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Q1

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Q2

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Party Affiliation

Q3

KS House

Office Sought

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District

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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.

I am a retired nurse. I have seen evidence-based facts work and don't believe that so-called politicians should be injecting their ideology where it should only be a matter of science and facts. We have done a horrible job at containing and mitigating the coronavirus because the priority isn't on the health of the people and the welfare of the people.

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.

No, it shouldn't. This was a requirement leading up to the 2012 presidential election. After President Obama was re-elected, the claim of noncitizens voting in great numbers was fabricated in order to increase support for requiring proof of citizenship. But, what it did was suppress the vote of people of color and those who are socially and economically disadvantaged. This I believe was its true purpose.

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.

No, I don't believe the laws covering the sales of firearms aren't adequate because not all sales require background checks such as private sales. And, we need both a state and national database that identifies individuals with domestic abuse, history of violence, and/or severe mental health illness to prevent such individuals from purchasing firearms and endangering themselves or the lives of others.

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.

No, I don't support amending the Kansas Constitution for this purpose. I believe that women have the right to their reproductive health and to choose...

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.

I am an African-American male and I would be adding to the diversity of the KS Legislature when elected. I have spent more than 28 years in the military: 10 years in the USAF as a military police officer and 18 years in the US Navy as a nurse. I have lived with and worked with people of all varieties during my military career. I have experience in promoting diversity awareness and increasing diversity within organizations both in the military and after retiring. I was a commissioner on the Olathe Human Relations Commission for 5 years and I am currently on the Board of Directors of KKFI. Both organizations are about the work of diversity and inclusion of all members of our community. As an advocate of diversity and inclusion, I will ensure that all perspectives are represented and considered in policy and decision making.

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 need to aggressively move away from our over-dependence on fossil fuels which are literally destroying our environment. There exist more environmentally friendly alternatives such as wind, solar, geothermal, hydro, and biomass energies which will create new jobs, help the economy, and save the environment. We need to move in the direction of creating a Green New Deal in Kansas and the complete elimination of fossil fuels where possible within the next 20 to 30 yrs.

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.

I believe that all people should have the same protections under the law no matter what their sexual orientation or gender identity. So, I would advocate for and vote for such an amendment to KAAD.

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.

Funds for public education should be used for public schools only. I will advocate for repealing any legislation that permits the use of public school funds to be used for private schools in any manner.

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 have been a proponent for Medicaid expansion from the start. I believe in universal healthcare coverage. The pandemic has proven what a lot of folks already knew that without broad access to healthcare the health of the entire state (and nation) is in question. I will continue to advocate for Medicaid expansion until it is a reality.
