

Kansas Senate/House of Representatives 2020

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

Terry Frederick

2. Political Party Affiliation

Republican

3. District Number of Office Being Sought

House 48

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2. Candidate Background

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

Frederick LLC/Barnwell Consulting LLC 2016-2020 - Tax consulting with businesses throughout the U.S.

Sprint 1989-2016 - Director - State and Local Tax

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 participated in various JoCo Chambers in my role as a member of the Board of WaterOne.

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

Elected as Board Member of WaterOne for nearly 24 years - Board Chair for 6 of the years.

OP Host/PV Lions Club - 29 years

3. Issues and Policy

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

- 1) Promoting commonsense tax/regulatory policies that encourage businesses to successfully reopen safely/remain in Kansas
- 2) Steady and reliable education funding

3)Healthcare solutions that give Kansans quality healthcare access at an affordable rate

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 best way to balance the budget is to get revenues back to pre-COVID levels as quickly as possible by encouraging businesses to reopen as soon as they can safely do so. The State will have to ensure that policies and regulations are in place for businesses to get their employees back to work in a safe environment. With the budget hole that has been created, there will likely need to be some short-term cuts to spending. Each program will need to be reviewed to identify where these short term cuts should be made to minimize impacts on Kansas residents.

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

I have spent my career dealing with state tax policies across the country. Taxes should be kept as low as possible, particularly taxes that impact those on fixed incomes, such as seniors. We need to ensure Johnson County remains a great place to live. It is a balancing act with a balanced mix of income, sales and property taxes.

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

Providing the best classroom educational experience to prepare our students for their future is essential for our State whether a student decides to go to college, attend vocational training, or immediately start their career. The Legislature must provide the funding necessary to successfully prepare our children and their children for their futures.

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

While the statewide Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program includes many important projects, the number one project for my District and Johnson County is the expansion of US-69 from 151st Street to 103rd Street. Most of this stretch of the highway is within my District and the expansion would have a significant positive impact on many of my constituents and much of Johnson County on a daily basis.

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

Economic development policies are important tools to help encourage job growth and business expansion in the State. Each project should be evaluated to ensure that the incentives and programs enable a company to relocate, expand or remain in Kansas and the company likely would not have done so but for the economic development programs. Existing and any new programs should be evaluated regularly to ensure they achieve their goals and are cost-effective.

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

Quality K-12, post-secondary and technical education is the first step to ensure the growth and development of the State's workforce. State programs such as the Kansas Industrial Training and Kansas Industrial Retraining programs are available to help ensure that employee skills continually develop to meet a company's new or changing needs.

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)

As a parent of three sons in college next year, I understand the cost of post-secondary education. State appropriations are an important component of funding for post-secondary education in addition to revenues such as tuition and fees, grants, gifts, services, and auxiliary enterprises. Affordability of college impacts many families in Kansas. A reduction in State appropriations would likely cause an increase in tuition for all Kansas families.

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

Many businesses in Johnson County, especially small businesses, face stifling healthcare costs. We must pursue ideas that give all Kansans access to quality healthcare at an affordable rate.

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)

Certainly, the state has a role to play in ensuring in basic standards for workplace employment practices. However, I do believe the state should not be a heavy hand in dictating every benefit that should be offered. Particularly for small businesses, mandates from the government can be costly and an impediment to job creation.

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)

As someone who has served in local government for over two decades, I am a strong proponent of local control in most cases. The state does have a limited role and is best reserved for ensuring rules of transparency are followed, and that core rights and liberties are always protected.

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

Serving the community for many years on the Board of WaterOne, I understand the importance of local government. As a CPA, I understand tax policy and how it impacts our residents and businesses. As a Republican, I would serve in the majority and have the ability to get things accomplished.

4. Thank You!

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