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Q1

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Party Affiliation

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Kansas Senate

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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.

Politicians are not scientific professionals and given the polarization of politics, it doesn't benefit anyone to make this about politics, but rather medical facts. Having a non-political third party encourages all to adhere to policies regarding COVID-19

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.

Immigrants (although I hate the word) account for an estimated 7 billion in taxes, addition of jobs in our communities, and are the cornerstone of what America was founded on.

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.

We have laws now, that while good, are filled with loopholes that do not keep weapons out of the hands of criminals, those with mental health concerns, and those who have shown violent tendencies. The Gun Show loophole is one that needs to be addressed as well as legislation ensuring weapons are safely kept away from children and others. I also do not believe there is any need for mass ammunition clips, or assault rifles. When I say this, I think of the overwhelming amount of mass shootings, but also, having lived through the North Hollywood shout-out, our own police force are at risk and cannot be protected against these weapons.

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.

Kansas, along with a few other states, continues to be hyper-focused on eliminating individual reproductive rights and given the recent Supreme Court decision on the Louisiana case, it needs to be dropped. It is absurd that our legislature spends the amount of time on this issue versus bettering the lives of ALL Kansans. They literally have spent time in the legislature writing letters condemning other states, versus attending to their duties as leaders of this state. Its sure easy to talk about a woman's right versus any actual new legislation.

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.

It is why I am running and why I want to create a recruiting and mentoring program that attracts a diverse base of candidates. Kansas loves to look solely at money, friends, and the status quo, versus candidate quality, diversity, and those who are already serving their community. We, as all Kansans, should be demanding a more diverse and inclusive Legislature by voting the status quo out.

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.

The list is long. I like to use Greensburg as an example of what we could do, but big oil and coal still rule the day. Kansas is the 3rd largest producer of wind energy, but get very little in benefit from it. We need to dispel the myth about wind turbines and start providing incentives on the use of solar energy. Further, our farmers really need us to do better to ensure they can continue to produce products from their lands which have endured great harm due to climate change.

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 have received the Equality Kansas endorsement in 2019, as well as this year, 2020, and I believe we need to ditch the laws created 20+ years ago which are discriminatory against transgender and gay individuals. We need to also apply new protections for all. As Pete Buttigieg stated, "If you've got a problem with who I am, your problem is not with me, your quarrel is with my creator!"

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 have no ill will against private schools, however, public monies should pay for public schools. My opinion of the funding for Kansas schools is that we have to resolve the budgeting and equitable funding across all schools. 60% of our budget is for schools, yet some are new and filled with technology and others are barely functioning. I have managed multi-million-dollar budgets and I would love to sit down with educators across the state and go line-by-line and get a budget resolution that makes sense. I find it laziness that we cannot fix the issue of the funding of schools.

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 a no brainer and I have studied the numbers and met with Alliance for Healthy Kansas and can sell the expansion of medicaid to anyone using facts and data. An overview is 90% of the cost are covered, and the savings across the board even with a 2.8% increase in 2021. Our rural hospitals and many Kansans desperately need medicaid expansion.
