

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):

Retired Captain, Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

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:

I am not affiliated with any Chamber of Commerce.

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

Currently serve as State Representative for District 121. Previously served on the Johnson County Charter Commission.

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

I have asked what issues are important to voters and the district. The top three issues in order of importance are taxes, education, and roads. These should be my issues.

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

Lowering sales tax on food is a top priority. It effects the people that can afford it the least. Kansas has the highest rural commercial property rate in the nation. This limits growth. Change income tax brackets so that the middle class is not at the highest rate. Opt out of rolling conformity of federal income tax. This would lower standard deductions and allow more taxpayers to itemize.

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

Over ten states have set record low unemployment records and we are in competition every one of them. To grow the state's workforce, we should offer incentives to companies to expand their operations, and lower the rural commercial property tax rate.

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

Funding levels for K-12 will be determined by the Kansas Supreme Court. The legislator has been given another year to come up with additional funding. To end this cycle of litigation we will have no choice but to, come up with additional funding or a constitutional amendment.

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

House Sub. for SB 391 establishes the Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force. The task force will report on the condition of our roads and bridges, and give us a better understanding of our future priorities.

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)

Having received many emails from constituents expressing their concern on the condition of our roads, I support leaving the current dedicated sales tax transfer to the State Highway Fund in its current form. Changing the current system would allow legislators to defund or delay projects.

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

We are competition with 49 other states. Incentives to encourage job growth and bring new businesses to Kansas that I would support would include some sort of tax abatements, infrastructure assistance, or tax credits.

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)

Until the United States Congress passes a comprehensive immigration plan we are limited on what can be done on the State level. I would support employment-based immigration reforms to assist with workforce shortages in specified industries

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

Next year's budget will include additional funding for public higher education and yet tuition rates continue to raise. It may take a combination of scaling back or eliminating educational programs along with increased funding to keep higher education affordable.

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

Every state that has expanded Medicaid has underestimated the cost and number of people that would apply. With a tight budget and the Supreme Court ruling on education makes it impossible to us to fund Medicaid expansion.

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

The role of state government is to ensure employees have protections in statute that limit bias, harassment, and promote workplace safety. Pay and benefits should be determined by employers and industrial standards.

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

Bringing jobs and opportunities to rural areas is the most pressing issue facing Kansas. A fully staffed Dept. of Commerce would help greatly along with incentives for out of state companies to relocate to rural areas of the state.

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

The project I am most proud of, is developing the Johnson County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Unit (CSI). The CSI unit now serves every law enforcement agency in our county and surrounding counties.

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

Having served as a Johnson County Deputy Sheriff for nearly 30 years, patrolling our streets and investigating crime has allowed me to meet many of the county residents and have frank discussions with them. I have learned their expectations and frustrations on nearly subject. I have a common-sense approach to problems which I believe achieves better results and not set goals that cannot be achieved.