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Party Affiliation

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No

Incumbent?

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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?

Q7

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Yes. As a scientist, I make data driven decisions. Our highly respected public health officials do, as well. I will always work to better inform myself by reaching out to experts.

Q8**No**

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

Q9

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Laws that are aimed at preventing voter fraud sometimes have unintended consequences that can result in disenfranchisement of voters. We should remove impediments that cause an undue burden for voters.

Q10**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?

Q11

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

I received the Moms Demand Action Candidate Distinction and very much support common sense gun legislation. I am supportive of red flag laws and training requirements. As an owner of firearms, I am keenly aware of the importance of responsible gun storage and ownership, as well.

Q12**No**

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

Q13

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

I am endorsed by Emily's List, Planned Parenthood, Equality Kansas and Victory Fund. I agree with the Supreme Court's ruling that protects a woman's fundamental right to have an abortion. Medical decisions are best made between a patient and their doctor.

Q14**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?

Q15

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Relationship building is key. I will encourage mentorship programs to help identify community members who are representative of our entire community. I will work to foster relationships with local groups, such as the Johnson County NAACP, Olathe NAACP, El Centro, Beinviendos KC, the Olathe Human Relations Commission, Mid America LGBT Chamber, etc. Diversity is our strength.

Q16**Yes**

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

Q17

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Yes. I understand the science of climate change & have received an endorsement from Sierra Club. The biggest positive impact we can have on our environment is to diversify our energy sources. Having worked for an oil pipeline for several years, I have a unique understanding of how the industry is currently working to be good stewards of the environment and where there is room for improvement. I believe in and will support legislation that will create energy diversification. My background ensures that I will have a powerful voice in this conversation.

Q18**Yes**

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

Q19

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Yes. I would support and happily co-sponsor this legislation. As a member of the LGBTQ Community, these protections hit close to home. I have received the endorsement of Equality Kansas and Victory Fund and will work hard to further equality for all Kansans.

Q20**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?

Q21

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Public tax dollars should only be available to public schools, which operate in a transparent manner & are accredited. Private schools often have different requirements for special needs students because they are not required to educate all children. Many private schools take the steps to become accredited, but none are required to admit all students. Private schools lack the accountability that public schools are required to provide.

Our public schools have been chronically underfunded for over a decade. Adjusting for inflation, our funding levels are not where they need to be. I understand that we will have budgetary constraints in the short-term, I am committed to protecting public school funding. Recovering from the Brownback Tax Experiment will take time and will be part of a balanced, fiscally responsible solution.

Q22**Yes**

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

Q23

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Expanding Medicaid would be beneficial by not only increasing access to affordable healthcare for many Kansans, but it would also provide an economic boost by injecting federal dollars into our state economy.

We are facing a crisis when it comes to rural healthcare access. In many portions of the state, Kansans are prohibitively far away from emergency healthcare and even primary care providers. Telehealth is sometimes available & would certainly help. However, internet connectivity/access is another limiting factor.

Ultimately, rural hospitals not only provide communities with healthcare access, but also provide high quality/high paying jobs, boosting local economies. Medicaid expansion in Kansas is the single best action the Kansas Legislature could take to increase access to affordable healthcare in Kansas. It would have an added bonus in providing more affordable healthcare in the rural setting, as well.
