

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)

Cerner Corporation, VP Strategic Growth (2019 – 2020); VP Population Health (2008–2019)

Systems of Care Initiative, Co-Founder (2019–current)

Eisenhower Series, Co-Founder (2005-current)

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.

Kansas Chamber of Commerce, Executive Committee (2005-2019)

KS & W. MO Salvation Army, Board Member

The Entrepreneur Coalition, Founder and Board Member

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

Kansas Republican Party, Chairwoman (2009-2013)

Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund, Chair (2011 – 2018)

3. Issues and Policy

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

1. Growth Opportunity/Economic Lift for the Region

2. Accountability to Results/Fiscal Responsibility

3. Building Successful Paths for Kansans/Opportunities for Success

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

Decisions made today have a lasting impact on future generations. We must return to the Republican, conservative roots of fiscal responsibility and lower taxes. Congress has a responsibility to ensure policies and programs enacted today reward work, not incentivize unemployment. I believe we must create incentives for people to work, save, invest and engage in entrepreneurial endeavors. I firmly believe money is best spent by those who earn it, not the government.

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

I do not support raising taxes as a means to stimulating the economy. Rather, we must ensure employees and businesses keep more of the money they earn. Congress should ensure low taxes for Americans by making permanent the 2017 tax cuts before they expire. Given the current economic crisis, Congress should enact a payroll tax holiday. Suspending FICA tax will mean a raise to workers and a cost savings to employers, providing an economic boost.

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)

In addition to tax measures, government should: 1.) Incentivize businesses to make capital investments; and 2.) Reduce liability associated with reopening the economy.

When elected I will support:

- Programs that create tax incentives for businesses to hire talent;
- Research and development credits that encourage innovation;
- Tax incentives for equipment and physical asset investments, including "buy American" incentives; and
- Preferential tax treatment for companies who invest in workforce training and retraining that teaches employees new skills, allowing them to keep up with post-pandemic challenges and emerging and rapidly developing technologies.

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

America's infrastructure is one of the nation's greatest assets. Our security depends on critical infrastructure that is reliable, efficient and meets the current and future needs of the country.

I am committed to:

1. Passing legislation that provides long-term sustainability of the nation's infrastructure;
2. Empowering State and Local governments to address their infrastructure needs; and
3. Ensuring an open, fair and competitive market for business investment in infrastructure.

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

U.S. healthcare costs too much and is not making us healthier. I support:

1. Smarter solutions, encouraging providers to coordinate care over a lifetime, resulting in better health and lower costs.
2. Transparency on the cost of care and local decision-making on healthcare spending
3. Decisions centered on the individual – not dictated by government – with funding directly managed by the individual, based on their needs, and/or at the state or community level.

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

I am committed to policies that increase Kansas' competitiveness globally. I welcome deals like USMCA that open markets for Kansas' agricultural and technological products. Given my private-sector experience, I understand firsthand the importance of trade policies in ensuring long-term success and viability for the US. Given the competitive global marketplace, it is critical we create demands for US commodities through responsible trade policies that put the US on a level playing field with our competitors.

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)

Government's role should be that of creating opportunities for businesses to flourish, offering employment opportunities for more Americans. I oppose government-mandated project labor agreements and "prevailing" wage requirements as these drive up costs, reduce competition and fail to reflect market-based rates and realities.

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)

Every American should have access to a quality education. The ultimate goal of that education should be job readiness and workforce success. We must prepare future generations for the work America needs, while incentivizing innovation to promote lower cost education. Spending decisions should be made at state and local levels with the family at the center. I support Education Savings Accounts that allow families to save for lifelong education – from preschool through job training.

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

I am committed to fighting radical policies like the Green New Deal which outline an extreme agenda of regulation, taxation and ultimately economic stagnation. Rather, I support market-based legislation that incentivizes clean energy investments and technologies. Environmental policies should focus on innovation, conservation, adaptation, and preparation. Solutions need to be market-based and capitalize on American innovation in renewable energy development. When elected, I will support policies that encourage research and development from private sector investment.

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)

I am opposed to illegal immigration and committed to protecting America's border. Congress has a duty to create an immigration system that protects the lives and jobs of US citizens. I support building a border wall, increasing investments in technology for border surveillance, and defunding sanctuary cities. Alongside border security, Congress must also establish a long-term workforce plan that considers the skills and experience our country needs now and in the future.

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

I am a businesswoman, mother and social entrepreneur. Sharice Davids is none of these things. I know firsthand how to create jobs, have made decisions for my children and supported others so they can thrive in our community. I support removing government barriers to progress, while Davids promotes government intervention.