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Q1

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Incumbent?

Yes

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.

Any pandemic can only be understood and addressed through scientific and medical knowledge. To do otherwise is foolish and dangerous. Decisions as to how to mitigate the spread must be made in coordination with the medical community.

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.

This is just another way of disenfranchising citizens. Even today, there are people that struggle to prove their birth and can't get a birth certificate.

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.

I stand with Moms Demand Action and their fight for public safety measures from gun violence and pass stricter gun laws. There are too many loopholes in regard to buying weapons at gun shows and on the internet without a back ground check.

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.

I fought against this amendment during the last legislative session and will continue to fight for reproductive freedoms. I will also continue to push for access to reproductive health for everyone.

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.

As a gay Latina, I ran for office because I didn't see anyone else that looked like me in the legislature. Being an elected official has given me a platform to speak with a diverse group of people including Latinx young people. I urge them to get involved in their community and run for office at every level. In this election cycle we see more Latinx people running for office and there are at least 6 LGBTQ people running for office for the first time in Kansas.

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.

Climate change is real and it is caused by human activity. First, we have to protect the laws we already have that protect our environment and wildlife. We have to be ever vigilant to make sure laws aren't being relaxed. Next, we need to continue to expand on wind energy and discontinue use of our state's coal plants. They are no longer needed.

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 and Rep. Brandon Woodard filed an amendment to the ACT to include sexual orientation, gender identity ad gender expression. We did so in 2018 and 2020, both never received a hearing. However, we will continue to file the amendment. The LGBTQ community need these protections to end discrimination in employment (federal), housing and public accommodations.

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.

I am not in favor of using public funding or taking funding away from our public schools to fund private schools. We need to continue to fully fund our public schools and not take away from it. These funds during the pandemic are even more necessary.

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 fully support Medicaid expansion. Prior to the pandemic, there were up to 150,000 people that were eligible for Medicaid expansion coverage. I don't know what the estimates are today with the all of the job losses. People continue to need health coverage outside of viral health issues. This is also a matter of economics. Medicaid expansion will allow families to stretch their income to pay for other life essentials like food and rent.
