

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

HD49

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2. Candidate Background

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

2017 - Current (Financial Advisor, Edward Jones)

2011-2017 (Quality Control Specialist, Magellan Midstream Partners)

Prior - college

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.

Chamber of Commerce (Olathe) - member

Chamber of Commerce (Overland Park) - member

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

Kansas City American Chemical Society - former secretary (Until 2019)

UMKC Women's Council - current member

3. Issues and Policy

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

FIGHTING EXTREMISM IN TOPEKA

SUPPORT SENIOR CITIZENS & THEIR FAMILIES

Seniors and their caregivers have unique challenges and expenses.

PROTECT PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

Strong public schools drive strong local economies.

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 budget must be balanced in two ways. First, we need to increase revenue. Second, we need to cut spending.

It would benefit Kansans to become less reliant on sales and property taxes. This may mean creating another income tax bracket at the top.

A budget cut that I would support is in tourism. Promoting tourism in the state of Kansas during a pandemic is counterproductive.

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

A optimal tax policy is a stable tax policy. This helps both business, municipalities and individuals plan.

A stable tax policy is 3 pronged. It consists of balanced support deriving from income, property and sales tax.

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

Fully funded public schools are the number one priority for Kansas.

Strong public schools drive strong local economies.

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

I support infrastructure projects in Kansas because these can provide an economic stimulus.

I specifically prioritize new infrastructure projects around US 69 Highway and K10 Highway.

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

Public/private partnerships to create synergy between schools and local businesses is imperative in stimulating job growth.

This includes developing and providing continuing support for programs such as vocational education and trade schools.

The 21st Century Program in the Olathe School District is a prime example of this type of initiative successfully coming to fruition.

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

The legislature should collaborate with the Governor and the Department of Commerce to find ways to attract new businesses and industries to Kansas.

The essential part the legislature plays in this collaboration is to ensure adequate funding is available.

I support rural development, rural hospital support, broadband development, and comprehensive infrastructure improvements.

One example of legislative support is to secure matching Federal funds to assist with these programs.

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)

Higher education is a key economic driver. The state of Kansas does not graduates to fill the jobs openings.

Olathe's school district provides a proactive approach for high school students to gain college credits in a non-traditional and more affordable way.

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

I am committed to expanding Medicaid.

Expanding access to affordable, quality health care is my priority. Medicaid expansion provides an economic stimulus and stability for Kansans during an international pandemic.

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 government's role should be to foster an active marketplace.

I support some regulations and benefits imposed by the government. I support paid maternity leave and paid sick leave. These suggestions could be encouraged by state tax credits, particularly for small businesses.

In light of the pandemic, paid sick leave is both responsible and ethical to keep Kansans safe. A policy such as this also creates stability for employees.

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)

Education is the responsibility of the state. Funding public education is constitutionally required by Kansas. Strong public schools drive strong local economies.

Economic development should primarily be driven by local factors. These are best known by the people living and working in the community. Local chambers are vital in this area. The state should value their input and advice.

Taxation should be a shared responsibility. Preserving local control should be our goal whenever possible.

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

I am a small business owner who is member of 2 local chambers of commerce; Olathe and Overland Park.

I listen for understanding rather than for rebuttal.

I have the courage to have hard conversations and I will make a point to reach across the aisle to forge relationships.

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