

# Kansas Senate/House of Representatives 2020

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## 1. Candidate Information

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### 1. Candidate Name

Pat Pettey

### 2. Political Party Affiliation

Democrat

### 3. District Number of Office Being Sought

Senate 6th

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PatPettey for Senate

## 2. Candidate Background

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

I taught in the Turner school district for 36 years and I have been retired since 2006.

### 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 been a member of the KCK Chamber and the KCK Women's Chamber. I served on the Women's executive board for 4 years.

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

I served two terms in the Ks. House, 131/2 years as a Commissioner on Unified Government of KCK/WYCO, and two terms in the Kansas Senate.

## 3. Issues and Policy

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

This pandemic has created a significant economic downturn. Committed to protecting critical services, including education at all levels, and transportation. Medicaid Expansion improves health and our economy.

### 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 support the governor's allotment plan. Any new programs or expansions will need to be delayed. We may need to look at furlough days throughout our state system.

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

We have just been moving into a stable situation after the failed tax policy and I believe in the three legged stool with balance between sales, property and income taxes. I think we may need to look at adding back another income tax bracket for over 500,000

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

Education is key to a strong state and a strong economy we have to continue to fund our schools at the current levels.

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

The transportation plan has statewide investment and I support the current percentages. We have to finish the old projects and keep investing in maintenance and projects in growth areas like JOCO. Examples would be expansion of US 69 and K-10.

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

Sec. Toland is doing an excellent job and needs to not be hampered by the legislature to improve and strengthen the dept. of Commerce to use the tools he has to attract businesses

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

The partnerships that I spoke to earlier with our K-12 and colleges help and programs that are already in place at KDOL and KDOC need to be enhanced. The Turner dist and the Bonner district both are good examples of programs already in place.

**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 have put some measures that are a step in the right direction : our secondary schools have expanded their vocational programs and are working closely with our community colleges so that a student can begin trade training or college credits before graduation. This reduces student debt and helps students to see their educational places beyond high school.

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

I have been a strong supporter of Medicaid expansion and the pandemic only reinforces the need to pass Medicaid expansion. We need the federal dollars that will strengthen medical services state wide and health employment state wide. This is an economic engine that we need.

**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)**

I think state government needs to allow local governments and businesses the flexibility to have policies that enhance their community. We have to be doing whatever we can to push for a livable wage. This pandemic has only grown the gap between the have and the have nots. Paid sick leave and predictable scheduling can help..

**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)**

Most people feel government works best the closer it is to the people. I believe in local control. In some cases caps on growth help to not create extreme tax unbalance.

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

I really don't know my opponent but , she has no experience in government at any level and to my knowledge is a one issue

candidate. The issues that we are facing in 2021 need experience budget experience and an understanding of compromise I have what it takes.

#### 4. Thank You!

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