

# U.S. Third Congressional District 2020

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## 1. Candidate Information

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### 1. Candidate Name

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### 2. Political Party Affiliation

Republican

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## 2. Candidate Background

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

Retired Executive from Burns & McDonnell

Registered Professional Engineer in KS and 7 Other States

Fellow in American Society of Civil Engineers

Published Author

### 8. 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.

N/A

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

## 3. Issues and Policy

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

Infrastructure- invest \$2T in nation's infrastructure to revitalize economy and provide jobs

Innovation- spend 0.1% of \$2T on STEAM in local schools to prepare youth for competitive world

Balanced Budget

### 11. What are your views on the national economy? (75 words or less)

Printing money is hugely inflationary and destroying the future for our children and grandchildren. We can and will balance a federal budget under a second Trump administration. No more continuing resolutions to avoid federal government shutdowns around holiday seasons. We will cut expenditures and balance them against income without raising taxes. Cuts will include NEA, NPR, Ad Council, combining national labs, combining NIH, CDC and FDA, foreign aid to include payments to WHO and NATO.

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**12. What are your views on federal tax policy? (75 words or less)**

No more confiscatory income, medical or inheritance taxes. High federal taxes are limiting our ability to compete in the world marketplace by punishing US innovation and entrepreneurial drive sending it offshore to friendlier tax climates. I will not vote to raise taxes, period.

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**13. What would you propose, if anything, to provide further relief to Kansas businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to encourage recovery and economic growth? (100 words or less)**

Get back to work without restrictions or phases for the healthy population. At risk people may stay home, but everyone else needs to get back to normal. Normal defined as pre-COVID in January, 2020 with record low unemployment across all segments of society and record high stock market values. Normal defined as going to church, enjoying live sports and concerts, and having unlimited vacation travel options.

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**14. What are your views on long-term funding solutions for transportation infrastructure? (75 words or less)**

Long term funding must consider the emerging technologies coming to mobility. Autonomous vehicles that can safely travel at high speeds, bumper to bumper for long distances are already here. Electric vehicle technology is readily available and increasingly popular amongst consumers. Therefore, new methods of funding are needed. Some states are piloting "miles driven" alternatives especially when electric vehicles pay zero gas tax. I believe that public private partnerships will fund certain types of transportation infrastructure.

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**15. What are your views on the federal government's role in the health care system? (75 words or less)**

A strong and vibrant economy leads to employers that must compete for labor with wages and benefits. Amongst those benefits are medical, dental and eyecare programs that offer choices of doctors, insurance companies and hospitals. Choices improve quality and value. States provide the "social safety net" for those without a job that provides said benefits. Finally, local charities and homeless shelters serve the remaining people that might be missed.

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**16. What are your views on international trade and tariffs? (75 words or less)**

President Trump has lead the way in renegotiating several trade deals and effectively (although unilaterally) used tariffs as a means of negotiation. In all trade deals, I put American workers and investors first.

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**17. What role should the federal government have in determining workplace employment practices and benefits offered to employees? What workplace changes, if any, would you support? (100 words or less)**

Federal laws that govern workplace employment practices contribute the burdensome regulations that reduce our ability to compete in the world marketplace. No more regulation is required. In 2020, employers understand what is required of them and, when they fail, the courts remind them.

The free market determines the correct level of competitive benefits for workers.

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**18. What are your views on the federal government's role with respect to ensuring access and affordability of post-secondary education? (75 words or less)**

The cost of college tuition, room, board, and books has risen at a rate higher than inflation for many years. The federal government's solution to date has been to loan vast amounts of low interest money to students that graduate with massive debt. It is not the role of the federal government to loan money and the results to date have allowed the cost of college to skyrocket. Private scholarships and co-op programs can replace.

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**19. What are your views on national environmental policy? (75 words or less)**

We have the cleanest air and water in the developed world and will keep it that way using emerging technology and reasonable environmental policies that balance results with cost. Net zero energy and water building design, operations and maintenance hold great promise for us to learn how to effectively and efficiently use renewable and conventional resources responsibly. The lessons we learn can be applied at scale when the returns on investment allow and users accept.

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**20. What are your views on national immigration policy? Do you support employment-based immigration reforms to assist with workforce shortages? (75 words or less)**

We need to build a physical wall to protect low wage workers from periodic mass illegal immigration. At 3% unemployment, I support allowing H1B students/workers a legal path to assimilation and US citizenship so they can intellectually contribute in the competitive world economy. Likewise, I would support H2B, seasonal worker expansion. However, at the current 13-15% unemployment rate, I support President Trump, and agree to stop all H1B and H2B programs. Americans need the jobs.

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**21. What do you believe most distinguishes you from your opponent(s)? (50 words or less)**

I'm a successful businessman and professional engineer that created thousands of jobs across America and in Kansas. When I help our local employers win some of the \$2 Trillion spend on infrastructure, the ripple effect throughout the local economy will be incredible. I will donate my salary to local charities.

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