

Kansas Senate/House of Representatives 2020

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

Pamela Finley

2. Political Party Affiliation

Democrat

3. District Number of Office Being Sought

KS House 43

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2. Candidate Background

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

I have been retired for 10 years. Prior to retirement I worked as a counselor for the KCK school district and also in private practice.

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.

I have served as President for a chapter of Business and Professional Women.

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

I was an assistant supervising judge and an election worker for past elections. I regularly volunteer for other outreach programs in my local community.

3. Issues and Policy

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

1. Education

* K-12 Funding

* Post Secondary issues regarding student loans

2. Expansion of Medicaid

3. Property Taxation

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 consider the legalization of marijuana, using the tax from the sale of recreational use to help balance the state budget.

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

I support that we do not tax medication. I would like to see that extended to include essential items.

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

In many cases the funding for education has had a larger amount going to administrative costs rather than to teacher salaries. We need to offer salaries that will allow schools to obtain and retain qualified teachers.

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

We need to maintain our highways. The construction, improvement, reconstruction and maintenance of our highways is crucial for our businesses and personal use.

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

I strongly support the "Kansas framework for growth" strategy and hope it will lead us to a stronger economy in the near future.

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

Businesses should receive an incentive for offering apprenticeships. This could possibly be in the form a tax break for the business.

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)

Our youth are our future. It is necessary that we prepare our youth for their careers. It is wrong that a young person leave collage with a huge student loan that will take many years to pay back. I would support an incentive that would cease leading institutions from creating a debt that could take decades to repay.

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

I support Medicaid expansion. If we don't help those that hurting or less fortune than ourselves, that speaks poorly to who we are as a society.

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 should ensure that businesses are compliant with the equal opportunity act.

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 state legislature and local governments must work together on making decisions in order to keep important checks and balances in place.

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

I am open minded and ready to make changes for the better of my community, too many years have been wasted with few positive changes being made. I aim to work with both parties on issues helping each other to develop new ideas that will bring growth to our economy.

4. Thank You!

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