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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Respondent skipped this question

Party Affiliation

**Q3**

KS House

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**Q4**

District

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**Q5**

No

Incumbent?

**Q6**

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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**Q7**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Medical professionals know the history of pandemics. They know what worked, what did not work, and have developed new theories based on new discoveries. They also have an understanding of how a virus acts/reacts in different environments. This means they have basic knowledge on how to slow it down or "flatten the curve" These people have gone to school to learn how to care for people, how to find cures for illnesses, and to keep people healthy. We should listen to them and let them do their job. Health is not a political issue.

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**Q8****No**

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

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**Q9**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said; "Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting." Unfortunately, some policies have made it harder for people to vote. Many of these policies are really like a poll tax for many. Women having to get paperwork showing a name change due to marriage and/or divorce, seniors having to find lost birth certificates and the like. In many cases, these items are not free to get. Automatic Voter Registration could eliminate these worries.

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**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?

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**Q11**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

I support the 2nd amendment with the understanding it also includes a well-regulated militia. I feel asking for background checks on all gun sales can help keep guns out of the hands of people who should not have them. A short waiting period when purchasing a gun is something I would support. Anyone wishing to conceal carry should be required to have training & that training should be affordable. I support "Red Flag" laws that would get guns out of the hands of abusers. I believe "Campus Carry" should be reversed for the protections of staff & students.

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**Q12****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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**Q13**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Right now, no. But, If new medical information would become available or policies that are different from others that have already been found unconstitutional at the federal level, I would consider letting voters decide. A vote just to have a vote that would later be overturned after a significant cost to the state would not be a good decision. I would rather support programs that would give more choices to women. Better health coverage, access to birth control, programs to help young parents, making adoption less expensive and help for people looking to adopt.

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**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?

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**Q15**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Diversity is very important in representation, as Representatives have diverse populations in their districts. As an elected official, it's important to understand how different policies might affect different groups. Reaching out to groups or leadership of diverse groups in your district to get them, even more engaged in what is happening in their community. By engaging them, giving them more of a voice, you are more likely to see them become interested in expanding their roles, possibly in elected positions. Even if they don't do this, their knowledge would help you make better decisions for your district as a whole.

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**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?

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**Q17**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Climate Change is real. It is based in science and the scientific method. Humans have an enormous impact on the amount of greenhouse gasses that fuel climate change. It is very important to support policies that will lessen those greenhouse gasses and our dependence on fossil fuels. Here in Kansas, that means expanding our production of wind energy and encouraging the use of solar power. Policies that would encourage the study and use of renewable, clean energy, would go a long way towards slowing human effect of climate change.

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**Q18****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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**Q19**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

By remembering that our Declaration of Independence states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." We are all created equally. That means we should all have the same rights regardless of our sexual preferences, gender, race, religion, and the like. Any and all policy's that can single out and limit the rights of a group should eliminated.

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**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?

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**Q21**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

While in the State House in the 2017-18 session, I helped to make our K-12 school funding constitutionally adequate and equitable. As long as the Legislature keeps its promise, the funding plan is sound. "School Choice" is a term often associated with via tax credit scholarships, education savings accounts, or vouchers. The correct term is "School's Choice". These schools can set their own rules. They decide who gets in and who doesn't. They can discriminate against any group, for any reason they want. Why should state tax dollars go to any entity that can discriminate against any of its population?

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**Q22****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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**Q23**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

YES! With an estimated 150,000 Kansans falling in our Kancare/Medicaid gap before the pandemic caused unprecedented job loss and unemployment. Since that time, the number has undoubtedly grown significantly. People who did have healthcare through their work, now suddenly find themselves without. Ensuring healthcare availability in rural areas would be increased with Expansion, as hospitals could remain open. I carried Expansion as an amendment on the House floor in 2018. I voted for it multiple times during the 2017-18 sessions. This is my number one priority when I return to Topeka. This is a moral issue, not a political issue.

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