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**Q1**

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**Q2****US Senate**

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**Q3**

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**Q4****No**

Incumbent?

**Q5****Yes**

Do you believe that scientific fact and the advice of health professionals should be paramount in decisions regarding public health crises like the COVID-19 pandemic?

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**Q6**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

The deeply partisan response to the pandemic has set us back significantly on both dealing with the crisis as well as addressing the economic crisis that has resulted from it. The results speak for themselves, our outcomes are the worst among wealthy nations. The COVID-19 crisis should have been one in which we came together, took decisive action based on the best available science and most successful strategies internationally.

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**Q7****No**

Do you believe that proof of citizenship should be required in order to register to vote?

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**Q8**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Research shows that ID requirements are more likely to keep people from voting who should vote than prevent people from voting who shouldn't. A single vote matters little and it is extremely rare that someone would risk a federal offense in order to cast a vote they shouldn't cast. There are many threats to our democracy, to the influence and control people have over their lives and their politics, and to the integrity of elections. Individuals engaging in voter fraud is extremely low on that list. Let's tackle campaign finance reforms, ranked choice/score voting, participatory budgeting, workplace democracy and a myriad of other policies that would considerably strengthen our democracy.

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**Q9****Yes**

Do you believe that laws covering the sale of firearms are sufficient? If yes, why? If no, do you believe they should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

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**Q10**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

I believe the 2nd amendment's guarantee of ability to bear arms against a tyrannical government. However, this is in conflict with other goals we have and need to address underlying issues: mental health/suicide, public safety/gun violence, etc.

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**Q11****No**

Do you support amending the Kansas Constitution to eliminate the protection for individual reproductive freedoms contained in the Kansas Constitution?

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**Q12**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

I believe we should aim to lower the abortion rate through supportive policies that address underlying race/class/gender inequalities. Poverty is one of the most common non-medical reason for an abortion and supportive policies are among the most effective at reducing abortion. I do believe that bodily autonomy is an important right and as long as the fetus is biologically dependent upon the pregnant person, the pregnant person should be able to make the choice of what to do with their body. Safe, affordable, accessible.

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**Q13****Yes**

Do you believe that diversity in representation is critical to effective governing? If yes, as an elected official what will you do to promote and engage leaders who more accurately reflect the diversity of members in our communities?

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**Q14**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Prioritize recruiting of staff from under-represented communities, prioritize community groups and meetings in those areas, prioritize supporting local businesses and contractors for design, legal, etc. from under-represented groups. Intentionally take the lead from under-represented groups on how to center their issues. Additionally, should encourage people from under-represented groups to run, mentor and support them in doing so.

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**Q15****Yes**

Do you believe climate change is real and caused by human activity? If so, what policies should legislators pursue to improve climate resilience?

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**Q16**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

I fully support the implementation of a Green New Deal. Plastic has been around for only a generation and is piling up around the world. Fossil fuels are finite and make our water and air quality worse. We need to address these things- and as we are building a new economy we get to dream big about what type of economy and world we want to build, to address our long-standing social problems, to design a better economy and a better future. Kansas farmers should be involved in designing and dreaming what agriculture and rural communities could look like in the future.

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**Q17****Yes**

Do you support amending the current Kansas Act Against Discrimination to include the same protections for sexual orientation and gender identity?

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**Q18**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Absolutely. All people should receive full rights and protections under the constitution. Discrimination has no place in our country, definitely not on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

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**Q19****No**

Should public funding be available for private school tuition via tax credit scholarships, education savings accounts, vouchers or other methods? What is your opinion about the current funding for Kansas schools?

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**Q20**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

I am generally very wary of public funding of private schools. Education systems are already funded in extremely unequal ways- property taxes, favoring funding for students in wealthy areas and greatly limiting funding for students in poor areas. This heightens inequality in funding of schools with large minority populations. White flight and the creation of new school districts were used to hoard money at the expense of poor and minority communities. Most of these voucher-type programs have very little accountability and have benefited wealthy schools far more than those who need funding most. We should be moving towards funding that is more closely based around the number of students rather than the wealth of the parents. Everyone deserves a quality education.

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**Q21****Yes**

Do you support Medicaid expansion at a time when pandemic-induced job loss has left thousands of Kansans without health care coverage?

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**Q22**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Medicaid expansion is a minimum, the coverage isn't great. I think the pandemic shows that we need medicare for all, stop rationing care & dumping billions into insurance middlemen. Medicare for All will provide more care at a lower cost. It is unacceptable that tens of millions are expected to lose insurance during this pandemic. We can and should provide medical care and if we cut out the extremely inefficient insurance/billing/collections system we can direct far more resources to direct care.

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