

MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Brent Carroll
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Office County: Johnson
Office City: Edgerton
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 94%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment:

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see [https://www.lkm.org/page/Home Rule](https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule). (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs? (Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment:

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government? (Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment:

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of elected leaders to closely manage the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Our town has impact on water shed and pollution with expansion of LPKC

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: Only public schools available in my area

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: I live in a small town that should only require a part time mayor considering 1800 population- we currently have full time mayor. Mayor should oversee the city council and planning committee plus run local government issues within community.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: None

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer:

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Candidate Name: GR Gordon-Ross
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Office Sought: Lawrence Board of Education
Office County: Douglas
Office City: Lawrence
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 94%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: I have always tried to come at every issue with an open mind and willing to listen to all sides before I make a decision. Seeking input from the stakeholders involved is an important role for an elected official. Having difficult conversations is also an important role. Not every decision we make is going to be popular. This last year has reinforced that. As long as the conversations are respectful and open minded - you can talk about anything.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

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- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: Local authorities are in the best position to not only understand the needs of their own community, but also the resources and the limitations. Being given the ability to have the authority to direct tax and revenue decisions helps local leaders understand and manage all those issues better.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: Mental health continues to be a priority for the government and the school system. Only by working together with local resources and providers can we provide all the needed services directly where they are needed most. I would love to see our WRAP program expanded to include more schools and more social workers to bring services to as many students as possible.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Transparency in government is important. This last year has moved us to a space where, in many ways, trust has been lost between many different groups. Simply put, trust between those making decisions and those whom those decisions impact. The best way to regain that trust is with clear communication on the decision making process and being open and transparent about the process as well.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: Local governments should do whatever is within their purview to increase or provide access to health care to the people they serve.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: Communities in which we serve are diverse places and the governing bodies that represent them should be a reflection of that diversity. Being able to see yourself in the people who are put in place (either by election or by employment of elected officials) to govern over you is a powerful thing. Not seeing yourself is equally as powerful. Always striving to represent the diversity of the community is a worthy endeavor.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
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- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: Professional staff is there to execute the policy decided upon by the elected officials. You can support them while at the same time asking respectful questions, at times challenging them to be better and acknowledging when the work is extraordinary. They should at all times be treated as professionals and not public punching bags for political points.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant

D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: To the extent possible, local leaders should do what they can to impact Climate Change.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Gun Safety is everyone's issue. Local government, schools, church groups, youth organizations, etc. Gun Safety is an issue that can impact all areas of the community. It doesn't matter your economic status, or employment status, your education level, your relationship status - properly taught gun safety can positively impact everyone.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Everyone in elected office who has the ability to make sure everyone has an equal and equitable access to the voting booth has a duty to make it a reality.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: Public tax dollars should be reserved for public schools. Private schools, who are not subject to the same regulations and rules set forth by the federal and state government, should not be privy to those tax dollars. They are private institutions and should survive, or not, on their own private contributions.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: While my personal religious beliefs certainly impact who I am as a person - they have no business impacting how I vote or enact policy. They can help me be kind, understanding, a better listener, compassionate, etc. But they should never extend beyond that.

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: My role as a school board member is four fold. First and foremost our role is to hire/evaluate/fire the Superintendent. Second we review and approve the yearly budget. Third we guide the overall direction of the district via policy and board action. And finally we serve as the final arbitrator of discipline in employee disputes.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: \$0

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 0

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: This last year on the board has been difficult. I don't want it to overshadow the other three, but it's hard for it not to. Based on information presented to us, we often had to make decisions we knew would make people angry or would significantly disrupt their lives. Every decision was what we thought was best and represented the community. I'm proud of our accomplishments—including facilities, negotiations, and curriculum improvements—and I would be honored to serve for four more years.

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Candidate Name: Kay Emerson
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Office County: Douglas
Office City: Lawrence
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 88%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: I believe that it is essential that all voices have space in discourse. It is within the address that opportunities to understand or at least gain a more comprehensive perspective occur. I intend to engage citizens and colleagues by seeking input on a potentially difficult conversation. I will do this by arranging regular community talks, attending public discussions hosted by community partners, and taking the time to listen to seek community feedback that drives solutions.

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- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities.

Candidate Comment: Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision-making for their communities. Through regular and consistent public feedback, local elected officials should develop recommendations in which the district or stakeholders should have agreed to reflect and submit commentary in decisions. However, in a state-of-emergency, when the time for the vetted a process. Elected officials should intentionally engage their community and eliminate barriers to ensure that their voices have space. We must make the time we need for the decision that will affect us all.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: During this last year, the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic emergency only perpetrated the state of needs for additional resources in mental health. This need becomes more significant when discussing how we as a community address our families of color and our low social-economic class families. In contrast, the appropriation of funds is a start. It will take mindful internationally of stretching our dollars to address the inequities around mental health and the needs that will present over the upcoming years. Our investments in mental health should include more than just increased access to health care. Appropriation

should also include funding for training that provides career pathways, a reinvestment in community health departments, benefits with increased pay for unclassified staff, and funds to research that will eliminate barriers in the "procedures" that stop opportunity before it exists.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
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- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Information that derives from local government is public knowledge. As community members, we have a right to information that exists as legally possible. Our local government must be transparent and have a high degree of communication with the individuals they represent.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

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- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: I believe that each person has the right to loving, skilled health care affordable and accessible regardless of the situation. It is the community's responsibility to lean with into resources and act in advocating for funding to address the need that exists.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: To represent the people, we must be of the people. Diversity in representation at all levels of government is essential to effective governing. Diversity helps to ensure that decisions incorporate perspectives, viewpoints, and experiences, making us the whole of our communities.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

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- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: Elected leaders should support the professional in area that they are representing. Support includes being truthful about the facts, being accessible for discussion for concerns and solution in addition to providing answers when needed.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: To support the preservation of our environment, we must consider sustainability measures and research that community members can readily practice. Supporting efforts in climate change can help increase energy efficiency, explore alternative energy supply and protect resources for extended use.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: It is a right for all individuals to protect the lives within our community. To do this we must have knowledge, resources, and opportunities to be educated on gun safety.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Our democracy is best when each Kansans has an equal opportunity for their voice to have space and be fairly represented. To do this requires that voting becomes easy and convenient for all eligible Kansans to vote. Access to voting requires convivence and fair allocation of polling locations with the transparency and support of local officials and the community to make it happen.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Comment: Public dollars need to focus on supporting our students, educators, and staff. At the same time, allocation and appropriation of funding should help families have access to private instruction. By using available resources, when can build services found in a private institution in the public sector. In addition, by providing opportunities for a private institution to partner with public schools, the discussion of private vs. public can refocus the most important factor-our students, teachers, and staff and their needs.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: Having a religion is not an action that we do yet a state of who we are. All persons must have the right to religion which may differ from my own. Therefore, I agree to respect and maintain the separation of my views when representing our community, as it is vital to ensure that all voices have space.

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: Elected school board members have to set policies for operating the schools and employ staff to carry out procedures. School Board members need the knowledge to oversee the budget and support how dollars are spent and support the superintendent's recommendation that helps lead our school district.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: I have currently collected \$20, and I have personally donated \$105.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: not applicable.

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: Please visit www.votekemerson.com to learn more about my viewpoints and how I will represent USD 497 as an elected school board member

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Kelly Jones
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Office Sought: Lawrence Board of Education
Office County: Douglas
Office City: n/a
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 100%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

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- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: I served on the board executive leadership team during the pandemic. For much of the 2021-22 academic year, data collected from several sources showed community members split, nearly 50-50, on matters pertaining to the learning format. As board president, I ensured that public commentary [at board meetings] remained open, even in a virtual environment. I was careful to give each speaker equal time and follow up as needed regardless of their position. I responded to nearly every email we received, which in some weeks took 20+ hours. On social media, I encouraged community members to set up a time to meet with me. With Dr. Lewis's knowledge, I conducted regular one-on-one meetings with community members and educators. For example, on the weekend leading up to one particularly contentious September vote, I met with over 50 educators and nearly the same number of parents. Following this vote, I worked with Dr. Lewis to form a COVID-19 committee, which included a broad representation of perspectives and local and state authorities on COVID-19 and K-12 gatekeeping. My general practice is to reach out to people who disagree with board action and hear first-hand how a board decision impacts their lives. I also regularly meet with both district unions' leadership teams and prioritize attending the assigned building site councils. I have not been afraid to take another direction when I discover new information. As board president, I requested a multilayered communication approach so that families and staff know how to reach board members and participate in board meetings.

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Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: Concerning Home Rule and the intersection with a tax lid, I support local elected officials' authority to raise taxes for community initiatives and priorities. I am opposed to statutes that interfere with local governments' ability to fund critical services, whose annual cost(s) may rise beyond the adjusted Consumer Price Index set by the state of Kansas. A tax lid creates an undue burden on local elected officials to hold tax elections, which are often expensive and confusing for voters. Research in this area suggests that local officials rarely overreach or misuse Home Rule- in part because doing so is not politically advantageous. For example, it is well-established that Kansans generally oppose raising property taxes. Therefore, local officials typically avoid doing so whenever possible. While I support local elected officials making tax and revenue decisions for their communities, I find some federal oversight [at the local level] of utmost importance. Civil Rights Act, Voting Rights Act, Older Americans Act, and other federal

legislation and legal rulings can be instrumental in reducing discriminatory state and local statutes, regulations, and practices. Historically, unregulated local governments often perpetrated oppressive practices, such as those seen in Jim Crow or same-sex marriage bans.,

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: I am a licensed social worker in Kansas. My twenty-year social service career includes a mental health focus. It's among the guiding principles I bring to the board table. While on the board, I've supported social-emotional initiatives that include: expanding restorative practices in all middle and high schools; staffing each elementary school (regardless of size) with a guidance counselor; paying for 2 of the 15 social work positions out the general fund (so that students, who do not receive special education services can access mental health supports); voting to retain the mental health facilitator position; and advocating for expanding the district's partnerships with our community mental health center, which I had the opportunity to vote for in the Fall, 2020. I am particularly proud of the inclusion of social-emotional learning frameworks and behavioral health approaches in the implementation section of the Equity Policy. (<https://go.boarddocs.com/ks/usd497/Board.nsf/Public#>) Along with my board colleagues Melissa Johnson and Shannon Kimball, we lead the equity policy's participatory-development process in both drafting and adopting.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

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- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: I believe in operating with a high level of transparency. My approach on the negotiations committee illustrates that belief. In the 2017 Lawrence Education Association (LEA) candidate survey, I included the position that we move away from traditional-based bargaining, which limits transparency in the district's negotiating approach and often creates conflict rather than solutions. Shortly after I was elected, I requested a meeting with the LEA president and district leadership. Soon after that, both bargaining teams agreed to engage in Interest-Based Bargaining (IBB). The IBB process creates agreements based on mutual interests rather than positions. To follow that process with fidelity, all parties must act with a high level of transparency, particularly around data sharing. As board president- in my governance capacity, I have led a board that discloses all financial records before negotiating wages; and that hosts negotiating meetings that included the Director of Finances. (At that meeting, the Director of Finances answers classified and certified union fiscal questions.)

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- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: Disparities in health outcomes, particularly for People of Color and people with lower incomes, negatively impact student outcomes and contributes to the opportunity gap in K-12 education. Thus, the school board members should prioritize health care access for students and staff, and their families. We do so in a myriad of ways but still need to grow in this area. One way to combat disparities in health outcomes for students and staff is to collaborate with local health care providers and the county health department on initiatives that increase health care access at school buildings. A recent example is the COVID-19 vaccine coordination between the Health Department and Lawrence Public Schools administrators. District administrators, the Douglas County Public Health Department officials, and district union leadership worked closely on planning for staff vaccinations.

(That planning included the applications of an equity formula, which I fully supported.) When the vaccine became available to younger people, the district moved to host vaccine clinics in LPS buildings for students. As a board member of the fringe committee, I supported board-paid medical, dental, vision employee-only coverage for those working 6 hours per day or more. In Spring 2021, LPS created an Early Childhood Education Center. I will continue to advocate that the center incorporate primary health care for families. This approach is commonly seen in a community school model. Ultimately, school boards and other local government entities may increase healthcare access (by allocating funding, building health care infrastructure, attracting healthy hospital authorities, etc.). Still, they do not yield the same tools as the Kansas legislature, which has the power to expand Medicaid but painfully has not. Each year that Kansas does not expand Medicaid, Kansas kids and their families lose out on federal matches.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: I am fortunate to serve on a school board that includes diversity in race, ethnicity, and gender. As board president, I work to elevate all board members' perspectives, which reflect varying lived experiences and identities. The result is improved board governance, where individual member's biases are more likely to be balanced by another member's counter understanding. This governance improvement enhances the board's ability to comprehensively monitor the district's progress toward meeting the goals laid out in USD497's strategic plan; our inquiries are more informed. As a result, our progress is more sustained. Net increases in board seats for women, People of Color, people from LGBTQ communities, People with Disabilities, Indigenous People are net gains toward reducing the opportunity gap. While president of the board, I observed the benefits of a diverse board. I also noted that we lacked conditions that increased a future board's success if that board's executive committee lacked facilitation training. To that end, I worked with the board policy committee to update and approve a new governance handbook, which is a significant undertaking. That governance document lays out guiding principles and values; and describes a shared moral imperative. It also mandates quarterly board continuing education and a more thorough board self-evaluation process. Additionally, it clearly states the board's commitment to diverse representation on all board committees, where individuals with varying backgrounds may meaningfully participate in board decision-making. In the board governance document, the practices and procedure framework focuses board operations on continuous improvement in the district.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
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- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: While serving on the Lawrence School Board, the district had five incidents of guns on campus. In addition, during my first week of board service, all board members had a police escort to board meetings because a disgruntled employee had an extensive gun collection. It is nearly routine for the board to receive an email from the district office that administrators and Lawrence Police Department are investigating a possible threat involving a gun in one of our buildings. In a viral video- Ms. Hurst, LPS elementary art teacher, shares the contents of the district's active shooter emergency buckets: hammers to break windows (strike the top corners, then the middle) and 5-gallon makeshift-toilet buckets for our children & educators in lockdown. Here's where school boards are at nationally: Absent sensible gun control legislation, post the 2012 Newton school shooting- school boards generously allocate taxpayer dollars to the approximately \$3 billion dollar school security industry. I was put onto this fact when I attended my first National School Board Association conference. It was sponsored almost entirely by the security industry. We did NOT talk about gun laws. We NEED sensible gun laws. <https://www.newsweek.com/teacher-goes-viral-slamming-schoolshooter-kit-hammer-toilet-paper-1582059>

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: In my address to 2021 graduates, I highlighted the importance of voting and local government. That portion of the speech can be viewed here at minute 49.3:

https://www.uclicktv.com/lawrencelion?fbclid=IwAR2Onyt3GHTp_oF9IS1_CmlAPcpa0rJHofT5UzSKFX6aVAo9ZGV9hrASl8
https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2391/kasb_opposition_to_hb_211932921_1.pdf

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: During 2020-21 legislative session, I opposed HB 2119 and fully support the Kansas Association of School Board opposition statement. (https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2391/kasb_opposition_to_hb_211932921_1.pdf.)

