

Johnson County Public Policy Council  
2018 Kansas Governor Candidate Questionnaire

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Sales

**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)

Campaign manager of multiple candidates, drafting legislation, Libertarian Party of Kansas Executive Committee Member for 8 years

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

Responsibly cut government spending, cut the taxes that hurt Kansans the most [food tax, gas tax, property tax], legalize cannabis to fund schools

**What are your views on state tax policy, being as specific as you can?** (100 words or less)

Our state tax policy is a hinderance on personal freedom and liberty. It attacks the poor, middle class, ranchers, and farmers the most. It is time to abolish the food tax, cut the Kansas gas tax, cut property tax, and eliminate the corruption found within our state government.

**With record low unemployment rates, what would you do to grow and develop the state's workforce?** (75 words or less)

As I respond to this message, Kansas' unemployment rate is at 3.4%. That's unbelievable! I don't understand how the politicians in Topeka get away with stating they are going to fund the school funding increase with an improving economy. It's time to fully legalize cannabis and hemp along with sports gambling to strengthen our farmers, ranchers, and those who are interested in modernizing Kansas' workforce.

**What are your views on funding K-12 education?** (75 words or less)

To fund K-12, it's time to fully legalize cannabis and hemp along with sports gambling. We need legislative earmarks to prevent the revenue from being dispersed into the general fund, unlike what happened with the casino revenue.

**What would your priorities be in any new statewide transportation plan?** (50 words or less)

It's time to replenish KDOT funding and stop robbing that source of revenue. Also, Kansas needs to separate the Kansas Turnpike Authority from KDOT like it was in the past when Kansas' transportation needs were better satisfied.

**Do you support maintaining the current dedicated sales tax transfer to the State Highway Fund for the purpose of funding transportation infrastructure, or should transportation be subject to the appropriations process where legislators determine funding levels entirely? (50 words or less)**

I support all taxes being dedicated to specific reasons. If there's something that needs to be funded, it will be funded. Turning the revenue over to the general fund will result in the funds being disproportionately allocated.

**What types of economic development policies will you support to encourage job growth and business expansion in Kansas? (50 words or less)**

Kansas needs to lower property taxes, cut red tape, and look at responsibly cutting overbearing regulations. The ranchers and farmers are really struggling right now, and it's time to get them much needed relief. Also, Kansas needs to improve rural access to broadband Internet.

**What are your views on the state's role regarding immigration and do you support employment-based immigration reforms to assist with workforce shortages in specified industries? (50 words or less)**

I do support employment-based immigration reforms to assist with workforce shortages. Our immigration policy needs to be revamped. It's unacceptable for a Mexican to wait 25 years to become an American citizen, and that's if they are even accepted. Security Check, Background check, Disease Check, Done. That should do.

**What are your views on the state's role with respect to access and affordability of public higher education? (50 words or less)**

Kansas needs to focus on getting more individuals work force ready. There are lines of people with degrees attempting to get jobs while there are trade jobs waiting to be filled. Politicians need to step away from central planning individuals' lives.

**What are your views on healthcare policy and Medicaid expansion? (50 words or less)**

Kansas is broke. The United States is broke. The U.S. is over \$21 trillion in debt. I do not support cutting Medicaid, I do not support expanding it. We need to find ways to bring the free market and economic booming industries to the table without corruption.

**What do you believe is the most pressing issue or challenge facing Kansas today and how would you address it? (50 words or less)**

Overtaxation, overregulation, and debt are the most pressing issues that go hand in hand. The answer is cut taxes, cut spending, eliminate the corruption, eliminate the closed door deals and secret hand shakes and bring transparency and accountability to Topeka.

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

The Libertarian Party of Kansas worked hard in brining the Kansas Education Liberty Act to the table, then the Republicans highjacked it, watered it down, and made it into something it was not intended. That's a piece of legislation I am proud to have worked on on the ground level.

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

I am the only candidate on the Nov 6th General Election Ballot talking about responsibly cutting government spending, cutting the taxes that hurt Kansans the most, legalizing cannabis, and defending the Second Amendment.