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Q1

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Party Affiliation

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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.

Politicizing decisions regarding public health crises is both irresponsible and dangerous. Kansas has tragically shown this through rejections of Gov. Kelly's mask orders. My husband is an emergency room physician, which makes us very COVID-19 aware in my home. I will always trust science and medical experts when it comes to health crises.

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.

Voting is our right and constitutional duty. Requiring registrants to provide proof of citizenship amounts to a poll tax, which is illegal.

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 need universal background checks to ensure that those not allowed to own firearms do not have a way to circumvent the law. We need to close the 'boyfriend loophole' in Kansas, so non-spousal abusers are still recognized by the law as convicted abusers not allowed to own a weapon. We need a red flag law to protect the unstable from dying by suicide by gun. I am an active member of Moms Demand Action and recognized as a Gun Sense Candidate. I absolutely acknowledge and respect the Second Amendment, but this country needs common sense gun laws to keep our communities safe.

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.

Medical decisions need to be made between doctors and patients regardless of the patient's gender or medical condition. The legislature has no business being involved in these decisions. Amendments to the Constitution need to be rare, carefully considered and not driven by special interest groups whose mission conflicts with the will of Kansans.

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 first thing I will do is seek out advice from those do not share my ethnic or economic background. Much like my husband cannot understand the precautions I go through every day to be safe as a women, I cannot understand the issues people of color face every day unless I sit down and listen to them carefully. I am proud to have graduated from a high school that is more diverse than my current community and hope this background helps me to be more empathetic to others' plights.

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 need to encourage the development of eco-friendly fuel sources, such as wind and solar power combined with a phasing out of fossil fuel based power. I would also support individual incentives for the alternative power sources. My family invested in solar panels when I was a child due to the economic and ecological benefits. My Republican father always likes to say that it was the Carter tax break that led to our getting solar panels.

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.

Every person in Kansas needs to know that they are valued and protected regardless of their orientation or gender. As a mom and a teacher, I am very sensitive to the dangers non accepting climates present to our children. I am proud to be endorsed by Equality 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.

I do not support public money going to private schools in any way shape or form. These schools do not meet the same standards as public school, nor do they serve every child. Although Kansas has met the bare minimum school funding requirement, our children deserve better than the bare minimum.

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 have spent countless hours canvassing with Rep. Cindy Holscher advocating for Medicaid expansion. It is a fundamental issue in my campaign and the issue that finally pushed me to run. From an economic perspective, Kansas cannot afford to continue rejecting expansion, as we desperately need those dollars working in the Kansas economy rather than going to other states. From a moral perspective, I cannot abide the working poor in Kansas to continue to fall into the medical insurance coverage gap. These individuals deserve the security of access to regular, affordable health care.
