

Kansas Senate/House of Representatives 2020

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

Adam Thomas

2. Political Party Affiliation

Republican

3. District Number of Office Being Sought

26

4. Address

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2. Candidate Background

8. Occupation/Work History (last 5 years - 25 words or less)

Restaurant Owner

Restaurant General Manager

Former Mortgage Specialist and Banker

9. 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 Chamber of Commerce member

10. Other recent political/community experience? (25 words or less)

Chair of Olathe Republican Party and treasurer for 3 years

2 races for Olathe City Council

3. Issues and Policy

11. As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues? (30 words or less)

Economic growth post Covid

Property taxes

Education

12. How would you propose to balance the state budget? What specific budget cuts would you support and what revenue enhancements would you consider, if any? (100 words or less)

Immediately lower the fees for hemp farmers

Pass sports betting and medical marijuana to help with revenue shortfalls, gets revenue estimates and then discuss potential cuts without starting at I/DD or mental health or education.

13. What are your views on state tax policy, being as specific as you can? (75 words or less)

Pass capital state aid bill HB 2526 for property tax relief, lower food sales tax gradually as proposed in 2020, work on ratio of sales tax revenue as far as how much to state and how much to local municipalities.

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

Pass HB 2526 to provide current and future relief and property tax relief, adequately fund through making sure classrooms get money instead of big raises to admin as we have seen repeatedly.

15. What are your priorities in the new statewide Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program? (75 words or less)

Keep our roads in the top 5 no specifics right now

16. What types of economic development policies will you support to encourage job growth and business expansion in Kansas? (75 words or less)

Stop passing out TIFs like hot cakes, lower tax burdens to bring in job creators to stimulate growth.

17. What would you do to grow and develop the state's workforce? (75 words or less)

Hazard pay post COVID for first responders would be a start

18. What are your views on the state's role with respect to ensuring access and affordability of post-secondary education? (75 words or less)

The less government the better. May need more specifics on this would love to have a discussion.

19. What are your views on healthcare policy and Medicaid expansion? (75 words or less)

I oppose Medicaid expansion in its current form for many reasons.

We cannot afford it and there are a lot of misleading statements being made by those who support it.

20. What role should state government have in determining workplace employment practices and benefits offered to employees? What workplace changes, if any, would you support? (75 words or less)

I would say again the less government intervention the better

21. How control over decision-making is divided among the state legislature and local governments (including local school boards) on issues such as taxation, economic development, and education has been a matter of debate. What are your views on this issue? (75 words or less)

The current system works with an exception of the process for selecting Supreme Court justices. That needs to change.

22. What do you believe most distinguishes you from your opponent(s) in this race? (50 words or less)

We need to elect statesmen not activists to the legislature. I have a proven history of working with everyone not always just towing the party line because it's more about doing what's right for the people of Kansas rather than pushing an agenda.

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