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: The role of the school board is district governance, not management. Campell and Fullan's 2019 book *The Governance Core, School Boards, Superintendents, and School Working Together* has informed my understanding of that distinction. The value of board governance is strategic oversight, ensuring district accountability to students, staff, families, and the broader community. In action, that oversight includes these key areas 1) recruiting, retaining, and evaluating the superintendent's performance; 2) approving the district budget authority; and 3) establishing district policies.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: None. I have established a small campaign budget and intend to run an extremely lean campaign with limited donations. I will likely redirect many donors to first-time candidates, in particular to Kay Emerson, whose campaign I endorse.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Assuming they opt to endorse candidates, I'll seek a Kansas Families for Education Endorsement. district 497 certified and classified unions, and Kansas Equality Pac.

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: Who I am and Why I am Seeking Re-election I am a first-generation college graduate who deeply understands the value of public education. I am running for the school board because I have seen how quality education positively impacts individual kids, their families, and the entire community. Service to public education is where I want to focus my efforts and energy. I am a district parent and longtime district volunteer with 20 years of professional experience in the social service field. Eleven of those years, I have practiced as a licensed master-level social worker. I have served a variety of communities and populations, and have developed a diverse combination of research, advocacy, administrative, clinical, and policy skills that will contribute to strengthening the Lawrence School Board. Currently, I am an Associate Professor of Practice and Director of Field Education at the KU School of Social Welfare. While my job is not K12 specific, I do have to measure student educational outcomes and have to participate in curriculum innovation, development, and implementation. Like teachers, staff, and students returning to in-person learning this Fall, I'll return strong. When I ran for school board in 2017, I didn't envision serving as board president during a pandemic. It's been among the most daunting leadership roles I've undertaken. I learned to lead through the crisis by prioritizing immediate and emerging opportunities to heal, repair, and renew. Among my second term priorities is supporting district leaders, teachers, staff, and students in pandemic-related academic and social-emotional recovery. More than ever, Lawrence students need knowledgeable board members focused on teacher-led educational approaches, like Kansas Can School redesign and substantive social-emotional programming, like responsive classrooms and restorative practices. I remain committed to equity-centered governance in public education. Core to my board practice is the belief that through the dedicated application of the board equity policy, we can see sustained, equitable outcomes for all students, regardless of their family's income, including students from the LGBTQ communities, who are immigrants or refugees, who are students of Color, and who have mental or physical disabilities. This year I saw extraordinary innovation and community-district collaboration; they are the hard-won gains of the pandemic. Lawrence is well-positioned to expand early childhood education opportunities through county, city, school district, and community partnerships. That's the kind of critical foundational work that inspires me to run again. If Lawrence wants to increase high school completion and improve postgraduation success in college or a career, the work starts early.

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2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Melissa Clissold
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Candidate Phone: (913) 259-8486
Office Sought: Lawrence Board of Education
Office County: Douglas
Office City: Lawrence
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 94%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
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Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment:

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- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs? (Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment:

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government? (Available points: 1)

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- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

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Candidate Comment:

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Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

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Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

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Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: As A member of the School Board I will serve as a leader and representative of the community. I'm responsible for establishing goals and vision for the district and work to implement policies that help improve the district, its schools, and the community. I will hold our district leadership accountable for maintaining a positive equitable learning environment where all our students can be successful. Our students are the future leaders of our community and we must provide every student the tools they need for success.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: I don't currently have contributions. I'm just getting started.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 0

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Equality Kansas & Kansas Families for Education PAC

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I bring the unique perspective of an insider. I've worked alongside the students and staff the School Board makes decisions for. I've cried with students and their parents during the remote learning. I've rejoiced with them during times of student success. I want families to feel like they matter. I want to be their advocate and their voice at the decision making table.

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Myranda Zarlengo
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Candidate Phone: (312) 285-3450
Office Sought: Lawrence Board of Education
Office County: Douglas
Office City: Lawrence
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 94%

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Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: I will always consider the needs of both sides of any conversation. Awareness and compassion are critical when being presented with difficult decisions.

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Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs? (Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: Having a plan to support mental health issues is very important especially now.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
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Candidate Comment:

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Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

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Candidate Comment:

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Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: I was on the Covid Committee last year and I have a 2nd grader who has severely struggled during online learning.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: I do not have any to this date. I have just started campaigning. \$25 personal donation

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 1

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

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Candidate Answer: n/a

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Candidate Answer:

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Q1-5.

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Candidate Email: nate@rpglawrence.com
Candidate Phone: 785-217-3391
Office Sought: Lawrence Board of Education
Office County: Douglas
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Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 94%

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Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: Our school board election is non-partisan. Additionally, I have been an independent my entire adult life, though I tend to lean toward Democrat ideology. Choosing that I will find "compromises" doesn't really mean that I'm going to sacrifice my ideals. It just means that my role on the school board will not be in representation of any party.

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Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

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- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: One of my platform points is the mental wellbeing of teachers and students, particularly in a post-pandemic world. I am also a Registered Nurse who worked the frontlines in the ER and ICU through the whole pandemic, and I have seen our mental health numbers skyrocket as a result of social isolation. I am very passionate about this issue.

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Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: I generally believe in the principle of supporting the educational system in all its forms, but when it's a question of finite resources and the public schools are already having trouble with gathering enough funding, then the priority should be given to public schools.

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Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: Guiding the vision and direction of our school district, while making decisions about policy and resource management. The scope is our entire school district. Therefore, decisions should be made which represent the needs and the views of the people in our district. Time must be spent understanding what the needs and the views of the people are.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: \$0 so far, though I do plan on raising funds when my steering committee starts meeting next week.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 0

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Our local teacher's union. League of Women Voters. More to come once my steering committee starts next week.

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in this survey. I hope to represent the people well and serve the families and children in our school district in a meaningful and inspiring way.

END SURVEY

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Travis Tozer
Candidate Email: ttozer@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: (785) 806-1344
Office Sought: Lawrence Board of Education
Office County: Douglas
Office City: Lawrence
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 88%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: School Boards are ideally apolitical bodies. My personal ideology leads to my political party affiliation and will also lead my decisions as a board member.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities.

Candidate Comment: I'm not sure the Home Rule, or this question on the survey, takes into account issues like face covering mandates in the time of a pandemic. I am sure several rural Kansas cities would have preferred not to issue mask mandates had the governor not issues one.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment:

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.

- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment:

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Local governments can play a part but this issue requires federal, and global, action.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: I believe I have a fairly solid grasp of it and I will continue to invest my time in attending board meetings, reading up on issues, and meeting with board members who are willing to share their experiences.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: \$0

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Amber Sellers
Candidate Email: sellers4lcc@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: (316) 204-1769
Office Sought: Lawrence City Commission
Office County: Douglas
Office City: Lawrence
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 100%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: 1. It is the responsibility of elected officials to represent the diverse voices of their community. Civil discourse is critical to my community engagement strategy as it serves to enhance the understanding of an issue between myself and the community. This foundational work is important to how I educate myself and the community on how to recognize an issue, share, and take a position that well informed.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

[https://www.lkm.org/page/Home Rule](https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule). (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: Home Rule is representative governance and that autonomy is necessary to ensuring what is best is determined by the elected leaders of the community. We have seen great policies be enacted on the basis of home rule, including non-discrimination ordinances, as demonstrated by several municipalities across the region. Inversely, we have seen how Home Rule has been usurped, as in SB 366 (2016), which prohibited local governments from enacting inclusionary zoning laws that would promote affordable, equitable housing through mixed-income neighborhoods.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: Georges Benjamin of the American Public Health Association once stated public health is deeply rooted in social justice. Our behavioral health workforce is underfunded and underrepresented in our communities, schools and public safety entities. We must create policies and support programs that address a collective definition of infrastructure that includes human service. We

must also continue to address funding inadequacies in behavioral health services and take a holistic approach to address the multifaceted aspects of infrastructure, which will lead to meaningful social change.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Elected officials serve to represent the collective voice of the people. Transparency starts with open, intentional engagement with the community- this increases trust, accountability and integrity in elected officials. An elected official who takes part in educating their constituent understands the value of participation government.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: I believe public health is rooted in social justice. We must connect resources with the needs of the people and ensure that social services efficiently support our community. I believe it is important to hear from the community what we can do better, what people need to thrive in the community, and who is being left behind and why- this includes how local government can support access to affordable, quality health care services.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: A community must be able to see a reflection of themselves in their elected officials. Elected leadership on all levels must provide space for candidates that represent a diverse lived experience that may not represent a majority population. I believe that by elevating the importance of reflective representation, we increase opportunities to discover alternative insights to complex issues, as well as development of creative inclusive policies that move us closer to a more equitable system of governance.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: The relationship between elected leaders and professional public staff is one of support and collaboration. As subject matter experts in their respective field, it is my role to balance elevating the work of public service staff while providing accountability on behalf of the at-large without encroaching on the roles and responsibilities assigned to staff.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: There are opportunities to use equity index mapping to address climate impact within communities that in return can be used to prioritize environment sustainability strategies. This work is directly impacts the responsibility local elected officials have driving environmental policy within city systems.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Local elected officials play a crucial role in shaping and expanding local election process that are safe, equitable and accessible to their constituents.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: The role of city commissioner is to set priorities to address problems and/or needs within the community. Duties center around carefully listening to constituents and municipal staff to formulate how to make decisions that will enhance the quality of life for the community as a collective. Technical aspects include being well informed to address annual/ongoing appropriations, ordinances and public policy, taxation and other general functions. Lastly, there must be intentional about immersing in matters that build content knowledge in order to engage and drive strategic plans/initiatives.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: \$3700

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 47

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Run For Something, Teamsters Union 464, IAFF Local 1596

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: Thank you for the opportunity to participate!

END SURVEY

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Chris Flowers
Candidate Email: wpcorner@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: 785-917-1800
Office Sought: Lawrence City Commission
Office County: Douglas
Office City: Lawrence
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 82%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: To be honest, I'll be loyal to my ideology first if it's something I am passionate about. I am loyal to my ideology before my party. Right now I'm registered as a Democrat, but before that I was independent. If my constituents are divided but I feel strongly about the issue then I'm probably going with what I think is right and not compromising. If I don't feel strongly then I'm probably compromising. Doing what my affiliated party wants is low on my list.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: I am a strong believer in Home Rule, but I must admit I have a problem with the statement "Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities". I think voters should have the ultimate authority, meaning if they're unhappy with something, they should be allowed to petition to put it on the ballot for the community to vote upon with local leaders accepting the results. When it comes to state vs local though, I want the cities to have as much power as possible, especially since I live in a city that seems to constantly be at odds with the state!

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: I support trained mental health professionals responding to emergency calls about mental health issues instead of the police. In order for Lawrence to do that, we will need to expand our services.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: I went with the bottom option, but when it says all circumstances I'm assuming there is a measure of reasonability involved? For example, I once saw a city council meeting on Youtube where a city councilman had to defend his name after being accused of taking a binder clip from city hall by another councilman. So when I say all circumstances, I'm leaving out petty things like making an ordeal out of someone taking home a pen or paper clip. Efficiency is important too, but ultimately I'd rather have a slower city hall than a corrupt one. The only way to avoid a corrupt one is to place importance on transparency.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: The main responsibility for health care should be the federal government. I believe the government should have health care for everyone. However, I think local government has a place too, especially when it comes to working with nonprofits that increase the public's access to healthcare and health related needs.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: To be fair, I think diversity should somewhat match the community. I grew up in a small town that was about 98% white. I think in that case it's ok if everyone in the local government is white because the town is so white that it might be hard to find someone from the rest of the 2% that would want to be part of the government. For places where diversity is able to be found because the town is diverse (such as mine) I definitely believe the city should strive to make sure there is diversity in government.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
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- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: I would say both support and scrutinize. I went with support because more often than not the experts are going to provide good advice as opposed to bad. However, from attending meetings I've seen bad advice given to the city commission. Just because a so called expert has an opinion doesn't mean the opinion is right. Sometimes experts can disagree with each other. Take how roads are handled for example. Some experts would say we should build roads that are safe as possible and strive for 0 deaths regardless of how much it slows down traffic. Others say that it's reasonable to expect some deaths from traffic accidents and that overall people would be happier by not having their commute times doubled or tripled. So while more often than not the

professionals know what they're talking about, it's still the role of the commission to assess the needs and desires of the community when taking the advice.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: I think bigger gains for the environment can be made at higher levels like the federal government, but cities can still play a role. Just tonight, Lawrence's city commission voted to build a new splash park. It was 170 more than originally expected, but that was because they added a system that would recirculate the water, which would save over a million gallons of water a year. There are lots of ways cities can make changes to benefit the environment, from offering recycle bins next to garbage cans on city property to using renewable energy and encouraging others to do so also.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: Why should taxpayer money go to private schools? If we didn't give money to private schools, we'd have more money for public schools, which are open to all the public.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: I think the role of city commissioner means I show up every Tuesday to vote on items that come before the commission. It also means I'd be responsible for trying to put items on the agenda I think need addressing.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: Well since I got a late start and just filed to run a week ago, I've yet to actually collect any money yet. I have had people express interest in donating, but have told them that I'll get back to them this week once I have things set up and finalized.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 0 confirmed donors as of now.

