

The following Ask IFACCA question has been submitted from the web site.

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QUESTION

The Creative America Project aims to encourage artists and creative professionals to become involved in the political process. I'd like to know of similar efforts in other countries, as well as learn about and contact any artists who hold elective office.

CONTEXT

The **Creative America Project** (www.creativeamerica.us) is an initiative to encourage artists and creative professionals to vote, to bend their imaginations to fashioning public policy and to run for public office in 2006.

The **Creative America Project** is seeking to contact artists, cultural workers and creative professionals who have been elected to public office - either in the past or who are currently in office. We'd like to email you a few questions in order to understand how you got elected, what happened when you were office and what, if any, impact did your creative life have on your public service.

We believe that fostering creativity is essential to America's economic future and is at the core of our character. It's time for artists and creative professionals to stand up for creativity as a national value and as an intrinsic part of public policy planning.

We intend to motivate creative workers to:

- (1) participate in the 2004 Presidential election,
- (2) elevate the conversation about the place of creativity in the life of the nation, and
- (3) encourage and train creative workers to run for office in 2006.

Our agenda: Create. Act. Vote. Run.

Here is the link to a recent Chicago Sun-Times column which discusses the project -
http://www.tresser.com/creative_america.htm
