

Kansas Senate/House of Representatives 2020

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

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2. Political Party Affiliation

Democrat

3. District Number of Office Being Sought

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2. Candidate Background

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

House Painter

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.

NE JoCo Chamber Ex-Officio

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

State House Rep for six years.

3. Issues and Policy

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

Child Welfare and Children's Services

Medicaid Expansion

Election Access

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)

* Reductions in sales tax on food

- * Instating a fourth income tax bracket on the highest earners to increase revenue
- * Implementing sales tax on items sold online

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

For years Kansas had multiple income tax brackets for the highest earners that allowed the state to meet infrastructure demands. The Brownback experiment has left the state vulnerable and we need to implement tax policies that will build our agencies and services back to secure funding levels.

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

K-12 funding has not yet reached constitutional funding under the Supreme Court decision, we still have two years until those goals are met. There is significant concern that with revenue down due to Covid-19 impacting the economy that we may not be able to meet these goals. We need to be aware of the potential threats.

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

The program allows for infrastructure updates to be done on a rolling basis, so that projects can be accomplished every two years even if funds fluctuate. It also provides for investment in broadband technology which is a priority for most Kansas school districts with the threat of additional shut downs.

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

Investing in infrastructure and keeping communities healthy, such as schools, roads, medicaid expansion, etc., create places that people want to live and build businesses. The Kansas Department of Commerce provides development grants for businesses that create permanent jobs. Support for these grants is key, as they allow businesses to get up and running.

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

We need to provide additional funds to our State's colleges and universities as well as our two year program community colleges, to ensure young Kansans can access the degrees and technical programs that will allow them to be successful here.

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)

See above.

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

We must expand Medicaid to provide health care coverage to our fellow Kansans and to protect rural hospitals and economies.

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)

We need to update state nondiscrimination protections to the LGBTQ community. We also need to provide additional resources to the Department of Labor to update it's technology and increase it's staffing, so it can best meet the needs of both employers and employees during these times of economic uncertainty.

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)

Local school boards have constitutional authority under our state constitution, and local municipalities know their own communities best. For example, when local stay at home orders were first issued, they were more restrictive then the state wide orders, as our rate of infection was higher. Local government needs to be able to meet the need of their local community.

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

I am unopposed.

4. Thank You!

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