

Johnson County Public Policy Council
2018 Kansas Secretary of State Candidate Questionnaire

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Real Estate Agent & Small Business Owner Senior Systems Analyst (further back than 5 years)

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)

Former State Chair of the Libertarian Party of Kansas. 7 years total. I have run for office multiple times (Including for Secretary of State 2006).

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

Government transparency, ability to independently audit election results. Secure and open elections, hand-marked paper ballots are the "safest" method. Updating all systems in the business filing responsibilities of the SoS.

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

Bringing back voter confidence in the office. Bringing stability to the office. The current SoS's legal battles/losses have eroded confidence. With the legal rulings and the new lawsuits Kansans wonder if the current SoS leadership is competent. We must improve all the areas of elections; Make registering to vote simple/easy, Make turning out to vote important again, Make becoming a candidate easier to understand whether in a major party, minor party or as an independent.

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

I am someone who has been working on election fairness for years. I have been involved in election study groups. My background in IT, my business experience, and my political experiences will give me a wonderful perspective in which to run the SoS office in a manner benefiting ALL Kansans.

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

Three areas: Being part of the Study Group on the Future of Elections in Kansas (in 2009, Ron Thornburgh initiated) Being the catalyst to changing/updating the special election laws in Kansas (2016) Being a person to help all third parties grow as we need more electoral competition (2004 to present).

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

My work as a outsider (non R or D) in elections has been consistent with a focus of equality for all. I will be a fair arbiter of any election disputes as I am not a part of, nor do I answer to, either major party in Kansas.