

Kansas Senate/House of Representatives 2020

Response ID:53 Data

1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

Brett Parker

2. Political Party Affiliation

Democratic

3. District Number of Office Being Sought

29

4. Address

Street Address/Apt/Suite : 9807 W. 104th St

City/State/Zip : 66212

5. Phone Number

816-265-1987

6. Email Address

parkeforkansas@gmail.com

7. Campaign Website

www.BrettParkerforKansas.com

2. Candidate Background

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

USD #233 Teacher 2013-2020

Kansas Representative 2017-Present

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.

n/a

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

Olathe NEA Vice President 2014-2015

3. Issues and Policy

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

Expanding Medicaid

Balancing the budget

Protecting education funding

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)

There are no easy ways to tackle a \$1.2 decline in revenue but I support the tough choices Governor Kelly has made to keep the budget balanced.

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

I support the 3 legged stool approach that tries to balance revenue from sales, income, and property taxes. I support Governor Kelly's proposed food sales tax and property tax relief.

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

K-12 schools are a critical component to our economy and quality of life. It is critical that we protect constitutional funding.

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

I fought for provision in the Eisenhower plan that would allow for the expansion of US-69 in an expedited manner.

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

While incentives have a role to play, the legislature needs to balance the budget and provide stability and certainty for our business community. We also need to take advantage of federal dollars available to Kansas through Medicaid expansion.

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

We need to view post secondary education as an investment in workforce. We also need to continue to promote public private partnerships to provide work skills training for students in high school.

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)

State contributions to post-secondary education have been in a steady decline around the nation for decades. We must reverse the trend if we want a capable workforce no burdened by massive debt.

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

I am strongly in favor of Medicaid expansion.

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)

In the midst of Covid-19, the state needs to consider the economic value of sick leave policies that will prevent workers from coming to work sick. The state should also codify the US Supreme Court ruling on job protections for the LGBT community.

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)

In general, I default to local control. In addition the the budget and economic damage, a lasting legacy of the Brownback administration has been a consistent attack on local control. We need to reverse this trend.

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

While we are in difficult times for public health and economic growth, I have a history of working across the aisle to fix our budget, protect schools, and expand access to health care. I have shown a commitment to constituent service and transparency as an officeholder.

4. Thank You!

Your response has been successfully submitted.

Candidate responses will be posted at www.VoteJoCo.com once advance voting begins.