

Kansas Senate/House of Representatives 2020

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

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2. Political Party Affiliation

Republican

3. District Number of Office Being Sought

18

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2. Candidate Background

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

Co-Founder, Clinical Director New Birth Company a free standing birth center in Overland Park and Kansas City Kansas.

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.

Overland Park Chamber

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

Served on City Council, Tyro Kansas. Current member CNM council with Board of Healing Arts.

Presented multiple testimonies and advocacy to state legislators since 1998.

3. Issues and Policy

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

1. Enhance Economy
2. Increase jobs
3. Removal of restrictive practice agreements and equalizing reimbursement for Advance practice registered nurses.

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)

Balancing the state budget focus changed with COVID19. IT is now time to reduce spending, focus on getting business back open and supporting their efforts in the process. Now is the time for lawmakers to seriously repair the spending within the state by merging workforces, increase efficiency, improve technology while reducing overhead, all noted in the Alverez Marcel 2016 report.

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

WE MUST OPEN THE ECONOMY and GET JOBS BACK!

1. Reduce tax on food
2. Encourage investment and growth in the state.
3. Give grace to businesses who suffered losses during COVID19.
4. Public vote for any tax increase.

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

COVID19 has changed the educational landscape without respect of our teachers, schools, students and parents. Kansas believes in the education of their children. I support parents/student's choice in maximizing their educational experience regardless of their social-economic status. I support outcomes-based funding to support educational programs and constitutional amendment to elect team of legislators, to have authority over school funding, in efforts to eliminate ongoing litigation which is a waste of tax dollars.

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

As a health care provider and nurse, our focus is on wellness and prevention. I am in favor of adding providing bike/pedestrian lanes throughout the state. Being a state of healthy family behavior. In addition, I'm in favor of the construction, improvement, reconstruction, and maintenance of the state highway system to meet Kansas economic needs and encourage business to come and flourish here. HOWEVER, how will it be paid for, budget first!

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

1. Aide business in reopening as soon as they deem possible and safe.
2. Local control for businesses to operate.
3. Reduce governmental restrictions on businesses. For example, licensure for public safety is subjective to reviewers not necessarily in the best interests of our public, business operations and state. Hair salons don't know if they can cut hair with a mask on or off, and then blow dry the hair. Too many restrictions.

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

1. Get business back open, whether remotely or on location.
2. Expand labor forces, support apprenticeship programs and limit liabilities.
3. Promote innovation and entrepreneurship with creative capital investment ideals.

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)

How can the state have a financial role in post secondary education ? The budget is out of control. Deficit will be 1.6 billion one year from now in debt.

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

I am NOT in favor of Medicaid expansion and government involvement in health care delivery. I also oppose mandated employer-based health care coverages or payments thereof.
Increase the role of Nurse practitioners in Medicaid delivery by removing restrictions such as lower reimbursement and physician signatures. Focus on recommendations made by Alverez- Marcel state plan efficiency report for health care.

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)

- Less government involvement in workplace practices.
- Make sure policies help workers who lose their jobs by no fault of their own during tough economic times and incentivize them to become reemployed.
- Local control

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)

This question is too detailed for a brief answer. Kansas has critical access areas, rural communities in the frontier, cities and metropolitan areas. In Short, I believe in local governments being making decisions for their communities

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

I listen.

4. Thank You!

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