

Kansas Senate/House of Representatives 2020

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

Tom Bickimer

2. Political Party Affiliation

Republican

3. District Number of Office Being Sought

Senate district 21

4. Address

Street Address/Apt/Suite : 9312 Pinnacle

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5. Phone Number

913-208-0573

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7. Campaign Website

Tombickimer.com

2. Candidate Background

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

Co-Owner: Bickimer Homes

President: The Promise of Learning Foundation

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 the Overland Park and Lenexa Chambers

Member of the Kansas City Home Builders Association

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

Recently served on the Overland Park Building Codes Adoption Task Force

3. Issues and Policy

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

Managing the pandemic's economic impact on the State budget.

Passing the Value Them Both constitutional amendment.

Keeping our school districts constitutionally funded

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)

Use the \$1.3 billion from the federal government to help fund the gap.
Pass legislation that collects tax revenue from internet sales and online betting.

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

All tax policy should be grounded in fiscally responsible and transparent government

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

I support the current funding formula

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

69 Hwy expansion

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

Strengthen and arm the Commerce Department with the tools needed to effectively recruit new business.
Emphasize workforce development.

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

Emphasize workforce development in our secondary schools and community colleges.

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)

Ensure adequate, accountable funding

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

I'm in favor of Medicaid expansion

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)

None

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)

I support a home rule philosophy of government

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

My business and nonprofit experience
I'm pro life and support the value them both amendment

4. Thank You!

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