

## **1. How do you personally participate in the arts and culture both in Houston and when you travel?**

I don't just attend the arts, I invest in them. As a Houston City Council Member and State Representative, I helped secure funding for the redevelopment of the historic Deluxe Theater, preserving a cultural landmark while creating space for community-based arts and performances. When I travel, I seek out local theaters, museums, and cultural spaces because the arts tell the true story of a community.

## **2. Would you be willing to support Community Project Funding requests specifically for arts-related appropriations?**

Yes, without hesitation. Arts funding is economic development, education, and community healing. I have a proven record of securing public dollars for community projects, and I would absolutely support targeted funding requests that strengthen local arts organizations and creative spaces.

## **3. Would you support changing the name of the Donald J. Trump Kennedy Center back to John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts?**

Yes. The Kennedy Center should honor President Kennedy's legacy of public service, democracy, and cultural investment. Republicans politicizing a national arts institution is unnecessary and divisive. The arts should unite us, not serve partisan ego.

## **4. Would you support continued funding at the 2024 level or higher for the National Endowment to the Arts?**

Yes. The National Endowment for the Arts should be funded at least at current levels and ideally higher.

**5. How would you support arts in your Congressional District?**

I would support arts in the district by securing federal funding, partnering with local organizations, and ensuring artists are included in economic development plans. That means supporting cultural districts, youth arts programs, and protecting affordable creative spaces so artists are not priced out of their own communities.

**6. Would you support restoring full funding to National Public Radio and PBS?**

Absolutely. NPR and PBS provide trusted journalism, educational programming, and cultural content that many communities rely on, especially those underserved by commercial media.