

# Kansas Senate/House of Representatives 2020

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## 1. Candidate Information

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### 1. Candidate Name

Julia Lynn

### 2. Political Party Affiliation

Republican

### 3. District Number of Office Being Sought

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## 2. Candidate Background

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

Associate Director InclusionWorks . Launched employment solution program for individuals with developmental/physical disabilities. Created business partners and secured service providers to link with employment opportunities.

### 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.

Olathe, Lenexa, Gardner and Desoto Chambers

Leadership Kansas Class of 2015 Graduate

Kansas State Senator 2006-present

Assistant Majority Leader 2008-2012

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

Chair Senate Commerce Committee, Chair Legislative Post Audit Committee

Standing Committees include Senate Judiciary, Tax, Utilities.

Governors Council on Travel and Tourism

KansasWorks Board 2016-present

## 3. Issues and Policy

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

The decline of private sector job growth and long term sustainability public sector programs  
Job loss and economic insecurity  
Accountability of taxpayer funded economic development programs and initiatives

**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)**

The State has not produced a true "balanced budget." in many years. Budgets are "balanced" by shifting dollars from agencies and programs and delaying payments to other programs such as KPERS. A Zero Based Budgeting approach would help prevent spending beyond our means. This would protect taxpayers, and local governments from runaway spending and take the politics out of the process. We would gain stability and trust in government from our constituents. stable. Politics rules the budget process - not business principals or best practice.

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

As a member of Senate Tax committee I have worked hard to reduce the tax burden on Kansas families and businesses. This past session we passed a fair and transparent policy to address the tax burden in Kansas. Unfortunately it was vetoed, returning Kansans back to a high tax environment. Today, in the the days of pandemic, it is even more vital to keep taxes down or at least steady for all Kansans.

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

This past session I voted to end the decades long litigation- by supporting 1.5B funding to our schools. I am hopeful this funding will be targeted to the classroom, teachers and learning and not used to build layers of administrative positions.

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

I voted to support the transportation program and my priority is to keep the funding in place and prevent sweeps. I will also advocate that broadband be part of the public/private infrastructure partnership for the rural communities as an economic development initiative as well as in under-served areas of Johnson County.

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

Economic Development begins with stable/predicable/simple tax policy that benefits both small and large business, is family friendly. It also includes ensuring communities have security and stability and access to needed services ie healthcare, food, affordable housing jobs and education. Our policies should be business-driven to increase individual, family, and institutional success. It should be transparent and easy to understand. High taxes and uncertainty create population loss.

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

I am currently working with the Board of Regents to modernize workforce programs and address creation of affordable and flexible pathways for student success. This includes partnerships with industry and business that start in Middle School/High school to improve career awareness and ensure basic skills are solid. Career readiness begins in early childhood and culminates directly to seamless graduation from high school to college or career.

**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)**

Affordability has two approaches. Holding the line on tuition and most important is ensuring students graduate in 4 years. This tightens growth in financial load/expenditures and creates a faster runway to work/career. Grow the number of transferable community college credits, grow on-line resources, improve and grow concurrent enrollment, and ensure students start higher education as high school juniors

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

In my 25 years in healthcare marketing I have experienced the history of the ever-changing reimbursement strategies and funding policies. Our focus must be on a free market system that provides higher quality of healthcare and choice rather than a single payer government run system that limits choice and quality. Government does have a role in regulation, and oversight to ensure quality and responsibility to fully fund our safety net clinics and other resources.

**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)**

The state regulatory burden on business is already invasive and creates opportunity costs of time and money. County and city governments add extra burdens. Employment practices and benefits should be at the discretion of the employer and not mandated by any state entity. Government interests should extend to environmental and safety issues. Over-Regulation is a business and job/business growth deterrent.

**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)**

The structure is put in place for checks and balances and is critical to our form of government. It is healthy to have boundaries and to allow each entity to fight their own battles. It is structured to promote citizen input placing the burden on the citizenry to be informed. It also places a burden on the entities to be responsive and accountable to their constituents.

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

As Chair of Senate Commerce Committee I am focused on helping families and businesses rebuild their lives during the pandemic by directing resources and providing solutions. Our District needs experienced strong steady leadership that is respected, responsive, effective and driven by people and by results.

**4. Thank You!**

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