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Q1

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Party Affiliation

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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?

Q7

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

From experience scientists and doctors have gained since March, we know that wearing masks in public, regularly washing hands, keeping social distance and staying home unless necessary can help us greatly reduce the COVID threat. Politicians who urge citizens to act otherwise are responsible for the rising number of infections.

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.

Unless widespread voting fraud is indicated, which it is not, a drivers' license or other identification currently required by the state is sufficient proof of residency.

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.

While I support Second Amendment rights for firearm ownership, we must recognize that we have a problem with violence in urban areas as well as access to assault-style weapons and large-capacity ammunition clips by people who are stressed at work or have mental-health issues. And we must take some kind of action. We also have a problem if people bearing assault rifles are allowed to barge into the legislative chambers as they did in Michigan. Legislators and staff must not fear for their safety when making important decisions.

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.

First, the decision to have a vote on the amendment during the primary would have cut out many Kansas voters. But more importantly, it did not address victims of rape and incest. I do not support the amendment and would instead work toward better education for young women and men, and letting women make those difficult decisions with guidance from their physician.

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.

Unfortunately, the group of people who represent a diversity point of view in the district I hope to represent is small. However, I will be more than willing to engage them and encourage their input and help. However, I am also able to develop strong ties with other legislators and solicit their input on issues that relate to diversity.

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.

We should continue to promote clean sources of energy, work to provide better job opportunities close to residential areas to reduce commuting, promote public transportation, and work to help low-income households reduce heating and cooling needs.

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.

Sexual orientation or gender preference should not be grounds for discrimination by schools, employers and public businesses.

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.

We should provide funding for private schools only after public schools are fully funded and only if those private schools can demonstrate that their curriculum meets state requirements and that they serve every student who applies regardless of income, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religious belief and regardless of special education needs. Public education is a great equalizer and needs to receive adequate funding whether public schools serve urban, suburban or rural students.

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.

I supported Medicaid expansion before the pandemic. Expansion would provide basic medical needs for 150,000 low-income residents while providing an additional revenue source, particularly for rural hospitals. The revenue raised by adding jobs and income taxes would pay Kansas' share of the program while reducing the amount of debt write-offs that eventually are covered by people who can pay for insurance.
