

Johnson County Public Policy Council  
2018 Kansas State Representative Candidate Questionnaire

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

Resteraunt GM at 2 companies handling operations and financials and handling constant pressure to perform above and beyond!

**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:**

Olathe Youth Symphony Association Board Member, Chair of the Olathe Republican Central Committee

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

Volunteered at multiple elementary and middle schools in the area to help out teachers and students.

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

Taxes, Spending, Education

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

We need to remember we work for the people and need to lead with that understanding when it comes to taxes/spending and be more fiscally conservative with our budget. Taxes are increasing and we are going to drive out business and decrease growth if we are not careful. We must govern with our children's future in mind as well as potential business owners and entrepreneurs. As someone raising young children in the state I will take that passion to every vote and bill in Topeka.

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

Be inviting to businesses and families who are looking to be in a place that has a friendly tax policy more competitive than other parts of the country and a place safe to raise a family or retire to.

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

Being over 60% of our budget we must spend this money wisely and put more in to the classroom not to the administrators pockets. Assess the budget line by line before making changes. Our children are our future.

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

Meet with experts in the field and grow my own personal knowledge and make sure we are putting plans in place that make sense for everyone.

**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)**

Being a legislator does not make one an expert in all fields. I would support maintaining the highway fund while making sure the % of the state budget stays at a consistent level based off growth.

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

Tax incentives to small business owners looking to start a business here. Assessment of current sales tax, property tax allocations, and look at the amount of regulation in place to make sure capitalism can run it's course without too much government involvement.

**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)**

We are a country of laws and we must take care of our own first. I am all for a path to citizenship for those who want to come here legally and better themselves.

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

Offer scholarships and encourage more businesses to provide scholarships to employees. I would encourage more competition and options for parents thus creating competitive and less expensive tuition and let the government's role be minimal.

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

Create a competitive market that allows folks to choose the best plan at the best cost without the government run part of it. Medicaid at this point does not need expanded.

**What role should state government have in determining workplace employment practices and benefits offered to employees? (50 words or less)**

Minimal. Let capitalism run it's course.

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

Taxes continue to rise and we will soon lose business and revenue. Audit the budget and create a different plan other than more tax increases like small business incentives.

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

Olathe Youth Symphony Association. Music is so important to so many children and working to make an impact on the future of these children has truly been a blessing

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

I share more values of the folks of the 26th district and will work hard to govern with those values in mind and the future of our state. The feedback we have seen from surveys sent and received show like me a solid majority of folks in the 26th district are pro-life, support the second amendment, and want a government that is fiscally responsible.