

Johnson County Public Policy Council
2018 Kansas Commissioner of Insurance Candidate Questionnaire

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Occupation/Work History (last 5 years – 25 words or less):

I have worked more than 40 years as a pharmacist and also serve my friends and neighbors in the Kansas Senate.

If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held:

N/A

Other recent political/community experience? (25 words or less)

Kansas Senator- District 20 Chair, Public Health and Welfare Committee Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee Ways and Means Committee

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

Serving as an advocate for consumers, agents and companies. Ensuring a competitive market. Responsible, sustainable and transparent budgeting.

What do you believe is the biggest challenge currently facing the Commissioner of Insurance's Office? (75 words or less)

Making sure consumers, agents and companies have an advocate in the department. Often times, it can be difficult for individuals to navigate the complexities of insurance policies, claims and options. Ensuring the market is competitive and not impeded by rules and regulations. Also serving as a resource for Kansas insurance agents.

Why are you seeking this public office? (50 words or less)

I became a pharmacist because I wanted to help people and I'm running for Insurance Commissioner for the same reason. I believe Kansans deserve an advocate when it comes to insurance.

What project have you been most proud to work on? (50 words or less)

From start to finish, I worked to implement the Kansas' Prescription monitoring program (K-TRACs). Taking a problem, using my expertise to find a solution and making Kansas better has been very rewarding.

What do you think most distinguishes you from your opponent(s)? (50 words or less)

I consistently supported insurance coverage children with Autism. I have fought to expand medicaid for Kansas hospitals and I have a strong record of standing up to special interests, asking the tough questions and getting things done.