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**Q1**

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**Q2****Kansas Senate**

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**Q3**

District

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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.

Data driven decisions are informed decisions. In the pandemic environment we are currently living in, we need data to help guide our public health protocols and emergency management processes. Insight into the spread of the disease can help us respond more effectively to the epidemic, but we need high quality, trusted data.

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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.

It has been found to be unconstitutional to require proof of citizenship in order to register to vote.

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**Q9****No**

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.

To ensure gun safety and public health, we need to find reasonable methods to monitor high risk/mentally ill individuals from accessing guns. Better background checks would be helpful as would monitoring the distribution of unusually dangerous firearms and implementing training and licensing protocols that would lead to more responsible gun ownership. I support the 2nd Amendment, but we cannot ignore gun violence in our communities.

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**Q11****Yes**

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 am pro-life and I support putting the question on a ballot in a General or Special Election and letting Kansans decide if the Constitution should or should not provide a right to an abortion.

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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.

All voices deserve a place at the table. It is important that government provide opportunities to hear those voices.

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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.

We have scientific evidence, a body of data, collected over many years that reveals the signals of a changing climate caused by an increase in man made carbon dioxide emissions.

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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.

There is a jumbled patchwork of state laws, local ordinances and conflicting court rulings that make up the discrimination rulebook. Generally, I support local control, but there are times when a state-wide policy is appropriate. I am opposed to discrimination of any type.

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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.

Public schools and the right to a free public education is the foundation of our democracy. States dilute funding for public schools when they create tax credit scholarships or voucher programs. Those dollars go to Private and Parochial schools who do not have elected school boards, may not be accredited, and may not be required to administer state assessments. It is not a level playing field between public schools and private/parochial. We need to maintain our current school finance plan and the funding schedule.

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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.

I live in a community with 2 hospitals. Doctors and the experts who run our hospitals have told me that these dollars are extremely important. We are sending many millions of our tax dollars to other states who have expanded Medicaid when our own hospitals and underinsured working poor could benefit from the expansion in Kansas.

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