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Q1

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Party Affiliation

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KS House

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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.

Absolutely. The facts on testing, hospitalizations, positivity rate, and mortality along with the advice of medical professionals should be foremost in making public policy decisions.

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.

Proof of citizenship hurdles are usually used to decrease turnout for elections and to preclude voting by groups having difficulty obtaining proof of citizenship. The prevalence of actual cases of voter fraud are so low that proof of citizenship requirements are a solution in search of a problem.

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.

Laws covering the sale of firearms should be more strict. All transactions, even between individuals or at gun shows should require a background check on the buyer. This would greatly reduce the prevalence of guns owned by those who should not have them.

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.

The protection of individual reproductive freedoms as enshrined in the Kansas Constitution is a basic right. Women should be allowed to make their own health care decisions based on their own situation and the advice of medical professionals, family, and possibly clergy.

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.

If elected, I will proactively reach out diverse groups in our community. This includes black, hispanic, and LGBTQ groups. I will also work to make sure that these groups are hired and promoted by all units of government and are recruited to run for office.

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.

Legislators have a myriad of opportunities to improve climate resilience. Among these are promoting the rapid transition from fossil-fuel based power generation to the use of renewable energy, improving energy efficiency in buildings and transportation, and promoting agricultural practices that focus on carbon sequestration.

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. The time has come to enact State legislation that would expand protections from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. These protections are particularly important in the areas of employment, housing, and public services. I led efforts to enact such municipal protections in Shawnee.

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.

No. A hallmark of our educational system is the availability of a well-funded public school system to everyone. If parents choose to send their children to a private school, that is their choice and public funds should not be used to support the private school. After years of disastrous reductions in funding, the present level of funding for schools is adequate and should be maintained.

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.

Medicaid expansion is overdue. Kansas has sent hundreds of millions of dollars to other states to support their Medicaid expansion, and it is time to do so in Kansas. It would provide healthcare coverage to 150,000 Kansans, would create 13,000 jobs, and would allow rural hospitals to remain open.
