

Kansas Senate/House of Representatives 2020

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

Jennifer Day

2. Political Party Affiliation

Democratic

3. District Number of Office Being Sought

48

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2. Candidate Background

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

Real estate investor: 2012 - 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.

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

- Johnson County Democratic Precinct Committeewoman
- Johnson County Election Office volunteer
- Member: League of Women Voters; JoCo Democratic Women - South

3. Issues and Policy

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

- Medicaid expansion
- Public school funding
- Appropriate taxation and balanced budget

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)

Ensure that expenditures don't exceed revenues, and work to reduce debt.

Cuts: Government spending

Revenue enhancements: Human Services, and Public Safety

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

The Brownback experiment led to a budget so far out of balance, it has put our state in a disadvantaged position to recover from the deficits in an efficient manner, but I trust in Gov Kelly's plan for recovery. I am in favor of fair taxation based on income level, and a reduction of food sales tax as soon as possible.

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

We must ensure that our public schools are prioritized in future budget management. I see high-quality public education as being imperative in the development of social skills, innovative ideas, and socioeconomic strength for the children of Kansas. We need to spend more per student than we have been doing in past years, and adhere to the decision set forth by the Kansas Supreme Court in 2019.

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

The Preservation Plus projects, with a particular focus on the broadband infrastructure construction. Expansion of US 69 Hwy is a priority, as well.

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

I would focus on policies that promote the development of workforce programs, and investment in community goods like transportation, telecommunications, and K-12 and higher education.

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

Many jobs require some higher level of education beyond high school, whether that comes in the form of apprenticeship programs, or a 2 or 4 year degree, or beyond, and state support of those programs is imperative. Evaluating current workforce systems that promote on the job education and training to ensure they are promoting growth and skilled labor is also key to future development of the state's workforce.

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)

As previously mentioned, most jobs currently require education beyond high school at this point. If we're saddling students with debt in order to obtain the education required to bring them a higher level of success in life, the purpose is somewhat defeated. Kansas should be supporting a higher educated workforce and general populace as best it can through a productive tax code and appropriate spending on state junior colleges and universities.

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

Kansas should have implemented Medicaid expansion in 2017, and would have if it weren't for the veto by then-Governor Brownback. We have lost billions of dollars by failing to expand the program, and have put almost 150,000 Kansans and many rural hospitals in peril due to our inability to pass appropriate legislation. I'm in favor of affordable and accessible healthcare for all, regardless of their age, any pre-existing conditions, or their income.

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)

I think the most important role state government can offer is oversight, ensuring that workplaces are safe, and encourage a healthy, positive environment for their workforce.

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)

During the Brownback years, there was a steady attack on local control. Most Democrats and moderate Republicans prefer to give local control, where possible, in most cases, and I agree with that method.

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

As a small business owner, I bring a fresh perspective on government involvement in constituent life. I believe in working together vs. viewing alternative viewpoints as an opposing "side" or "team".

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