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: None yet. This is the first survey I have filled out.

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Whoever wants to endorse me. I plan on hitting up numerous organizations and individuals too. I have a lot to offer!

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: Thank you for taking the time to read my responses. Good luck in choosing the right candidates to endorse :-)

END SURVEY

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Milton Scott
Candidate Email: miltons123@aol.com
Candidate Phone: (785) 550-3700
Office Sought: Lawrence City Commission
Office County: Douglas
Office City: Lawrence
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 94%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: I believe that good government reflects the 3 C's: Collaboration, Cooperation and Compassion in its representation of its constituents.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

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- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: I believe that good government reflects the 3 C's: Collaboration, Cooperation and Compassion in its representation of its constituents.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
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- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: I believe that good government reflects the 3 C's: Collaboration, Cooperation and Compassion in its representation of its constituents.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: As a African-American male and as a single parent of two sons, it is my strong belief that no one should be excluded!

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of elected leaders to closely manage the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: When elected, I feel that my role and responsibility will be to provide good and accessible government. In addition, my diverse background and experiences will permit me to provide a different and fresh perspective to governance.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: None thus far

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: None thus far

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: I will share my views with the voters, and it is up to them to decided to endorsement me via the ballot box.

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I believe that good government reflects the 3 C's: Collaboration, Cooperation and Compassion in its representation of its constituents.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Melanie Arroyo
Candidate Email: melanie4lenexa@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: (913)-279-0407
Office Sought: Lenexa City Council
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Lenexa
Office District: 3

Candidate Rating: 100%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: It's important that people feel not just heard, but understood, and work towards a compromise by asking solution oriented questions where we steer away from the problem and move in the direction of tangible solutions instead. This will be done by hosting forums, inviting members of the community to contact me, holding meetings, and/or by making phone calls to constituents and colleagues.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: As a general rule, Home Rule is the ideal state for local governments. We should give cities the freedom to experiment, and the ability to manage their own affairs to the greatest extent possible.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs? (Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: As a mental health professional, I fully believe in the value of expanding existing mental health programs and implementing new programs where needed in our community. We can support our public safety by expanding the Crisis Intervention team, thus removing the responsibility to handle mental health crisis calls from police officers, and putting them in the hands of trained mental health professionals instead. These front line professions are not easy, so I also believe that police officers, dispatchers, fire fighters, and EMS personnel would benefit from affordable and accessible mental health services along with their families. In addition, I support expanding emotional intelligence programs in the schools by training teachers to engage students in effective communication and coping skills, and by providing additional school counselors in order to meet the mental health needs of the students.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Voters expect and deserve transparency in their city government and I intend to deliver. I will be an advocate for making city business as transparent as possible, specifically in terms of language and accessibility. Too often, voters & residents with disabilities do not have full accessibility to city meetings and that needs to change.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: Local government has a responsibility for all parts of the community to have access to healthcare resources within a 15 minute radius, so that residents with various modes of transportation (walking, biking, or driving) can effectively access basic healthcare necessities such as pharmacies, grocery stores, urgent care clinics, and dental services.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: As a woman of color, I understand the importance of representation across all office levels. I want diverse members of my community to feel heard, understood, and represented by the government that serves them.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: Like many other cities in Johnson County, Lenexa has attracted, on the whole, very competent & capable civil servants. To ignore professionals in their area of expertise would be a grave mistake.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Cities are already leaders on climate change through such organizations as Climate Action KC, and I support these efforts to create green jobs, transition to a carbon-free economy, and save money in city government operations through clean & efficient new technologies.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: I was still a child when the modern epidemic of mass shootings began with Columbine. Throughout my time in Shawnee Mission Schools, active shooter drills were all too common. No parent or child should have to go to school scared of this possibility. Enhanced local gun safety measures are critical when our state government has largely abdicated its responsibility to limit access to guns in any way.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: In my conversations with voters on their doorsteps, I have heard many express concerns about the most fundamental right of Americans being limited. As a Mexican-American who proudly became an American citizen in 2018, I view the right to vote as fundamentally a part of what it means to be an American. I will vigorously oppose any efforts to restrict access to voting, and strongly support efforts to make voting easy, efficient, secure, and accessible to all eligible Americans.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? *(Available points: 1)*

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: Public money is for public schools. Period. I am opposed to any effort to funnel taxpayer money to private schools, whether that is called vouchers or state-funded "scholarships."

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? *(Available points: 1)*

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: Personal religious views are just that: personal. While I believe we must respect the religious beliefs of others, I believe the separation of church and state must be first and foremost when it comes to religion and public life.

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: The Lenexa City Council sets the policies of our city and provides oversight to ensure they are carried out efficiently and effectively. As a member of the City Council, I believe it is my role to be a community leader who brings citizens together to find pragmatic solutions to our common problems. Through active listening and community engagement, I know we can make Lenexa a place where all citizens feel like their voices are heard.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: Roughly \$2750

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: ~55

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Run For Something and state Rep. Susan Ruiz (D-Lenexa & Shawnee).

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: MainPAC. 😊 Various unions, environmental groups, pro-choice organizations, Equality Kansas

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I would be honored to receive, and would gladly accept, the MainPAC endorsement.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Scott Callaway
Candidate Email: ss6245@yahoo.com
Candidate Phone: (816) 805-2816
Office Sought: Lenexa City Council
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Lenexa
Office District: 4

Candidate Rating: 65%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment:

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs? (Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment:

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government? (Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Neutral

Candidate Comment: Diversity should not be avoided. The most competent individuals who will listen to all constituents, and be open to new ideas and value the health of the community is paramount.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to scrutinize the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: My role is to represent the collective voices of my community on the board.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I love Lenexa. I've been a homeowner in Lenexa for 15 years, married for 16 years, raising two wonderful sons 4 and 6, one with special needs of epilepsy and autism diagnosed with Dravet syndrome. I'm an engineer with two college degrees, and have worked for AT&T for 25 years. My work responsibilities include the planning and forecasting the fiber optic build for Kansas communities. I'm excited about the future of Lenexa but first and foremost I don't want Ward 4 to be left behind.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey

2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Nancy Hammond
Candidate Email: nancyhammond9215@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: (913) 980-1444
Office Sought: Merriam City Council
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Merriam
Office District: 2

Candidate Rating: 71%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Comment: I truly believe we should get to the basics of helping neighbors again. True compassion and responsibility for the position I would be holding. Working for the people striving to make a better community. Making a positive commentment for up holding my position.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: No

Candidate Comment: We have a mental health program not far from Merriam in Shawnee

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.

- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment:

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of elected leaders to closely manage the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: Responsibility as a representative to adopt resolutions and ordinances and also approving budgets. Decision making for the best interest of the community

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: None at the moment

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: None at the moment

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: None at the moment

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: None at the moment

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer:

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MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: J Ryan Campbell
Candidate Email: jryancampbell233@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: 913.660.3636
Office Sought: Olathe Board of Education
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Olathe
Office District: 3

Candidate Rating: 53%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: At the local school board level, my job is to represent everyone in my community to the best of my ability and seek to find ways to meet their needs. Party affiliation politics should not be an issue in our schools and we must find ways to focus our efforts first on education and higher achievement for our students.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: I think local officials should have the ultimate authority in decision makings for local decisions. However, I will add that if the few local officials fail to act or fail to act in good faith or uphold their duty as an elected official, there needs to be a way for citizens to challenge the local elected officials. This doesn't need to mean recalling the elected official but possibly a petition to the county or state government to review the action (or inaction) taken by the local officials.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: I would be in support of allocating resources to any program or service that demonstrates a need for additional funding to support the community. However, as with any program, not just mental health, we must be good stewards of the resources we have available to us and make sure that tax payer funds are being used in the most appropriate way for the entire community.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

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- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Neutral

Candidate Comment: "Representation" is the key word in that question. Being able to represent other people that don't think the same, look the same, have the same upbringing or financial status is important in all levels of government.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
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- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Not Applicable

Candidate Comment: We all need to respect our environment

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Not Applicable

Candidate Comment: Firearm safety is important. We should teach our kids (and adults) to respect firearms and understand the dangers of playing with them. They should also understand the utility of firearms for things like hunting, sport shooting, and target shooting.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Not Applicable

Candidate Comment: Voting should be accessible to all citizens legally able to vote. The election system is critical to our government and should be protected to maintain integrity.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: Public funds should be used for public services. Taxation for public utilities, schools, etc. should provide for the level of services demanded by the community, based on their needs and future demands, not an elected officials opinion.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: As with any board position for any organization, the role is to provide oversight and guidance to the management and administration in order to take the organization in the desired direction. It is the primary responsibility of the management to develop policies and procedures that lead to the desired outcomes. It is the responsibility of the board to hold management (superintendents) accountable for the outcomes of the district.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: 200

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 2

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: I am not "seeking" the endorsement of any organization. I will respond to organizations that inquire about my stance regarding the school board position and if they choose to endorsement, I will appreciate their support.

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: Thanks for the opportunity to respond.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Julie Steele
Candidate Email: julie@votejuliesteele.com
Candidate Phone: 913-485-5540
Office Sought: Olathe Board of Education
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Olathe
Office District: 3

Candidate Rating: 94%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: The most important role of the elected official at any level is to be available to their constituents to answer questions and concerns. Division has been prevalent this past year at all levels of politics. As we emerge in a post-pandemic society we need to have better communication with all people, even if views don't always align.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: I am in favor of Home Rule. It's a long-standing tradition in Kansas that local control is best. In an ideal setting, the members of a community should be empowered to make decisions that impact them because they are the most familiar with their unique situation locally.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: At the school district level the support for mental health has grown immensely. We know better so we are doing better with regard to offering mental health support to students, the goal being that we reach them before they are in a dire place. My son experienced the death of two high school classmates who took their lives within two days of each other. At that time, in 2014, we weren't openly discussing the needs of mental health support for all students. We are now and we need to continue expanding that conversation as we destigmatize the need for mental health counseling.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: In school districts across the nation, decisions were made that were closely observed and analyzed by their local communities. As we head into a post-pandemic society local decisions makers need to be as transparent as legally possible to ensure that trust and honesty is paramount in our local communities.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? *(Available points: 2)*

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs states that unless physiological needs are met, other needs cannot be developed. Students who are hungry, feeling unsafe, anxious or in pain are not ready to learn. We have a responsibility to our students to ensure that their physiological needs are met first. I'm proud that our district prioritizes overall wellness, including physical, mental and social/emotional health.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? *(Available points: 1)*

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: In our community of Olathe, our non-white population averages 21%. In our school district, our non-white population averages 36%. Our local leadership at the city and school district level does not represent those same percentages as they are mostly white. Our students and children in this community need to see role models and leaders, from the classroom to administration to elected officials that look like them. We need to strive to ensure that our leadership reflects comparable percentage as non-white citizens.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? *(Available points: 1)*

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to scrutinize the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: The leadership chart for the school district shows that the School Board directly oversees the Superintendent. The Superintendent then oversees the rest of the district employees and operations. School Board members should not be in the habit of micromanaging professionals who work in the district as a whole. However, scrutiny of district decisions, especially in departments that have historical or current issues that need addressing, is appropriate. The elected board is the liaison to the community and their concerns and questions need to be met with knowledge and ability to gain knowledge to answer their questions and concerns.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Olathe Schools have been very proactive when it comes to addressing the very real threat of climate change. Not only have we worked to design more energy efficient buildings, we've retrofitted existing buildings with more efficient HVAC units, windows, auto shut-off lighting, etc. Our innovative 21st Century Programs include a Green Technology Academy, one of the only programs in the nation that prepares high school students to enter that field. Though climate change is a worldwide problem, we can make a difference here at home by being good stewards of our resources. This matters from the standpoint of planning for the future, as well as good economic sense.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: School safety is a top priority of mine & unfortunately we live in a time where gun violence is rampant in our country. I am pleased that our public schools take this threat seriously & have implemented pinch points for entry into buildings, A.L.I.C.E. drills & increased cameras, etc. within buildings. I believe in responsible gun ownership & feel that our schools should be gun-free zones with the exception of licensed/uniformed law enforcement officers, such as SRO Officers.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Our vote is an expression of our priorities as Americans. Our vote is our voice. We should always strive to make it easier to vote, not more difficult.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? *(Available points: 1)*

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: Our community has a longstanding history of supporting our outstanding public schools. There is no reason for public dollars to be spent on private schools. A high-quality education should be accessible for all students & our public schools do an excellent job of preparing all students for their futures.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? *(Available points: 1)*

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: I'm a firm believer in the separation of church and state. Personal religious beliefs have no place in public policy decision making.

