

## 2012 JCPPC Senate or State Rep Candidate Profile

Response for: Kay Wolf

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2 Political Affiliation: Republican

3 District: Senate District 7

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6 Committee Name: Wolf for Senate

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9 Occupation/Work History (last five years - 50 words or less):

Kansas State Representative 2005 - Present

President/CEO Woof's Play, Stay & Grooming

Vice-President Wolf Properties

10 Most Recent Political Experience (50 words or less):

Kansas State Representative - 2005 - Present

11 Most Recent Community/Civic Experience (50 words or less):

Honorary Chair - Larry & Shirley Fund benefiting the Kansas Hosital Cardiovascular Program, June, 2012

Co-Chair Power With a Purpose benefiting Kids TLC, 2011

12 Are you, or have you been, affiliated with a local or state chamber of commerce? Please list chamber(s) and any leadership positions held:

Present Member of Northeast Johnson County COC-Board Chair, Vice-Chair, Chair Legislative Affairs, Chair Government Affairs

PresentMember of Lenexa COC

Present Member of Shawnee COC

Past Member of Overland Park COC

Past Member of Olathe COC, Chair, Marketing Task

Force

Past Member Greater Kansas City COC

Past Member Kansas City Kansas COC

13 Are you, or have you been, affiliated with any other business organization(s)?Please list organization(s) and any leadership positions held:

Women in Government - Currently KS State Director

Johnson County Economic Development Research Institute, BD of Directors

Johnson County Library Foundation, Board of Directors

Kid TLC, Board of Directors

National Council of State Legislators

Council of State Governments

National League of Cities

Kansas City Area Development Council

Southwest JOCO Economic Development Council

Central Exchange

Kansas City Commercial Real Estate Women

14 As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues (10 words or less per issue)?

- 1) Growing the economy by establishing/maintaining a competitive business climate
- 2) Adequate funding of education - local control, rework of finance formula
- 3) Maintaining quality of life services, infrastructure needs, health care access,

15 What are your views on state tax policy (75 words or less)?

I believe HB 2117 was not in the best interest of Kansans. With a projected negative ending balance on \$362.5m in FY2014 and a \$2.08 billion in 2017, the passage of HB 2117 jeopardizes funding for schools, roads, prisons, and services. Passing a bill placing Kansas immediately in debt is not sound policy. I was in favor of a tax reduction plan and was supportive of the compromise tax package which did not pass.

16 If Kansas were to face a significant revenue shortfall in meeting its budget, how would you propose to balance the budget? Please be specific (75 words or less).

In my view there are four options. Make further cuts to services and education, raise taxes, rob from the Hiway fund or make local governments pick up more of the tab. This is the reason I voted against the tax bill fearing Kansas could face a shortfall and there is no reasonable sound method of making up that difference. At this time, I do not have a good answer.

17 What are your views on the possible imposition of a sales tax on professional services, such as architects, lawyers, engineers, doctors - a significant economic base in Johnson County (75 words or less)?

I oppose a sales tax on services. With Johnson County bordering Kansas City, MO the imposition of a tax would only encourage our businesses to move to a more friendly tax climate.

18 Do you support or oppose limiting by law how much state or local governments can tax or spend each year, such as requiring a "supermajority" 2/3 voting requirements to approve state or local tax increases? Why (75 words or less)?

I oppose limiting both these initiatives. Passing such laws restricts actions by governments that may be needed to ensure continued growth and react to needs of the community and citizens.

19 What are your views on fundamental reform of K-12 school funding (75 words or less)?

I have and will continue to support reform of the K-12 school funding. The current formula is not equitable to Johnson County schools and restricts any local funding option.

20 Do you support expanding local funding flexibility and control over how education funds are raised and spent (75 words or less)?

Yes. Over the past seven years we have tried unsuccessfully to implement such a change. We should have a say in how and when our own tax dollars are spent.

21 What are your views on Kansas' current toolbox of economic development incentives (75 words or less)?

I am supportive and believe these initiatives have been successful. I voted for franchise tax elimination, corporate income tax reduction, PEAK legislation and various other pieces of legislation aimed at economic development

22 What types of tax and/or economic development policy will you support to encourage job growth and business expansion in Kansas (75 words or less)?

Legislation that makes the Kansas business climate more appealing to companies outside and inside the state. I support private and public partnerships such as training of employees in skills needed for new or expanding companies. I also support allowing local municipalities flexibility in offering incentives to potential business entities.

23 What kind of measures would you support to help control or reduce key business costs (75 words or less)?

Initiatives for the biosciences. Reduced government regulation on companies. Workforce development. Authorize saleable and refundable tax credits and their transfer to other companies if they cannot be used by the original owner.

24 Do you support or oppose the diversion of dedicated state highway funds for any use other than the funding of the transportation projects for which it was created? Explain (75 words or less).

I oppose the use of dedicated state highway funds. We have continued to rob from the highway funds in order to balance our budget. This is not good policy and if continued could jeopardize the Transportation program as we know it.

25 What is your policy position on immigration mandates, such as requiring all employers to enroll in a federal government program known as E-verify to check the immigration status of all potential new hires (75 words or less)?

I am not in favor of requiring all employers to use E-verify. My understanding is it is very time consuming, not user friendly and not always accurate. I believe this is a federal issue not a state one.

26 What do you believe is the most pressing issue or challenge facing Kansas today (75 words or less)?

The balanced legislative process is a risk for Kansas. FY2012 has been one of politics rather than sound policy. A balance is necessary to assure laws passed are beneficial to the state and for Kansans. Most legislation cannot be automatically judged as black or white, right or wrong. No matter how well intended it may be, the consequences of enacting legislation must be fully evaluated and understood before passing a well meaning but flawed initiative.

27 What do you believe most distinguishes you from your opponent(s) in this race (75 words or less)?

My experience. As a small business owner, serving on City Council for 5 plus years, my involvement in the Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development and Governmental Affairs Committees and my seven years as a State Representative have afforded me the knowledge and understanding of the process and issues. To my knowledge, my opponent has no prior experience in most of these areas other than his being a business owner. State issues are complex as well as the process of enacting laws. My voting record speaks for itself and is non-refutable evidence of my actions and beliefs.