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No

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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.

Most of our leaders are not health or science experts. A key part of governing is taking advice from those who are experts, and relying on this advice in your decision-making. This advice must be paramount in any COVID-related decisions made by our local leaders.

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.

Millions of undocumented folks love and work in this country. They provide for their families, contribute to our economy, and add diversity of experience to our community. They are directly impacted by the actions of our elected leaders sometimes more so than those who are citizens. These folks must be allowed to exercise the right to vote freely, and without restrictions meant to suppress that vote. That is why I oppose any restrictions aimed at keeping our undocumented neighbors from participating in government, including proof of citizenship requirements.

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.

As a criminal defense attorney, I have seen the results of gun violence up close. This is an epidemic in our country that must be addressed by our leaders. We need stricter restrictions on gun purchases, including who can purchase firearms and what types can be purchased. This includes banning weapons of war from being purchased in the open market. Also we must truly begin to value the health and safety of our communities, by greatly increasing access to community-funded drug abuse and mental health programs. The epidemic of gun violence must stop.

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 have always been and will always support a woman's right to choose, for any reason, unequivocally. Bodily autonomy is a key principle of personal liberty and attacks on that autonomy violate not only constitutional rights, but human rights. Women deserve to have control over their bodies. I will always fight for reproductive rights and bodily autonomy.

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.

The Douglas County community is fortunate to have numerous local activist and advocacy groups centered around advancing racial justice in our community. Most of these groups themselves are led by BIPOC. As DA I will always lead by the example these groups have set. I will create an office that consults and interacts with these groups, to ensure their demands are being heard and acted on. That includes in hiring decisions in my office, and how my office prosecutes cases. Listening is not enough, our leaders must act. That's what I'll do.

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 climate emergency in our community is real. Our governments must greatly reduce carbon footprints all across the board. Additionally our leaders must promote policies that acknowledge and eliminate the racial injustice caused by the climate emergency. This means adopting policies specifically addressed at how the adverse impacts of the climate emergency directly affect those in already vulnerable populations. Finally, our leaders must adopt solutions to mitigate the effects of climate change before it is too late.

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.

Our government leaders must actually lead when it comes to offering true protections from discrimination for people in our community. Every year millions are discriminated against in employment, housing, based on their chosen sexual orientation or gender identity. They are treated unfairly simply for being themselves. This cannot happen in any truly free society. That is why I support adding these definitions to anti-discrimination laws in Kansas.

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.

We must fully and adequately fund our public schools first and foremost. The education of future generations should be a paramount concern for all leaders. Giving money to private schools results in the creation of artificial barriers to education. The government should not be creating barriers to access. Instead our government should be elongating these barriers.

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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Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Healthcare is a basic human right. I support Medicare for all, and I support expanding Medicaid for those who need healthcare the most.