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: It's very important for local school board members to understand the unique responsibilities of their position. The Kansas State School Board determines standards for what will be taught, but local school boards are responsible for the allocation of funds to make sure that the Kansas State Standards are met. Local school boards play a key role in making sure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely and efficiently. Additionally, local school boards are responsible for approving curriculum, determining mill levies, maintaining assets and being accountable to their constituents.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: \$14,000

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: approximately 30

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: ONEA KNEA Sierra Club JCDW Prairie Roots

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

*Candidate Answer: My website is www.votejuliesteele.com Thank you for the opportunity to complete this survey. Julie Steele
913-485-5540 julie@votejuliesteele.com*

END SURVEY

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Tiffany Seaman
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Office Sought: Olathe Board of Education
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Olathe
Office District: 3

Candidate Rating: 94%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: I do not affiliate with a party.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: Local officials know their communities and their needs best.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs? (Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: As a new mom that suffered from PPD, I had no idea where to turn or how to seek help. We need resources readily available, and these resources need to be largely shared with the community.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government? (Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.

- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Transparency encourages trust and collaboration, and make our community stronger.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: We are a diverse people, and therefore it is important that those that represent us should be as well.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: In thinking of the School Board, it is important for the locally elected school board members to listen carefully to the needs of our professionals. If the role of the district is to think about what is best for our students, we must think about how to value and best support our teachers. The Board should be committed to attracting and retaining qualified educators for our students, and supporting professional employees during contract negotiations is an important way to ensure this.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: It's critical to ensure quality educational opportunities for all. Public schools must meet federal requirements regarding (including equitable access for students with disabilities). Use of public dollars to pay for private education decreases the funding available to ensure a strong public school system, which is essential to quality educational opportunities for all.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: The mission of the public school is to educate each child to their fullest potential. I understand as a member of the local Board of Education, I would help ensure this. I would continue to advocate for what is best for all students, and be a support to educators and families in the district to keep them informed. I would listen to the needs of our community and collaborate with the other members of the board to ensure that we are taking actions that truly are in the best interest of all students. Serving on the Olathe Public School District Board of Education would provide me with a great opportunity to serve our community and contribute positively to our district.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: I have not yet received any.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: I do not have any donors yet.

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Olathe National Education Association (ONEA)

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: Serving on the Olathe Public School District Board of Education would provide me with a great opportunity to serve our community and contribute positively to our district. As a member of the Olathe Public Schools Board of Education, I plan to help improve the quality of our school system by: advocating for literacy creating stronger partnerships focusing on students Advocating for Literacy Strong literacy skills are the keystone to success in life. I would like to advocate so that our district makes informed decisions that will help us reach all of our students. This would include ensuring that all teachers are provided with the knowledge, support, and resources in order to effectively support their learners. I have a deep passion for literacy. With the new Dyslexia and Reading initiatives from the Kansas State Department of Education, I started a group for educators across the state of Kansas to grow together in the Science of Reading, and work collectively to implement real transformation in classrooms across the state. We now know that classroom teaching itself, when it includes a range of research-based components and practices, can prevent and mitigate reading difficulty (Moats, 2020, p. 5). Strengthening Partnerships As a former educator in the Olathe Public School District, I value the importance of transparency in the decisions that are taking place within our district. I will advocate for more communication and collaboration between district administration and teachers and families so that we ensure higher quality learning experience for all of our children. As a member of the Olathe Public Schools Board of Education, I would provide a voice for the concerns and interests of teachers, families and community members. I will work to create stronger partnerships within the school district, as well as between the school district and families and our community. Focusing on Students With every decision we make, I will encourage all stakeholders to ask ourselves, is this what is best for our students? How will this impact their learning and experiences? How will this set them up for success? We must keep our students in the forefront of all of our decisions. As a member of the Olathe Public Schools Board of Education, I will advocate for what is best for our children, teachers and community as a whole.

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: David Laughter
Candidate Email: david.f.laughter@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: 913-940-0016
Office Sought: Olathe City Council
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Olathe
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 82%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment:

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see [https://www.lkm.org/page/Home Rule](https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule). (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs? (Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment:

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government? (Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Neutral

Candidate Comment:

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: I believe I understand the fundamentals and responsibilities of the role. However I will always remain in a learning mode as well should I be elected.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: 0

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 0

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: This is my first time running for a political office so I am unsure what endorsements are there.

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I have much to learn regarding running for this (or any office). As such I look forward to sharing with the citizens of Olathe my views and aspirations should I be elected.

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Dean Vakas
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Office Sought: Olathe City Council
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Olathe
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 100%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: Because the Olathe City Council is nonpartisan, members are expected to check their party affiliations at the door and convene as a collaborative body to make common-sense decisions for the good of our entire community. As a City Councilor At-Large, I will represent the interests of all Olatheans in a fair and equitable manner. While I do have my own personal party affiliation, I will be committed to seeking morally and ethically sound compromises when they are the best course of action.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: I fully support Home Rule. Local control is generally ideal. There should be no inappropriate state or federal interference that would hamstring local elected officials from doing what is in the best interest of their communities.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: Robust mental health programs create stronger communities. While the role of city government on this issue is limited, I support any and all efforts to address the mental health needs of our community members. I applaud the City of Olathe for leading in their efforts to provide mental health co-responders and crisis intervention training to their law enforcement personnel.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: The lack of appropriate transparency in government is a problem. Both elected officials and professional staff must continuously make extra effort to educate the general public about ongoing government operations and decision-making. Public engagement will be one of my top priorities, and it will be my duty to explain the business of government in a way that promotes full transparency.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: Local government should advocate for better access to affordable healthcare. Healthy residents and those who feel secure in their healthcare have a greater sense of well-being and are more productive within their community. The Olathe Fire Department's Mobile Integrated Health Team is a program that already displays a commitment to community wellness; I appreciate the creativity of this approach to common-sense governing.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: Government officials, both elected and professional staff, should reflect the full spectrum of the community. Diverse representation helps to create a sense of ownership and trust in governmental affairs within our general population and allows leaders to better serve the will of the people.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: It is important to hire and retain the highest quality professional staff who are committed to their jobs and to providing exceptional service to the community. It will be my role to work with staff to improve governmental operations. While the relationship should be collaborative, it should also be one built upon a foundation of constructive, honest discourse to ensure the decisions being made are fiscally responsible and in the residents' best interest.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)

- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Local government must act as an agent of environmental stewardship. The City of Olathe should develop an intentional Climate Action Plan to help to lower greenhouse gas emissions and provide other mitigation/adaptation steps that are crucial to the health of the planet our children will inherit.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Common-sense gun policy should be an ongoing discussion. While the preponderance of laws emanate from federal and state authorities, local officials should promote gun safety. This topic requires intentional and collaborative work to both reduce gun violence and encourage responsible gun ownership.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: While elections are administered by county and state officials, voting access demands the leadership of local elected officials who must promote full participation in our democracy by encouraging voter registration and making every effort to enhance everyone's ability to cast their votes.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: Olathe has a long history of being proud and supportive of our community's exceptional public schools. Public education is the most important equalizer in socio-economic disparity. There is no legitimate reason to divert public school funding to private schools. Strong public schools attract economic growth and help to create a diverse, engaged, and connected community.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: Religion does not have a place in governmental operations. Full separation of church and state, period.

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: The Olathe City Council sets policies and makes decisions regarding the approval of budgets and the expenditure of funds as well as the prioritization, approval, and funding of capital improvement projects. As an at-large member of the Olathe City Council, I will be an ambassador for and promoter of good government. I will stay informed on the issues, policies, and necessary background information, so that I make decisions in the best interest of my entire constituency.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: Approximately \$29,000

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: Approximately 150 donors

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Equality Kansas International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 124 Johnson County Democratic Women North & South Kansas City Regional Association of Realtors Laborers Local Union #1290 Olathe Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 44 Olathe Professional Fire Fighters Association—IAFF L2542 Prairie Roots Kansas Sierra Club

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: Please don't hesitate to ask for more information if needed. I appreciate the work of Mainstream Coalition as well as the opportunity to better inform voters about my candidacy.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: LeEtta Felter
Candidate Email: lefelter@yahoo.com
Candidate Phone: (913) 486-7809
Office Sought: Olathe City Council
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Olathe
Office District: 3

Candidate Rating: 82%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment:

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see [https://www.lkm.org/page/Home Rule](https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule). (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs? (Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment:

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government? (Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment:

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: It is the role of locally elected leaders to make sure that we hire the best leadership for the City (City Manager), to cast the vision for that leader (strategic plan), to approve the policies and procedures for the City (provide guardrails), and to work with the City Manager to make sure they have the tools they need to implement the strategic plan. A 30,000 foot perspective is the role of the City Council, not to get into the weeds. When constituent issues arise, the City Council works with the City Manager to seek a resolution.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: I am the longest serving current Board of Education Member for the Olathe Public Schools.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: See #12

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: I haven't begun fundraising yet (I was waiting on my lit and website). Mary Birch sent me a check for \$100.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 1

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: I haven't sought endorsements yet. I wasn't expecting to file for this position. However, the Olathe Professional Firefighters have already endorsed me.

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: MainPAC, HBAKC

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: Thanks for all you do! Thanks for the opportunity.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Luciana Ortega-Garcia
Candidate Email: strategichompson@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: +1 09132718442
Office Sought: Olathe City Council
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Olathe
Office District: 3

Candidate Rating: 41%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Comment:

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

[https://www.lkm.org/page/Home Rule](https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule). (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment:

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment:

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: YES

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: NONE YET

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 0

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Carol Merritt
Candidate Email: thesuperrealtor@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: (913) 787-4136
Office Sought: Overland Park City Council
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Overland Park
Office District: 1

Candidate Rating: 59%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: Any great leader has to find solutions that include some compromise. But there are moral issues, one cannot but STAND FIRM ON. I believe that every problem has a solution. I believe in hard work to find the answers to those problems.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

[https://www.lkm.org/page/Home Rule](https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule). (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities.

Candidate Comment: The people have ultimate authority because they elected their leaders. Leaders are servants, not kings or despots.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: Of course, govt must help the physical, and mental needs of its citizens.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.

- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Openness and TRUTH are the foundations for TRUST in any relationship.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: We cannot judge by the color of someone's skin, but we CAN JUDGE BY THE QUALITY OF THEIR CHARACTER.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to scrutinize the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Not Applicable

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: There are ETERNAL moral values that I stand firm on.

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: I have a lot to learn, and will do much research and study.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: \$200.00

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: One

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Working

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Have not decided

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Logan Heley
Candidate Email: loganheley@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: (913) 660-4727
Office Sought: Overland Park City Council
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Overland Park
Office District: 1

Candidate Rating: 100%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: Engaging our community is something I do professionally for Harvesters, and in my role on the Overland Park City Council. We are a big, diverse community with a variety of opinions about the issues of the day. It's my job to invite constituents to provide feedback and then balance the various perspectives residents and stakeholders provide with recommendations from our city's professional staff. Our community works best with engaged community members!

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
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- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: Absolutely! Our proposed 2022 Budget supports a new 11-member Behavioral Health Unit, as recommended by the City's Mental Health Task Force and approved by the City Council. The proposed budget also includes three full-time mental health co-responders, in addition to Crisis Intervention Team-trained officers and sergeants in the unit, will provide 24/7 response for mental health related emergency calls for service.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: In my first term, I'm proudest of my accomplishments to increase transparency and engagement in our city. I was the first Councilmember to begin community town hall meetings. My leadership led to the City beginning to video live stream and record all its meetings and establish an open public comment period at all Council meetings. We also now require developers to host a neighborhood meeting when development is near residential areas. I'll continue to prioritize engagement in my second term.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: The health of our community is something we should all feel ownership of. Our city's first responders see the impacts of lack of health resources on a daily basis -- whether its an older resident in need of care who can't afford assisted living, or a resident in need of mental health care, or something else. Too often community members will call 9-1-1 as a last hope because we don't have proper health resources to help people before there's an emergency.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: As we seek community members to serve on our city's advisory boards and commissions, we need to prioritize diversity in representation. Too frequently am I sitting at a city meeting and see a lack of diversity in age, race, gender, and experiences. Part of the reason I ran for City Council in 2017 was because Millennials make up the largest portion of our city's population, yet had no representation on our Governing Body. Embracing diversity is good and healthy for our community.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

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- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: In our city we are fortunate to have professional staff that regularly achieves regional and national awards in their fields. The work and recommendations of our professional staff play a big role in why our residents love to live in Overland Park. As an elected official, it's also my responsibility to ensure our professional staff are seeking and receiving community input. When we all work together, we get a community we all love.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)

- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: As an engaged member of Climate Action KC, I'm dedicated to protecting our environment and making sure Overland Park is a great place to live for generations to come. I prioritize sustainable development and infrastructure that makes our neighborhoods healthier, safer, and more affordable.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: I support public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: We live in a democracy, meaning that our government is a reflection of ourselves. We all need to do our part to ensure we have an engaged community where all feel welcome and encouraged to participate in our democracy.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: My job is to represent my constituents and to make decisions for the short-and long-term success of our community. I'm running for re-election to the Overland Park City Council to ensure we continue the long, hard work towards a more sustainable, healthy, and just community.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: I've raised more than \$11,000 this year with about \$14,000 cash on hand as of writing this.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: About 130 donors this year.

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Mainstream Coalition Equality Kansas Moms Demand Action

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: Please be a voter!

