

Kansas Senate/House of Representatives 2020

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

Owen Donohoe

2. Political Party Affiliation

Republican

3. District Number of Office Being Sought

39

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7. Campaign Website

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2. Candidate Background

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

CEO Donohoe & Associates, Incorporated
Medical Device Company

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.

Member of NFIB

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

State Representative 2006-2012, 2018-2020

3. Issues and Policy

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

Disciplined budgeting
Equitable distribution of resources
Fiscal restraint

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)

I would reverse the spending increases that have been implemented in the last two to three years with adjustments for inflation where necessary. I would look at privatizing government functions where feasible.

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

We should always show restraint when it comes to taxes. A flat tax would be my preference, but not feasible at this time.

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

There is a great deal of inequity in education funding versus other program needs within the state. This needs to be balanced out within the budget. There needs to be more accountability in educational outcomes.

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

My number one priority in transportation is that transportation dollars are not swept. Prioritize spending by need and not location.

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 support a moratorium on taxes for new business for one year. We are well positioned to bring in medical manufacturers of drugs replacing overseas manufacturing. We need to develop a program to help bring these manufacturers to Kansas.

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

I would increase trade schools within the state. I would also incentivize businesses and industries to start apprenticeship programs where applicable. One example is the shortage of welders in the state and welding jobs unable to be filled.

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)

We should tie the increase of tuition to inflation. We also should require state schools to aggressively find pathways for students to graduate on time in 4 years. We also need to make sure our high school students are college ready and have access to

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

Insurance companies should be encouraged to develop policies that offer a broad spectrum of choices that offer affordability and lower premiums. The state should have a fund that assists in covering pre-existing conditions for those who can't afford it. Currently we are not covering all the individuals that qualify for Medicaid. Why would we penalize these individuals by adding to the list.

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)

Within private business, government should have very limited involvement with employment practices and 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)

In the last 10 years, I have heard many of these debates. While confusing and undisciplined at times, there has not been a better system developed.

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

I am truly independent. I have supported policies that were across the aisle and have voted against my party's leadership

when I felt it was the right thing to do. My votes are always made in the best interest of my constituents.

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