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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Party Affiliation

Respondent skipped this question

**Q3**

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Kansas Senate

**Q4**

District

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**Q5**

Incumbent?

No

**Q6**

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?

Yes

**Q7**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

On a personal level, I've made decisions based on the advice and recommendations of the Kansas Department of Health with respect to dealing with COVID-19 pandemic. As a legislator, it's my duty and responsibility to make decisions by listening to the professionals who are experts in their field.

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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.

Birth certificates weren't common practice or required until after WWII. This action would disenfranchise too many people who don't have those records. Further, low-income residents who already struggle to make ends meet do not have disposable income or transportation to obtain those records.

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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 Second Amendment. However, we need common-sense solutions that balance individual rights with public safety.

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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.

All healthcare decisions should be between the patient and the medical care provider.

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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.

I believe diverse representation is critical to effective governing. As an elected official, I would seek out and meet regularly with our diverse community leaders and value their input. I would encourage them to submit testimony on how the proposed legislation would affect them. I would promote the community and our joint efforts in newsletter, website, and social media posts.

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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.

I believe climate change is real and is caused by human activity. I support renewable energy and energy efficiency. As a legislator, I would encourage wind farms and I would support legislation that eliminates regulations that ban solar panels from homes. Further, I support legislation that would require sellers and landlords to obtain and disclose a Home Energy Report.

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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.

Yes. I support legislation that ends discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Too many of our LGBTQ+ friends, family, and neighbors face unjust discrimination in housing, the workplace, adoptions, healthcare, and public services, to name a few.

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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.

I do not support public funding being available for private school tuition. It takes away money from children in public schools. Further, private schools are not held to the same accountability standards for how public dollars are being used.

Prior to COVID-19, funding models for public schools were barely adequate. We need to follow the requirements outlined in the State's constitution concerning equitable and adequate funding for K-12 public schools. Funding needs to be tailored to neighborhood requirements that benefit each child and serves families.

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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.

The pandemic showed just how vulnerable our healthcare system is and how important it is for everyone to have access to affordable healthcare. Unemployed Kansans shouldn't have to worry about paying healthcare costs associated with COVID-19.

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