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Melissa Cheatham
Candidate Email: melissa@melissaop.com
Candidate Phone: 202-246-0229
Office Sought: Overland Park City Council
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Overland Park
Office District: 2

Candidate Rating: 94%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: I support nonpartisan local elections because essential city services must work for all residents. In serving a diverse city, I will listen with an open mind and focus on finding common ground and solutions. For example, as a member of the Building Code Task Force I reached consensus with homebuilders on the county's most energy efficient code and we jointly recommended an incentive program for electric vehicle and solar ready homes, which was recently adopted.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: Local governments are closest to the people and should be able to innovate and make decisions for their communities. I do believe it is appropriate for state and federal governments to provide a floor to ensure the safety of all Americans. For example, I was glad that OP could pass its own non-discrimination ordinance protecting LGBTQ residents. However, if the state were to enact a nondiscrimination policy, I believe cities shouldn't be able to opt out and leave people unprotected.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: I support the work of the Mental Health Task Force, which was created in response to the overwhelming need for additional mental health support among residents. I support the ForwardOP vision's focus on wellness as a priority for the city.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: The public has a right to understand what its government is doing to the greatest extent possible. This transparency is foundational to an engaged citizenry. If we want residents to engage in crafting the vision of our community and support robust local government, we need to operate with transparency. As an elected official I intend to conduct myself with integrity and would welcome the opportunity for the public to see my service in action. I expect the same of city staff.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: Cities encourage health by supporting walkable neighborhoods, trauma-informed policing, affordable housing, and access to parks and trails, among other things. Health care access is largely determined at the state and federal level but I do think local elected officials can and should be more vocal about support for expanding access. For example, our city leaders should hold state officials accountable for the real health and economic consequences of their failure to expand Medicaid.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: Different life experiences bring different perspectives, wisdom and solutions. I wholeheartedly believe that inclusion of diverse voices leads to better decisions that will better serve our residents.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: Our dedicated public servants are essential to Overland Park's strength. Every day they keep residents safe, keep parks and facilities functioning, and work to improve the city with little public thanks. I intend to respect their expertise and assume good intentions. While I don't plan to meddle in the daily work of city staff, I do believe the City Council plays an important oversight role.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)

- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Many important climate decisions are made at the local level including transportation, building codes, zoning and native planting. Through my volunteer work with Climate Action KC, I wrote a regional Playbook highlighting the many ways that cities can support better climate policy.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Unfortunately, local government's ability to protect its residents from gun violence has been limited by state and federal policy. It remains a relevant challenge as unlimited access to dangerous weapons threatens residents, especially law enforcement officers, people experiencing domestic violence, and individuals dealing with mental health challenges. I support common sense policies, where possible, like limiting guns at city facilities.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: I am grateful that Overland Park residents are served by the Johnson County Election Office, which reliably runs accessible, secure and efficient elections. I am disheartened to see efforts at the state level that are designed to make voting more difficult and sow distrust in our elections.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: Public schools are the cornerstone of our community and our strong schools are one of the biggest reasons we attract jobs and families to live here. Public schools serve all children for free, without discriminating based on income, disability, religion or ethnicity. Public schools are the welcoming mat of our community and they have my full support.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: As a city council member, my most important role will be to bring the interests of residents to city governance and to share the council's business with my constituents. Council members set city policies, priorities and direction, especially through the budget process, economic development and zoning, and through hiring of the city manager. I will also seek to help constituents who need assistance navigating the city bureaucracy.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: \$17,749

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 165

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Run for Something, VoteMama, Moms In Office

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: Overland Park is a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family. My top priorities, if elected, are to keep the city working well; to build a city that is welcoming, forward-thinking, and innovative; and to improve community engagement. As the primary author of the Climate Action KC Playbook, a member of the city's Environmental Advisory Council, and former staff for the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, I will also work hard to incorporate sustainability in decision making.

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Sam Passer
Candidate Email: sam@samforop.com
Candidate Phone: (913) 523-3156
Office Sought: Overland Park City Council
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Overland Park
Office District: 5

Candidate Rating: 94%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: There's a reason city council in OP is nonpartisan on the ballot - as the old adage goes, There aren't Democrat potholes or Republican potholes - they impact all residents.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment:

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.

- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment:

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: I think the role of the city council is similar to the board of directors at a company. The council hires the city manager and the city manager runs the day to day operations of the city. The council has a supervisory role with fiduciary duties to protect the interests of the residents and actively seek out opinions and facilitate a collaborative dialogue to reach the best possible decisions for the residents.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: Expanding on my answer to question 12, I view the role of a city council member as a liaison between the residents and the city manager where the staff should drive day to day decisions and the council serves as a balance making sure the residents are able to voice opinions to help guide the city.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: As of 7:54 pm on June 8th, my campaign has raised \$5934.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 41 donors have contributed to my campaign as of 7:54 pm on June 8 - the majority of these contributions have come from friends and family... my fantasy football league came up huge and was very generous!

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: I'm happy to speak with any organization or individual who'd like to know my experience, qualifications, positions, and opinions - should what I share align with what that organization is looking to support, then that's wonderful. As of 8:05 pm on June 8th, I have not spoken with any other organization looking to make an endorsement.

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I'm looking forward to participating in your candidate forum - through sharing ideas and encouraging discussion, we will continue to drive collaboration and reach better long term solutions for our community.

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Sheila Rodriguez
Candidate Email: sheilaforop@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: 913-226-3375
Office Sought: Overland Park City Council
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Overland Park
Office District: 5

Candidate Rating: 94%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment:

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see [https://www.lkm.org/page/Home Rule](https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule). (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs? (Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment:

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government? (Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment:

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: I fully understand the primary objectives of the city councilmember role which include seeking input from residents, being the voice of it's residents at city council meetings, reviewing/approving the annual budget, establishing short and long term objectives and goals, setting policies, implementing ordinances and resolutions and overseeing the effectiveness of city-provided services and programs. Communication and transparency are key and I look forward to the opportunity to serve Ward 5 residents by exceeding their expectations in each of my duties.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: Donations from friends and family are being closely tracked and will be provided via my Campaign Finance Reports submitted July 26 2021, Oct 25 2021 and Jan 10 2022.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: Donations from friends and family are being closely tracked and will be provided via my Campaign Finance Reports submitted July 26 2021, Oct 25 2021 and Jan 10 2022.

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Stacie Gram
Candidate Email: StacieGram4OP@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: 913-558-0584
Office Sought: Overland Park City Council
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Overland Park
Office District: 4

Candidate Rating: 76%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: For years, my career has involved bringing adversaries to the table to resolve complex disputes. While differences of opinion are unavoidable, I have found success in clarifying the data and the facts, identifying common ground and areas of compromise. Progress involves being willing to talk, being open to different views and approaching others with positivity. As a Council member I have actively sought input from residents, listened to divergent views and made thoughtful, considered decisions.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: City government impacts our daily lives and shapes the character of our community. Local control allows voters to elect their representatives to make key decisions on public safety, city services like streets, sidewalks, and snow removal, and amenities like parks and pools. Residents should have a voice in the future of our city, the types of business we attract, housing and retail development. Overland Park has a proven track record in governance and we should continue to support Home Rule.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: I am proud to have advocated for the recommendations of the Mental Health Task Force including the addition of a behavioral health unit, crisis trained officers and mental health co-responders to the Overland Park Police Department to provide 24/7 coverage to respond to mental health service calls. I also support the recommendation to create a mental health crisis center. As a board member of ForwardOP, we will be focusing on mental health as part of the Well-being initiative.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Since joining the Council, I have advocated for transparency on various issues including the release of the police investigation into the John Albers shooting. I support the addition of public comment to Council meetings and livestreaming and recording all meetings. I have asked that meetings of the new Infrastructure Advisory Group be livestreamed to maximize public input. I have held virtual and in-person meetings for constituents, am active on social media, and am responsive to all messages.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: While city government has a lesser role in direct access to health care than state or federal governments, it has a role to play. City residents supported this view in our ForwardOP visioning process when they asked the city to focus on mental and physical well-being, including creating a center for wellness that provides access to mental health resources, particularly for youth. Focus areas should also include substance abuse treatment, suicide prevention and counseling services.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: Government should represent the community it serves and diversity should be visible on the Council, on boards and committees and within all city departments. Diversity is critical to governing with equity and credibility and we should constantly examine our efforts in recruiting and promotion. I am launching an LGBTQ+ affinity group at work and have participated in racial equity training at work and on the Council. As one of only two women on the Council, this is of particular importance to me.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

*Candidate Comment: Since joining the Council, I have been impressed by the professionalism and dedication of our city staff. The role of the Council is to hire the best qualified City Manager to in turn hire and retain top talent to conduct the daily operations of the city. The role of elected officials should be to provide direction on policy priorities, future development needs, strat2e2g2i2c2
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Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: The city should incorporate climate change issues and sustainability efforts in its decision making. Recent positive examples include our move to LED bulbs in city streetlamps and at the soccer complex and solar panels on a new justice building.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Irrelevant

Candidate Comment: I believe gun safety is very important but best regulated at the state or federal levels to ensure consistent application and enforceability of the law.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Irrelevant

Candidate Comment: I believe voting access is another very important issue, in that it is government's role to ensure all eligible voters have flexible and open means and methods to vote in state and local elections. However, our elections are well run at the county and state levels in Kansas.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: I graduated from the Shawnee Mission district and my children attended Blue Valley schools, both consistently top ranked. Public funding is critical to ensuring high quality education for all students. Diverting taxpayer dollars away from public schools would risk lowering their quality, which would lower home values and make Overland Park a less attractive area for families and businesses. Our private schools offer valuable choice to residents but should not be supported by public funds.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: My faith has always been an important part of my life and I hope has helped form my character. I value honesty, fairness, and compassion. I also appreciate openness and critical thinking and the value of different viewpoints. My legal background has given me an appreciation for the country's doctrine of the separation of church and state and I believe it is a sound basis for governing.

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: Having spent the past year on the Council, I have a good understanding of the responsibilities of the role. I draw on my skills, experience, and knowledge of the community to make the best decisions possible for Ward 4 and the city. I review reports, make site visits, talk to concerned residents, do my own research and meet with staff members to understand issues, then attend meetings to discuss and vote, taking time to explain my reasoning. I am the city's cheerleader, critic and biggest fan!

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: \$7550

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 48

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I am uniquely qualified for the Council as a life-long OP resident with a commitment to public service. I was active in the Chamber of Commerce, ForwardOP, Leadership Overland Park, and served on advisory committees to the Blue Valley School District and AdventHealth South. I volunteered extensively in my children's schools, most recently leading the Blue Valley Northwest Bandwagon. These experiences give me a broad view of the city and its challenges and a true passion for Overland Park!

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Tony Medina
Candidate Email: tonyforop@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: 913-909-8528
Office Sought: Overland Park City Council
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Overland Park
Office District: 2

Candidate Rating: 88%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment:

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: As a suicide loss survivor, I know how important access to mental health resources is. This is why I serve on the board of the Friends of Johnson County Mental Health Center and on the leadership team of the Johnson County Suicide Prevention Coalition, to continue improving access to mental health resources and reduce deaths by suicide.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.

- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: The vision of Overland Park, as defined by Vision OP, includes welcoming people of all ages and from diverse backgrounds. When elected, I would be the first member of the LGBTQ community (as far as I am aware) to serve on the Overland Park City Council. I would represent not only the residents of Ward 2, but also the larger LGBTQ community throughout Overland Park.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Gun safety is a relevant topic for all levels of government however, local government regulation of firearms is constrained by Kansas statute.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Not Applicable

Candidate Comment: I believe voting access is important. The role of city government is curtailed as local elections are administered by the county election office pursuant to state statutes.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: I am running for the city council to represent the residents of Ward 2, but also to make the best decisions in the interest of all of Overland Park. To me, that means engaging with people, seeking their input, and listening to a variety of opinions. I would make decisions using common sense to do the right thing while being responsive and accountable to those I represent.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: \$1,100.00

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 8

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: I am not currently seeking endorsements from any specific organization however I would welcome endorsements from those organizations that believe I am the most qualified candidate in Ward 2.

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this survey.

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Ty Gardner
Candidate Email: ty@tyforop.com
Candidate Phone: (785) 418-1165
Office Sought: Overland Park City Council
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Overland Park
Office District: 4

Candidate Rating: 100%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: Overland Park is far too politically diverse for any effective leader to take an extreme partisan approach. As I said when I announced my candidacy, we need leaders who will respect all opinions. Especially when we disagree. I'm proud to be endorsed by local elected officials of both major parties and am committed to being a councilman who represents all of us. Not just some of us.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

[https://www.lkm.org/page/Home Rule](https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule). (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: State and federal law is crucial on big, key issues that we all value like freedom of speech or anti-discrimination measures. But once we escape those limited scenarios, I believe our cities and towns are best positioned to make decisions that are right for their community and shouldn't be limited in doing so.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: Yes I absolutely support investing in mental health and am committed to making Overland Park a regional leader on the issue. I've put out several campaign videos on key issues facing our city. Mental health was the first one because it is so important. We need leadership who understands this isn't just a public health issue but one that touches so many other areas. It's a safety issue, an education issue, a housing issue, and so much more.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Transparency is key to why I'm running. If you look at the transparency shown by current leadership in Overland Park over the last year and are satisfied, I'm probably not the right candidate for you. I believe we need leaders who are committed to pushing out information to our residents. Leaders who want to be held accountable at all times, not just when we're asking for your votes.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? *(Available points: 2)*

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: Growing up in poverty I saw just how important access to healthcare is on individuals and outcomes. I've seen family and friends have issues like drug addiction, mental illness, and personal injuries define their lives. These are issues that can be treated with proper care. City leaders should be committed to ensuring our residents have access to that care.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? *(Available points: 1)*

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: Diversity is extremely important to effective governance. We need leadership that represents all of us. And leadership that will work to empower those who may not look, pray, or love like we do. Important in that effort is seeking diverse perspectives. As a first generation college graduate, a young father, and someone early in their career, I believe I'll bring a perspective that has long been missing in a Ward like ours where the last two incumbents on the ballot served in their roles for nearly two decades.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? *(Available points: 1)*

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: Effective leadership starts with understanding you cannot be the subject matter expert on everything. And having the humility to admit that. Elected officials have a crucial role in making sure professional staff is meeting community expectations and standards. But, like in business, where great managers hire the right people and let them do the job, local government works best when that's the case.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: We've seen how incompetent our federal and state governments are at addressing climate change. With that reality, it's not just important that our cities step up, it's necessary.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Cities and towns are the first line of defense in gun and any other safety issue. It's very important that leaders understand their responsibility to be a part of the solution and create safe communities.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: There aren't many issues in government that are black and white. But the right of all eligible voters to cast a ballot is one of them. We need leaders who understand that and will protect voting rights.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? *(Available points: 1)*

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: I value education and I'm a product of the public school system. I think public tax money should be used to fund public schools. Period.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? *(Available points: 1)*

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: I'm a religious person but I completely respect those who represent different religions or no religion at all. My personal faith may help guide me as I look to treat people with respect or help those less fortunate. But it plays no role in my politics.

