

U.S. Third Congressional District 2020

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

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2. Political Party Affiliation

Republican

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2. Candidate Background

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

1. Region Seven Advocate for SBA
2. Office of Advocacy for Hispanic and Latino Affairs under Governor Brownback
3. Mayor of Roeland Park, KS (4 yrs)

8. 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.

1. Fainess in Construction (Current Board Member)
2. Republican District Precinct Leader (Current Committe Woman)
3. Eisenhower Women's Leadership Program (Member)
4. NRA and Kansas Rifle Association (Current Member)
5. Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce (former board member)
6. Wichita Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (former Chairwoman)
7. MidAmerica Regional Counsel (former board member)
8. Women in Municipal Government (Former President)

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

Mayor of Roeland Park (2009-2013)
City Counsilwoman (2009-2015)

3. Issues and Policy

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

1. Get the economy going again.
2. Lower the cost of Health Care
3. Work with President Trump to gain better trade deals.

11. What are your views on the national economy? (75 words or less)

Americans want what we had in 2018-19. We had a booming economy: restaurants, theaters, and swimming pools were open. We need to keep the economy open and get people back to their jobs again. It's time for a bi-partisan Federal public infrastructure initiative focused on public assets directly tied to improving efficiency, not luxuries or non-essentials. We must remain focused on China as our #1 competitor for next 100 years.

12. What are your views on federal tax policy? (75 words or less)

The existing Federal Corporate Income Tax code is unfair and favors the insiders and well connected. It has three times the pages of the tax code of France. It has perverse incentives. We need a tax code that is simplified, treats us all equally, gives no one special advantages, and ends crony capitalism. I am influenced by the Conservative economist Milton Friedman who famously said: "if you want more of something, tax it less."

13. What would you propose, if anything, to provide further relief to Kansas businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to encourage recovery and economic growth? (100 words or less)

Federal and State Governments have too many rules and regulations which micromanage every sector of our economy, without adding value to the system. Healthcare, engineering, manufacturing, exporting, restaurants, bars, gyms, and more...all should be freed from micromangement by government agencies. I favor keeping the KS economy open as much as possible, avoiding Government mandates, allowing individual businesses to make their own decisions of how and when to close and, in general, manage their internal affairs. Government shutdown caused our economic problems therefore reopening is the only solution.

14. What are your views on long-term funding solutions for transportation infrastructure? (75 words or less)

During WW2, the greatest generation was able to build thousands of miles of highways and factories to support the war effort quickly and efficiently at low costs. In recent decades, infrastructure has been plagued by ever rising government regulations which slow down the process and drive up the price. Every person notices this when you drive down I-35 and the orange barrels never seem to go away. Simplify the design, permitting, and building process.

15. What are your views on the federal government's role in the health care system? (75 words or less)

America has a healthcare cost problem. We spend a larger percentage of GDP than any other industrialized nation. We must lower the cost of healthcare across the board for all of us. Make insurance companies compete across state lines; eliminate frivolous lawsuits against healthcare providers; transparency in pricing; and fewer regulations that micromanage hospitals, doctors, and other providers. This is a good start to lowering the cost of healthcare.

16. What are your views on international trade and tariffs? (75 words or less)

America has been accumulating the largest trade deficit in history. It is harmful to our country. Trade deals are like mobile phones: they need to be modernized and updated every so often. For example, NAFTA was signed in 1993. It was only just updated last year. President Trump has negotiated and improved trade deals with Japan, Mexico, and Canada. He has signed phase one of a new deal with China. I support President Trump's efforts.

17. What role should the federal government have in determining workplace employment practices and benefits offered to employees? What workplace changes, if any, would you support? (100 words or less)

This is best left to the private sector and private employers to decide. A truly competitive economy with competitive employers and workplaces is the best way to set standards for employment practices and benefits.

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

We all know the cost of a college education has exceeded the rate of inflation and increased family incomes over the past

years. Making college "free of tuition" is not the solution. Lowering the cost of operating a university, such that parents and students can afford the cost, is the better solution.

19. What are your views on national environmental policy? (75 words or less)

The Federal Government is the largest spending organization in the world and has the largest footprint. They borrow and squander billions. Therefore, everything we can do to reduce their spending and their footprint is helpful to our environment. We should stop borrowing so much money and stop subsidizing products that get thrown away or otherwise wasted. They subsidize food production and 40% of goes to waste. Why?

20. What are your views on national immigration policy? Do you support employment-based immigration reforms to assist with workforce shortages? (75 words or less)

My grandparents immigrated legally from Mexico in 1910. I support a path to green card status for people who work, pay taxes, don't break laws, and are productive members of the community. I also support a green card status for DACA kids.

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

I was elected Mayor of Roeland Park 2009-2013 during the last recession. I started my own small business as a paralegal. I later switched to overseeing healthcare billing. President Trump appointed me as Region 7 Advocate for the Small Business Administration for KS, MO, IA, and NE in 2018.
