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**Q1**

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**Q2** Respondent skipped this question

Party Affiliation

**Q3** KS House

Office Sought

**Q4**

District

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**Q5** 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?

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**Q7**

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Health officials are in the best position to interpret the facts and make recommendations about health issues. Decisions should not be politically motivated nor should we ignore facts. It is difficult to balance the needs of individual rights, protecting citizens and economic recovery. However, preventing the spread of the virus and protecting citizens should be the highest priority.

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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.

The government should be able to figure out if the registrant is a citizen based on all the information they currently have in their possession, i.e., birth records, marriage certificates, citizenship papers, etc. Registering to vote should be quick, easy and online without burdensome paperwork requirements.

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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.

Laws should be updated to eliminate loopholes on background checks and provide additional regulation on military grade assault weapons and ammunition. Regulations should be consistent regardless of where the purchase occurs. The laws will help reduce purchases by those who are a danger to themselves and others; and the likelihood of senseless shootings. It is possible to make our communities safer while preserving 2nd amendment rights.

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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.

Amending the constitution sets the stage for legislators to further restrict or totally eliminate reproductive freedoms. Shutting down clinics and stripping women of reproductive freedoms does not address the root cause of the issue. We should focus on preventing unplanned pregnancies through education and making birth control readily available.

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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.

Diversity whether in the workplace, government bodies, or community organizations is very important. It helps ensure a broad range of views are considered when gathering input and making decisions. As an elected official, I will reach out to under represented community members and encourage them to run for office, participate in community organizations and offer mentoring opportunities.

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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.

Legislators should pursue policies that reduce carbon emissions, reduce plastics use, and increase use of solar and wind energy. It is also important to address the sediment in our reservoirs, water use, cleanup of abandoned wells, and promote safe drilling and farming practices.

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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.

Kansas should be a welcoming place for all including those who are LGBTQ. It is a disgrace that we have not already addressed this discrimination.

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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.

Using public funding for private schools, savings accounts and vouchers reduces the funding available for public schools. Private schools are not held to the same standard as public schools. In addition, there are less civil rights protections and options to address complaints of violations in a private school setting. The court determined public schools are adequately funded. It is important to preserve the funding during this economic downturn. The state should work closely with the school districts to address gaps with providing remote learning to those without internet service. Local school districts are in the best position to identify savings and reallocate funds to the classroom.

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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 150,000 plus individuals who do not have coverage are sacrificing their health and well being. They need coverage to obtain basic, preventative healthcare so they can be a productive member of society. We can reduce unplanned pregnancies, suicides, crime and incarceration rates with the expansion. Medicaid expansion will also help with the economic recovery by providing jobs and improving the financial stability of hospitals so they do not close.

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