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: I believe I understand it well. To help educate others, I put out a campaign video explaining what City Council does. But I also have enough humility to admit I don't know everything. And I don't think that's a bad thing. When I don't know something, I won't be afraid to ask questions and I'll look forward to learning.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: Roughly \$8000

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: Somewhere in the range of 50-60. I'm happy to provide exact details on both I just don't have access to them right now!

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Run For Something

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer:

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Clay Norkey
Candidate Email: clay@claynorkey.com
Candidate Phone: 913-579-1080
Office Sought: Overland Park Mayor
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Overland Park
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 100%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: The first step to engaging constituents and colleagues is listening. We must strive to understand each other, be respectful, and seek to learn. As an attorney and mediator, I've had experience sitting down with people and groups that have conflicting views and facilitating productive discussions that result in solutions that are better than either party could have come up with separately.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: Local decisions for our community should be made by the people who make up our community. What is right for the citizens of Wichita or Topeka might not be in the best interests of the people of Overland Park. Each community should have the ability — and the responsibility — to make local decisions locally.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: Implementing and expanding mental-health programs is vital to the future success of our community. I support devoting resources to mental-health programs, from updated crisis-response policies to expanded access to treatment and resources.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Transparency with the public is essential for local government. The people deserve to understand and analyze the decisions their government is making. Secrecy and obstruction erode public trust, and our leaders must work to repair that trust and maintain it through openness and honesty.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: Access to quality healthcare for our residents is necessary for our community to truly thrive. While healthcare policy is also a statewide and national issue, our local government also has a role to play. We must have policies in place to encourage an adequate supply of hospital beds, physicians, nurses, and other healthcare infrastructure; access to safe transportation options to reach healthcare providers; and an economic environment that is conducive to providing quality health services.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: Our government should be representative of all our people. The best policies consider the viewpoints of people with diverse backgrounds and circumstances to find solutions that serve everyone. Being inclusive means lifting up voices from all parts of the city, and we must be proactive in our efforts to do so. Having wide-ranging representation makes our community better, stronger, and more cohesive.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: Public-service professionals should be respected, supported, and allowed to fulfill their responsibilities. They must also be held accountable. The elected body's job is to provide the staff with the policies, rules, and vision to carry out their duties; receive reports back from the staff to ensure that they are proceeding in accordance with that direction; and hold them accountable to achieve results. Ultimately, our elected officials are accountable to the people for the actions of the government.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)

- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Climate change affects all levels of government, from municipalities to the international community. Locally, we can implement and encourage sustainable, eco-friendly policies and practices that help grow the economy and use our voice to push for effective, responsible action on a larger scale.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Coming from a family of hunters and gun owners, I understand the role gun ownership plays in the lives of many people and the importance of gun safety. I support common-sense gun-safety policies that make our community safer and that reduce violent crimes, accidents, and suicides.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Johnson County election officials did a remarkable job in last year's election. Our local election was handled smoothly, securely, and reliably. All levels of government should be wary of voter-suppression efforts and should promote the right of all citizens to have access the ballot box.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: Our top-notch public-school systems are the lifeblood of our community. Although the mayor and city council do not set school policies or budgets, supporting our schools is vital to the success of our city. Having educated my nine children through the Blue Valley schools, I recognize the tremendous impact these schools have on the quality of our community and economy. Like most public-money decisions, recipients of taxpayer money should be accountable for the tax dollars received.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: The mayor is a representative of all the people as the only official elected citywide. The mayor has a duty to act in residents' best interests and build a collaborative atmosphere where differing views can be shared constructively. The mayor is accountable to the people and must hold others in government accountable. The mayor must work with businesses to foster a thriving economy, with residents to create a vibrant community, and with sister cities to advance policies that benefit our region.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: Approximately \$45,000.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: Approximately 103.

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer:

END SURVEY

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Curt Skoog
Candidate Email: skoogformayor@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: (816) 679-0608
Office Sought: Overland Park Mayor
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Overland Park
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 88%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: In Overland Park we have a long history of public discussion on pending issues. Curt believes the Mayor of Overland Park (the state's second largest city) must be more of a public figure than in the past. Curt will use the public presence to engage in discussions with residents on issues that are important to them. This has been Curt's record for his 16 years on the City Council.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: Overland Park's success is a result of decisions made by the residents of Overland Park through their local elected officials. An appropriate decision for Overland Park may not be appropriate for Dodge City. The successful neighborhoods and economy in Overland Park are due to decisions made locally.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: In Overland Park we just received a report from our Mental Health Taskforce. The Taskforce took a broad look at the current state of mental health services and responses in Overland Park and Johnson County. A primary recommendation is now in the City Manager's proposed budget for 2022. It includes funds for a new 11-member Behavioral Health Unit within the Police Department to proactively address these challenges. I support this vital expansion of services.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Community expectations on transparency are evolving. Curt is committed to improving the city's transparency. We will improve access to information on the website, add communication staff to more proactively connect with our residents and update police policies to increase access to public data.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: Overland Park resident's health is a key metric for the city's success. As Mayor Curt will continue to support the expansion of medical facilities. This not only includes hospitals and clinics but also senior living facilities. Overland Park residents deserve access to the highest quality medical services available, no matter their age.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: The best decisions are made when all voices are included in the discussion. As Mayor of Overland Park, Curt will be responsible for appointing people to our boards and commissions. It will be a high priority to include residents from all backgrounds.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: Overland Park has a City Manager form of government. The City Manager is responsible for the performance of city staff. As Mayor Curt will lead the City Council in reviewing the performance of city programs. When we are disappointed in an outcome or provide input for change, the comments must not be personal attacks on an individual. Our success as a community is largely due to the hard-working professional city staff.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)

- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: The new Kansas City Regional Climate Plan provides real opportunities for Overland Park to impact climate change on the local level. The recently created Infrastructure Advisory Board will consider the portion of the climate plan that addresses stormwater runoff. As Mayor, Curt will ensure that the complete plan is included in the Overland Park Comprehensive Plan update scheduled for 2022.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: The legislature has greatly limited Overland Park's role in gun issues. As Mayor Curt will lead an awareness campaign about suicides and other deaths caused by guns.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Overland Park will work with the Johnson County Election Office to address any issues concerning polling locations or drop boxes. It will support the continued wide availability of voting locations for its residents.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: Excellent public schools are vital to the continued success of Overland Park. As an active Shawnee Mission School District parent and patron, Curt knows firsthand the wonderful impact our public schools have on children's lives and our economy. As Mayor, Curt will partner with our four public school districts to support and address their priorities.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: Curt's 16 year track record on the Overland Park City Council has demonstrated his focus on listening to all people interested in an issue. Curt always respects everyone's point of view. His decisions are derived from studying the issue, gathering insight from residents and reviewing staff recommendations.

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: The Mayor of Overland Park is the only member of the city council that is elected by all residents of the city. This enables the Mayor to lead council meetings and the greater community. The Mayor is not a dictator. The powers provided are few. The Mayor does not hire or fire city employees. Any real authority comes from working with the 12 city council members based on consensus. As Mayor Curt will lead the council and community forward starting with a new comprehensive plan.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: To date Curt's campaign has raised approximately \$40,000 and thanks to the residents of Overland Park this amount is continuing to grow. The funds are used to communicate Curt's plan for the future of Overland Park. With a population of over 190,000, more money will be needed to spread his message.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: As this survey is being completed, it is early in this local election campaign. Candidates receive larger donations from friends and family to get the campaign started. As the campaign moves forward and Curt is successful in communicating his message for the future of Overland Park, he will benefit from broader community financial support. Approximately 125 donations have been received.

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Mayor Carl Gerlach, County Chairman and former Overland Park Mayor Ed Eilert

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Other endorsement will be secured as the campaign continues.

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: Curt is a proven leader. Overland Park is the best place to live, work, play and visit in the Midwest. Overland Park residents, and 3rd party evaluators, say they love the amazing quality of life we have created. We all value safe neighborhoods, excellent schools and vibrant gathering places. Curt has played an important role during his 16 years on the city council. He has led on issues and projects that have improved Overland Park including the areas of redevelopment of aging commercial properties and making Overland Park a more welcoming community. As mayor, Curt will lead us forward in reaching our goals for the next decade. A successful future is not guaranteed by past achievements. Curt's plan for a new city-wide comprehensive plan is based on the largest public participation in our history. This plan will address important topics such as traffic, land use, housing, the regional climate action plan and attracting a diverse and talented work force.

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Faris Farassati
Candidate Email: farisforop@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: (913) 645-7929
Office Sought: Overland Park Mayor
Office County: Johnson
Office City: Overland Park
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 100%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: The government in my view in the year 2021 should be considered more as a scientific topic. On such basis and during my last four years I have promoted an evidence-based government, a government that acts on the basis of research and data and not indoctrination and external pressure groups. Once this can be achieved, bringing opposing views to a conclusion becomes much easier.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: While in many situations I believe that local municipalities should decide their fate. In particular cases (observing the outcome of illogical tax giveaways by the government of Overland Park in the last 10 years), I believe that a municipality should only be able to make decisions about their own portion of taxes and not other taxing jurisdictions. For example, why should a municipality be able to give away tax dollars from school district? Therefore, my views are consistent with Home Rule but I believe some revisions are needed to protect the quality of life for our residents.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: Crisis resolution teams (CRTs) and Crisis Intervention Team (CITs) are both specialized multidisciplinary teams intended to provide help for people experiencing a mental health crisis however their descriptions are very different. We need to invest our city resources in these areas very carefully. Recent reserach has identified two major gaps in CIT research are identified: verifying that changes in officers' attitudes and skills translate into behavioral change and determining how criminal justice-mental

health partnerships affect officers' behavior. Research addressing these gaps could help set benchmarks of success and identify evidence-based practices for CIT.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Transparency is a MUST in all levels of government! Full, pure without any BUTs and IFs and yes, within the limitation of law. This has been a topic that I have tried to reform in OP government by establishing public comment. I will try to enhance it by introducing five new citizen involvement panels in addition to an office of media relations at the city hall. These plans are going to be released by my campaign under the title of OP2025 on July 1st.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: As early as 1994, U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations has highlighted the role of local government in health. Social health and well-being in my eyes is composed of two main components: Needs such as nutrition, housing, sufficient income, and public health and safety AND opportunities for learning, recreation, creativity and artistic expression, community identity, citizen engagement in government, inclusivity and Equality. In order to provide these needs all levels of government and community stakeholders must work in partnership.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: The main reason for importance of diversity is advancing social justice. It is also important to know that from a scientific point of view diversity is a product of inclusivity; you need to create an inclusive community in order to become a diverse one. I have been in communication with an entity named "City for all women initiative (<https://www.cawi-ivtf.org/>)" which is a scientific think-tank supported by major academic and international centers. Interesting published research by this center provides a manual for local government to promote diversity and inclusivity.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: In order to have a successful operation, policy makers and staff need to work together while they interact and hear the voice of people. An important item that I bring to the table here is a "complete and unconditional freedom of professional expression" for the staff at OP government. In certain cases I believe certain mechanisms of pressure currently exist that needs to be removed.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: By establishing state of the art municipal codes promoting eco-friendly and science based policies.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: By providing education.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Through our facilities we can promote this.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? *(Available points: 1)*

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? *(Available points: 1)*

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: By definition a mayor serves as the governmental head of a city and leads city council meetings, makes appointments to boards and commissions, leads city events, serves as ambassador of the city for state and national agencies, and coordinates responses to city disasters. But beyond this, the role of mayor in my opinion is a of the new and evidence-based ideas that support the will of the people. A mayor should use his/her office to invite ALL to the table, be immune from the pressure of lobbyists an always act at his/her fiduciary duty.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: around 10,000 other than my contribution.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 120

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: None so far

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Equality Kansas, Sunrise

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: During the last four years, I have been in all four corners of this city in the last four years listening to the people, promoting their voice, trying to provide evidence-based solutions. Beyond partisan ideology and beyond the effects of lobbyists we need to make a better future for the people of overland park based on research, science, what makes sense and what people want us to do.

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Lana Kombacher
Candidate Email: lanakombacher@yahoo.com
Candidate Phone: 804-432-6333
Office Sought: Topeka City Council
Office County: Shawnee
Office City: Topeka
Office District: 3

Candidate Rating: 82%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: always will work to bring people together. I wouldn't call it compromise but instead take all opinions in and decide which will benefit all of the people in District

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: smaller government .The people in the area KNOW what is needed

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: most of our crime in Topeka has to do with drug abuse .Many of these drug abusers have various mental illnesses from depression to schizophrenia.We need mental health places that they can go to get straight instead of locked away in jails

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.

- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: I believe in complete transparency as allowed. The people put me there ,I am working for them.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: I live in an area that doesnt have many services. There are elderly people there that need clinic access in their area etc.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Neutral

Candidate Comment: I say Neural because a Commissioner should represent their people. Do not believe in putting someone in just because they re a certain color. The ideas need to be considered from all the people. I think its good to have different views coming together but color doesn't really matter to me. If the Commissioner is from an area with more Blacks or more Hispanic they should represent the needs of those people

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
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- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: if it has to do with whether to build a new power plant etc or windmills the locals in charge would be relevant.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Comment: The schools are going down hill and Schools struggle. Charter schools are very important and we need vouchers for people to choose

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: Being a Womens Health NP ,I had to seperate my beliefs from the women I cared for.It is called Freedom

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: to support the City by voting on rebuilding and repairing ,not only buildings but community. To support the law enforcement of our City by voting for more budget.To NOT give in to special interests but do things for the good of the community

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: none .I am hoping to do a fund raiser with live music soon

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I only want to say that I have never been in to politics, but now a new Council is needed, The one I am running against has been there since 1995 and people in the are havent seen any improvement .

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Regina Platt
Candidate Email: regina4citycouncil@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: 785-383-8930
Office Sought: Topeka City Council
Office County: Shawnee
Office City: Topeka
Office District: 3

Candidate Rating: 94%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: I engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations with an empathic approach of openness and a willingness to actively hear all shareholders clearly. I focus on healing the harm and seeking the solution while valuing what each person brings to the table. When individuals are invited to the table we must understand that each difference is what will make the difference in us obtaining the solution that is needed. As I think about making progress through a difficult conversation I believe;
1) Center your stakeholders on WHY obtaining a solution is valuable to all stakeholders. 2) Set clear expectations for the meeting. (clear visual guidelines for the conversation) 3) Use questions for the guided conversation. (Giving everyone voice and power for input) 4) Outline time frame 5) Identify the achievable solution and acknowledge when it is obtained. 6) Do not exist this meeting without giving space to the hard work and lessons gained. (Give space for one sentence checkout)

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: When those who have been elected by the citizens duly abide by the citizen's voices and not against when it is for the betterment of the community, the local government would be entrusted by the citizens to support and have such decision-making authority under home rule. Topeka needs leaders who are sound supporters of their colleagues, and the needs of the community as a whole. Citizens need to know they can sincerely trust their leaders to stand by and do the right things once they are in office.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: I believe that allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs is vital to the healing and transformation of this community. We have been impacted by a multitude of stressors from the start of the pandemic while still continuing to echo pain throughout all sectors of our community. Services must be established accessible to all ages, communities, and social classes. Trauma is intergenerational, we must equip individuals with the proper care now or we as a city will be dealing with it later. Why not be on the receiving end of the seeds of healing we planted instead of the weeds of pain that sprout up from undealt with pain, illness, trauma, and brokenness. Studies show that when we meet the needs of the people providing the needed support and services violence and crime decrease.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Our citizens should be able to access the purpose and why behind what is happening in their community. We need the community onboard actively a part of the change they wish to see.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: I need of the people are the needs of ours. To have a healthy community is to be thriving purposely.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: Every faction of our community should be purposely represented.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: We must work collaboratively as a team to meet the needs of our community and to sustain our community for generations to come. Businesses and professionals should favor our city above others because they know they are valued.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Sustainable living for generations to come is important when we look at our climate. It is important that we look at clean air and water, emissions, healthy food and living, and our environment as a whole.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: The lives of our citizens are valuable. Our families are hurting, and we must do something now. Partnering with agencies to bring about change is valuable locally.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Being responsible leadership for the community means that we make sure our citizens have the access needed to make the best decisions for themselves.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Comment: These are our students and our schools that are being used to educated and support our students. Whether public or private when it comes to supporting our students need consistent wrap-around.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: n/a

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: We represent legislation, the needs of the people, the businesses, and the transformation of the community. We are the light that speaks in the darkness for our community.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: \$1024

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 22

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Greater Topeka Partnership

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I am thankful for your support moving forward. It is an honor to have you reach out seeking to learn more about my potential.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: William J. Hendrix
Candidate Email: realwilliamhendrix@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: (785) 845-1952
Office Sought: Topeka City Council
Office County: Shawnee
Office City: Topeka
Office District: 3

Candidate Rating: 59%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: I'm not to believe in towing the party line. I believe in the greater good, and if being able to attain that entails compromising and working across party lines, then compromising and working across party lines is what must be done.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: The state won't ever be able to pass sweeping legislation that will serve the needs of all of the communities around Kansas. Local elected officials were entrusted by their communities, who felt that they can serve them best. So the task of serving those communities should be in the hands of locally elected officials.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: Point blank, access to mental health resources is paramount in attaining a good quality of life for residents. Any preexisting programs should absolutely be expanded, along with new, easily accessible programs being implemented.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.

- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Topeka is a city that has struggled with transparency in the past, and any efforts to make our local government transparent in the past haven't been executed properly. To ensure trust in our elected officials, I believe transparency should absolutely be improved upon so that residents can be informed, and party to the conversations their community leaders are having.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Neutral

Candidate Comment: I firmly believe people, of all colors, creed, sex, and age, can be represented by anyone, so long as the elected person has the community's best interest in mind.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of elected leaders to closely manage the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: In a city manager-council government, like Topeka, communication between the council and the city staff is vital, but on occasion, things can go off the rails. The council ought to be in charge of managing, and ensuring the machine runs smoothly.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: The city government will play a vital role in making Topeka a cleaner, more sustainable place to live.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: I've been following along with the council, and the issues that have come before it for the past year. I understand that everything that must be done costs money and that there are limits to what a city councillor can do. I believe that the role of a city councillor is to act in the best interests of the district who elected them.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: \$25.00.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 1

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: None, at the moment.

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer:

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MainPAC Candidate Survey

2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Andrew Davis
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Office Sought: Unified Government Board of Commissioners
Office County: Wyandotte
Office City: Kansas City
Office District: 8

Candidate Rating: 94%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: My position has always been "what's in it for Wyandotte County/KCK?". That's the position by which I seek to govern. I want to find the best solutions for the community regardless of where those solutions fall on the national/state political spectrum.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: I am a believer in our democracy and what it means to each community. Locally elected leaders are elected to handle affairs LOCALLY. The same should be said for state and nationally elected positions. If the people have spoken and have elected local representatives to oversee and allocate local resources then locally elected leaders should have the ultimate authority as given to the by the people they represent.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: My wife is a social worker so I hear about the need for this on a weekly basis. ABSOLUTELY! Mental health impacts homelessness, poverty, public safety and the economy. We need to ensure everyone in our state and in Wyandotte County has access to affordable and accessible healthcare (mental health is healthcare) to ensure our communities thrive.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Trust is very important for good governance and ultimately, we are dealing with the people's business and resources. Transparency is the best way to maintain integrity in government and build/maintain public trust.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: I think through health departments, local governments have a responsibility to support healthcare access. However, this should be in partnership with state and federal resources.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: In Wyandotte County we are dealing with this issue right now. We have one of the most diverse counties in the country per capita but when looking at key positions in leadership it's not reflective. As a young Black man I hope to be apart of the change to see better representative leadership in KCK. I have also recruited other candidates of color to run for office in the area so we can address this issue.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: I think the role of elected leaders is to support the staff but to keep the priorities of their constituents front and center. I think sometimes elected leaders get too familiar with the staff to the point where they become unfamiliar with their constituents. I also think sometimes elected leaders do need to scrutinize staff if the performance sub par and is hurting the community. All of this is a balance that needs wisdom to be done well.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: This is a regional/national/global issue but absolutely local governments need to think about sustainability and do our part in addressing climate change.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: I see this first hand in Wyandotte County. We have to address gun safety to prevent accidents but also offer community members better options to improve quality of life and prevent crime.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: I have a platform that would make election day a local holiday for the UG. Yes!

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Comment: We need to invest in our public schools so the next generation has the best chance to succeed and have a quality life.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: As a commissioner my job is to hear from my district and do my part to implement the best practices, policies and decision-making ideas to ensure we thrive. That involves passing a budget, adjusting ordinances, voting on permit uses, allocating outside dollars and so much more.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: As of right now \$1800.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: As of right now 30.

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I'm a 25 year old Black man who studies public administration at KU with an emphasis in local government. I want to combine my experience as a Black man, scholarship for KU and the local ingenuity from the Dotte to make a better Wyandotte County this decade. The theme of my campaign is "Change Can't Wait" and I hope you all can join me on this journey. Thank you. andrewdavisforug.org

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Claudine Sanders
Candidate Email: campaignclaudine@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: (913) 271-2961
Office Sought: Unified Government Board of Commissioners
Office County: Wyandotte
Office City: Kansas City
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 100%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: We need to stop looking at PARTY issues and see the PEOPLE needing served.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: As a metropolitan area that doesn't have a clue what KS farmers struggle with in rural towns, and vice versa, each community must have the power to do what is best for themselves.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs? (Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: We, as a nation, as a state and as a community must address the serious lack of access to mental health programs. I feel we have finally removed the stigma involved. Now we must provide the access to the help that is so desperately needed.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government? (Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.

- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: I feel that this should not even have to be said. However, running for office in WyCo, I have personally found it extremely difficult to find out exactly what is going on in my local government. It's not that I don't trust the individuals. I no longer trust the PROCESS they've been required to operate within.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: As we've all just experienced, it is imperative that we support our local health authorities. Yet, pandemics aside, providing access to health care to the MANY that are underserved in our communities is just as vital. When certain zip codes have limited to no access, the entirety of the community suffers. The fact that Armourdale and 5 other WyCo neighborhood's residents have an expected life span of up to 22 YEARS less than the rest of WyCo is unacceptable.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: Wyandotte County, by some claims, is 2nd in the NATION in having the most ethnically diverse population. Our government does not reflect that whatsoever. I have been working with a coalition over the last year to find and support candidates of color, of which we found several! I was not the plan to run for this office, yet we decided to go for it when a candidate didn't materialize. My goal is to learn and share as much of the experience as possible, to get people excited and engaged in becoming a part of their local government through complete transparency and open dialogue and then teach someone how to do it! We should always encourage others to run, even it means you lose your spot. Teach others to lead and we'll be amazed at the paths we can take!

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: These people are the boots on the ground every single day and know their jobs in relation to what the community needs. No elected leader can or should be all things to all people, nor should they even try. Wisdom comes from experience and people in public service have volumes to share with elected officials willing to listen.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)

- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: As I've seen from the health reports in the Armourdale community where I work, the effects of pollution are devastatingly clear. Local government needs to take an active role in keeping the ENTIRE community safe from harmful environmental factors.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: I find it very relevant, as just yesterday (6/9/21) we lost another teen to gun violence, in front of an occupied school no less. Kansas, as well as 40 other states, have pre-empted local government gun control rights, but we should implement as many measures to speak to gun safety as possible. Promoting safe ownership isn't gun control, it's community service.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: We should be making it EASIER to vote, yet we in WyCo will not offer early in person voting during the week at one of our usual early voting locations. We need to be expanding voter access, not diminishing it.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: Not having children, I long believed that things to do with the education of other's children were none of my business. However, I have realized that it is a COMMUNITY'S responsibility to ensure its future generation of leaders has access to a top-notch education. Private schools have gutted the public school system of students. These students have been taken out BECAUSE of the underfunding of the Public School system. We should not use public funds for private schools that charge tuitions and accept donations from alumnus, when our Public Schools are already receiving fewer funds. Why stretch those funds to private schools who have another income stream? If we provide the public funds to public schools only, the public schools can and will get better.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: Separation of Church and State. Period. My personal religious beliefs do not give me any more or less rights, nor importance, than every other person in WyCo.

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: As an At Large Commissioner, I am but one voice among ten; yet giving the entire community full access to their commissioner by coming to THEM on a regular, consistent basis, both in person and utilizing technology, to find out what their needs are, is imperative to being their voice on the commission as it makes the policy and budgetary decisions that will directly impact their daily lives.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: \$3100

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 18

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: We have an amazing number of candidates that have filed and that's exciting to see! Stepping into this arena has been terrifying, as I am not a "politician" and hyping myself up to people is not the quiet servitude I'm used to. I am however beyond grateful for all of the experiences I've been having, meeting even more of the great people in this county. Regardless of the outcome of the race, I will continue to be of service to the residents of Wyandotte County, just as I have been. I look forward to using all that I learn to help others step out of their comfort zone and run for public office.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Geoffrey Kump
Candidate Email: geoffrey@geoffreykump.com
Candidate Phone: (913) 369-0147
Office Sought: Unified Government Board of Commissioners
Office County: Wyandotte
Office City: N/A
Office District: 8

Candidate Rating: 94%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: We need to work as a community. Stalemates in discussion only stifle growth.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: The Home Rule allows localities to govern themselves, a county like WYCO would be handcuffed by the opposing majority State views.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs? (Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: WYCO has specifically failed at helping the mentally ill. Many people need mental help and not thrown in the jail or back on the streets.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government? (Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.

- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: The people elect officials but not at the expense of secret meetings and good ol boy politics.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: Healthcare is a human right, no way around it.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: Homogeneous leaders can group think, thereby preventing growth. Diversity invites change and hopefully growth for all.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: No one knows everything, the moment someone claims they know everything, they know nothing. Assistance from others is vital.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Limit carbon footprint when possible.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Gun safety lessons, mental health facilities, and other methods to help others.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Voting is a human right that should never be infringed.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: As an attorney I have been taught that I must separate my religious beliefs.

