

Johnson County Public Policy Council
2018 Kansas State Representative Candidate Questionnaire

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EC paraeducator Children's Ministry Assistant Formerly developmental Biologist

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:

none

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

republican precinct committeewoman

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

Maintain strong local schools by supporting teachers and classrooms; fiscal accountability and reduce tax burden on families, attention on mental health primarily with children.

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

we need to have an independent State Auditor to conduct audits to ensure our tax dollars are being spent wisely. We need to manage our expenses and have accountability.

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

Let's focus on our resources in Kansas like wind energy that can provide income and technology jobs to western Kansas. I'd also like to encourage more emphasis for trade careers in the local community colleges.

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

We have wonderful schools here in Olathe and I want to see our tax dollars make it to the classrooms and to our amazing teachers.

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

It is important to maintain a high quality in our roads and bridges. Would like to address areas of congestion and find unique solutions to address them.

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)

That's an interesting question that I would like to further study. We want to maintain excellent infrastructure while maintaining financial accountability.

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

Again, looking to our natural resources of wind energy and also looking to boost technology and other trades that can be provided by local community colleges. As well as maintaining a large and family business friendly state by reasonable taxes.

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)

The fabric of the US is made up of many different cultures and ideas that together provide a wealth of knowledge and prosperity. I want employment-based immigration in industries where it's needed as well as where it is beneficial to us as Kansans.

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

The state certainly has a role to play when it comes to ensuring our public universities are affordable for most Kansas students. I am open to ideas on how to do that, and that must include accountability for costs at our institutions of higher learning.

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

I am in favor of consumer-driven free market health care policy and against any efforts to grow Obamacare in Kansas, including 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 the state is to ensure safe practices but businesses should be able to run their business as they seem appropriate, including benefits.

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

Fiscal accountability by persuing the recommendations in the efficiency study and zero based budgeting. And to find lasting solutions for the welfare of our children throughout mental health, foster and adoption care.

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

I have enjoyed working with children at my church, planning meaningful events for them and their friends, and have loved and cherished this ministry.

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

I believe I will be ready to hit the ground running and I'm in touch with the needs and realities of my community.