

Kansas Senate/House of Representatives 2020

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

John Skubal

2. Political Party Affiliation

Republican

3. District Number of Office Being Sought

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4. Address

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2. Candidate Background

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

Kaw Valley Engineering - Business Development Officer (20 years)

Kansas Senate (2016-2020)

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, Lenexa, Olathe, Leawood, KCK and Greater KC Chambers of Commerce

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

Served on Overland Park City Council 3 terms.

Left to devote full time to Kansas Senate seat.

3. Issues and Policy

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

School funding

Transportation

Medicaid Expansion

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)

When we left Topeka in March (because of COVID-19), the budget was balanced. I sit on the Ways & Means Committee and will bring a rich history to that committee if re-elected. Because we don't know yet what the budget shortfall will be, it is impossible to know what cuts or enhancements should be considered.

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

We need a three legged stool tax policy (sales, income and property) to grow the businesses in our state.

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

I currently chair the K-12 budget for Ways & Means and I, with the help of others, presented a budget that met constitutional requirements and dismissed a 20 year lawsuit. I will continue to support and fund education.

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

I ran the bill to create the Transportation Committee and participated on this committee. We established the transportation plan that will serve all of Kansas. I hope to be a driver to see it completed. 69 Highway (the busiest highway in Kansas) will continue to be my first priority.

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

I will support the type of policies that bring good paying jobs to our state and will allow the Department of Commerce to be the economic leader for our state.

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

I would fully fund K-12 schools as well as higher education and trade schools.

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)

Access and affordability is paramount to a thriving economy. I will lead to ensure we have a trained and skilled workforce that will attract businesses to our state.

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

I support Medicaid expansion and was a co-sponsor of the bill to approve this expansion. Unfortunately, it never made it out of committee to the Senate floor.

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)

Government should ensure safe workplaces for our citizens. The private sector should determine benefits.

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 control is always best.

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

Expertise! I have 20 years experience in making public policy decisions. I helped lead Overland Park through the recession. My experience on the Senate Ways & Means Committee has allowed me to work with the entire budget. If re-elected, I will continue to be a steady hand in governing.

4. Thank You!

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