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: I have asked current elected officials in this role. I have watched Commission meetings as well as special sessions. I have done research and talked to others. However, I will be the first to admit that I have so much to learn.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: To date I have collected a little over \$2000 including some in-kind donations. I have been pledged an additional \$1000+. I have a fundraiser Thursday where our goal is \$4,000. I expect to raise at least \$15,000 to be competitive.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: I have worked with grassroots donations, my treasurer would have the complete number but that likely is around 15 people, with hopefully 15-30 more people on June 17th.

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: None public yet, hopefully to be announced soon.

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: FOP, Fireman's Union, Tri County Union, Leavenworth Road Association, local businesses like NPB. I have not started organization endorsements yet.

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I encourage deeper conversations if desired! I am an honest and genuine person so please call me anytime 913-369-0147

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Lisa Walker Yeager
Candidate Email: Lisawalkeryeager@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: (1816) 278-8378
Office Sought: Unified Government Board of Commissioners
Office County: Wyandotte
Office City: Kansas City
Office District: 1

Candidate Rating: 100%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment:

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see [https://www.lkm.org/page/Home Rule](https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule). (Available points: 2)

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- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: My job as an elected official is to be the voice for my community!

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs? (Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: Majority of our communities crime suffers from mental health issues! We need a Safe Healthy Community

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government? (Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment:

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

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- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: My role as elected official is to support my community. People who work in the public service should put the community first and foremost their work should have high morals mixed with integrity, operate with transparency along with respect for the community as well as each other!

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: Two fold question cause Who I am spiritually connects to how you view situations as well!

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: In 1st district my community needs a voice! Someone who is going speak up ! We need to bridge the gap between Northeast and South community!

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: I have several offers but still setting things up

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: N/a

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer:

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Janice Witt
Candidate Email: 10940 Parallel Parkway K280
Candidate Phone: 913-208-3533
Office Sought: Unified Government Mayor/CEO
Office County: Wyandotte
Office City: n/a
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 88%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: Janice (Grant) Witt is a candidate for Unified Government mayor and CEO. Witt ran previously for mayor in 2017. She said if elected, she would represent the people and small businesses in Kansas City, Kansas. Witt was the first person to file for mayor this year. She is known for operating a food pantry and assistance center, the Reola Grant Center for Family Life Development, in Wyandotte County for many years. For too long we have been told that taxes and our BPU bills must be raised to support inefficient government, Witt said. This attitude by the current administration has destroyed opportunities, health, and hope for families. Our community needs new independent leadership free of the back room influences of Doug Bach and David Alvey. Change is happening all over America and we need change in the Dotte as well. No more sweet deals on the backs of the taxpayers. Witt stated she is for efficiency and fairness for taxpayers and existing UG employees. Her priorities include police and fire safety, and respect and fairness for everyone. We will focus on the residents and small businesses that have been loyal to WyCo and stuck with our community, she stated. Witt has degrees in human resources, hospitality and service management, and has owned and operated her and her husband's business for more than 20 years. They also formerly owned a catering business and two coffee shops. She is a past president of the Wyandotte County Civitan Club.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities.

Candidate Comment: I believe that the local authority should have limited authority and that the people should have the ultimate authority to VOTE. Consistent with the constitution. I feel that the people should have the right to be heard inclusive of, opinions, understandings and a vote regarding issues that effect their pursuit of happiness and taxation. All of that should be measurable by transparency and oversight by the citizens. If Home Rule, in its simplest form applies and the politicians do not abuse or misuse the trust given to them by The People then I am all for Home Rule. But with no oversight or transparency, corruption ends up representing democracy and the people who are supposed to be protected and represented become the battered spouse in a relationship that they can no longer escape. Power has the ability to corrupt, it is given with trust. Absolute power, absolutely corrupts and happens with the lack of oversight-policy for recourse and transparency since leadership could choose to hijack the idea of serving at the will of the people and begin serving at their own leisure, which is in direct opposition to the constitutional stance of No taxation without representation. Checks and balances must be in place to ensure fairness for ALL people with clear policy and

recourse should the need present. Because when the person(s) making the decisions for a community are not obligated to the community by a vote or contract for that communities best interest it is sheer boondoggle and the good will of people who have chosen to trust leadership and a committed constitutional legacy, find themselves under the boot of tyrants and at the will of brutal retaliations by codes armed with legislations that cause fear and injustice as damaging as weapons of war.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment:

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Wyandotte County is the perfect example of why this is so. There is also the need for transparency to be FREELY ACCESSIBLE to the taxpayers in a community and not hidden behind fees that the citizenry has already paid for. We the people: bought the paper, we bought the ink, we pay the salary of the employee. Access should be free with limits especially since everything is now electronic

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: I believe that there should be a local health dept that provides assistance to those who may fall through the cracks. Further, if there is accessible benefits local hospitals that derive benefits from local abatements and favors to Special Relationships that benefit the hospital. (utilities, free space, free access to airways for electronic services).

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment:

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

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- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of elected leaders to closely manage the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: No taxation without representation. The people that we elect are trusted to make the decisions for the will of the people and be responsible for the team that they choose to deliver the project successful. Transparency and recourse. Investment and Return on Investment. If someone is hired to do a job in the economy, if they fail evaluations or fail to do a job as contracted. They stand the risk of termination. There should be no difference, anything else is exception and corruption of the rules based on some bias.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? *(Available points: 1)*

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
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Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? *(Available points: 1)*

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
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Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: I have spent 20+ years researching, studying and learning the "system". The UG Charter Ordinances (The Plan) is sitting on my desk and used daily.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: Less than 10,000 dollars

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: I have no clue at this point.

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a We are grass roots.

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: Thank you.

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Tyrone Garner
Candidate Email: Info@GarnerForMayor.com
Candidate Phone: 1-785-915-9002
Office Sought: Unified Government Mayor/CEO
Office County: Wyandotte
Office City: Kansas City Kansas
Office District: At-Large

Candidate Rating: 100%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

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Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

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Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs? (Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment:

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Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

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Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

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Candidate Comment:

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Candidate Comment:

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Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: It is outlined in the Unified Government of Wyandotte County Charter. It is understood that this represents a weak Mayor form of government.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: Contribution totals are actively being tabulated.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: Several

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Contribution list is being tabulated

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Various Labor Union Organizations

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Andy Speck
Candidate Email: aspeck52@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: (316) 213-5047
Office Sought: Wichita City Council
Office County: Sedgwick
Office City: Wichita
Office District: 6

Candidate Rating: 82%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: The country's great political divide is indicative of what we are experiencing here in Kansas. I believe the only way to heal is through open, honest conversation. Politics is far more grey than it is made out to be and sometimes necessitates voting across the aisle

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities.

Candidate Comment: Local officials should have some input on community-wide decisions, as they are elected into their position, but ultimate authority is a stretch

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: Mental Health crises affect a huge amount of the population and we currently don't have the resources necessary to help those going through them. Currently, if a person were to dial 911 and state their spouse was suicidal, a police officer with a gun would show up to take them to the IMC unit at St Joe. That doesn't help the situation at all.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.

- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: Local government makes decisions that directly affect the community, total transparency is imperative

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: We are a diverse community, and as such representation (racial, gender, sexual orientation) matters immensely

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to stay distant from the professionals who work in public spaces

Candidate Comment: If a local official is not themselves an expert in a given field, they have no business poking their nose where it doesn't belong

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: I'm 23, I'd like a planet to live on when I'm in my 70s.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: Religion has no place in politics, regardless of what my catholic beliefs may or may not say

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: I believe the position to be something of a servant of the city. I am elected to help make positive changes and promote growth for my beloved city of Wichita

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: Zero dollars

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: Zero

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: KFL

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: N/A

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MainPAC Candidate Survey 2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Cindy Miles
Candidate Email: electcindymiles@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: (316) 259-6977
Office Sought: Wichita City Council
Office County: Sedgwick
Office City: Wichita
Office District: 3

Candidate Rating: 82%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: I plan to engage and listen to citizens in Wichita and learn about what is important to them because it is critical to evaluate all sides of an issue. I also believe it is important to work across party lines to make decisions and take action that meets the needs of the constituents in the district I serve.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: I serve on the Sedgwick County Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition. Addressing the issues we have with mental health is critical for our community. This means determining how we can shift funding to support programs that will allow us to provide adequate services. Not doing so means we will continue to see crime, domestic violence, child abuse, poverty, homelessness, and drug abuse continue to rise and our jail and prisons will continue to be holding facilities for those with mental health issues.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: I believe local government has some, but limited responsibility to support access to health care. I do believe that they should provide some support to nonprofit organizations that provide access to health care.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Neutral

Candidate Comment:

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Comment: I believe funding should follow the student, including providing vouchers for private schools.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: My role is to represent the citizens of the District 3 as well as those across the city. It is my responsibility to attend city council meetings and workshops, as well as other committee meetings both for the city and in the community. It will be my role to understand the challenges that the city faces and to make decisions on behalf of the city and the people that I represent. It is my role to engage and listen to the constituents and their needs and to help resolve issues that impact them. It is also my responsibility to be transparent in my actions and be fiscally responsible with city resources.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: I have currently collected \$200 but have committed to providing much of my own funding for the primary race.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 1

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I am a long-time community volunteer and advocate who has been serving the citizens in many ways and have served in the following roles: District 316 Republican Precinct Committeewoman, Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, Wichita/Sedgwick County Comprehensive Planning Committee, City of Wichita City Council District 3 Advisory Board, City of Wichita South Central Neighborhood Planning Committee, City of Wichita Delano District Planning Committee, City of Wichita Clapp Golf Course Transformation Committee, Junior League of Wichita Board, Newman University National Alumni Board, Newman University Career Services Advisory Board, Kansas Hispanic Education & Development Foundation Education Committee, Empower Evergreen Board, Sunlight Children's Advocacy & Rights Foundation Board, Wichita Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention, Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Board, Kansas Volunteer Commission Board, Wichita/Sedgwick County Crime Stoppers Advisory Board, Wichita Crime Commission Board, Bethel Life Center First Impressions Team, Museum of World Treasures Advisory Board, Leadership Butler Board, Wichita Women's Initiative Board, African American Coalition, Sedgwick County Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition, and the Covid-19 Community Response Task Force. I am the CEO at the Kansas Nonprofit Chamber and a small business owner. I have a MBA, Newman University; BA, Wichita State University; AA, Butler Community College.

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Dereck Reynolds
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Candidate Phone: (267) 266-1917
Office Sought: Wichita City Council
Office County: Sedgwick
Office City: Wichita
Office District: 6

Candidate Rating: 94%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: I will lead by example. I will influence fellow citizens to allow other to complete their thoughts instead of interrupting during disagreements. When we feel heard, we are less likely to get frustrated and talk over others.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: Local elected officials should have the authority because they are most accessible to their constituents.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs? (Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: If elected, I will argue that our city is in need of a mental health facility that will serve those who are without insurance or finances to cover their stay. Mentally ill individuals should not be left homeless.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government? (Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.

- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: We should always represent the voters of our district.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment:

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of elected leaders to closely manage the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Climate change affects us all, so it should be relevant to everyone.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: We deserve our freedoms to carry, just as others deserve their freedom to live without having to carry a firearm for protection.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Everyone deserves the right to vote.

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: I understand my role to be a direct representative of the people. I will be tasked with ensuring that my community's best interest will be the driving force for my decision making.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: None

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: None.

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Kansas for life Pac.

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I am running on a platform that supports reform to the family law system and fatherhood promoted in our communities.

END SURVEY

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Ian M. Demory
Candidate Email: demoryforwichita@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: 316-990-3989
Office Sought: Wichita City Council
Office County: Sedgwick
Office City: Wichita
Office District: 3

Candidate Rating: 100%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: I am a person who believes that the only way we can truly be united if we're able to come together and understand each other. Now, there will always be those who will never be able to change their minds on anything, but there are many more who, if given the chance, will listen, because that's something that the "Age Of Whataboutism" has created - communities who choose to listen to sensationalism and refuse to listen to each other. And I will refuse to let a party dictate my views and policies, because it's "We the people", not "Us the party."

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

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- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: While the state has its overall policies and mandates, cities should have the last word on what's best for their communities, because said state policies may not always be relevant for all of the citizens. Cities must do their part to make sure they are able to thrive, as the overall success of a state relies on the success of the people.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: After the pandemic, we need mental health resources more than ever. We should have extra social workers and counselors available to help the citizens, especially the youth, as the pandemic had an adverse effect on many (I could easily use many of my students this past year as an example.) Those mental health programs can also aid in providing de-escalation experts in the event of law enforcement intervention, which is a necessity in this day and age.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment: The people need to know what's going on in their local government, especially if their leaders are acting in a less-than-ethical manner. Throwing surprises to the citizens can cause alarm and distrust, especially when large amounts of money are being spent on less-than-practical things instead of improvements for the communities and city.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: Health care is a right for the people, and a local government has an obligation to support and provide for the people, plain and simple. That health care includes access to medication, mental health services, drug rehabilitation services, and more, especially to low-income and at-risk individuals.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: Not only is it important, but it's necessary. A diverse community requires representation that truly shows that same diversity. The people need to be able to know that they have a voice, and they need to be able to see that in their leaders, as well. As I always tell my students: representation matters, regardless of the field, and it should be something to strive for. Much like minority youths looking at the screen with awe during Black Panther, people (especially youths) of diverse backgrounds should be able to see others like them in these positions and say "I could do that someday!"

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: They are called experts for a reason, and their expertise is crucial for a government to properly function. Every group of leaders needs trusted advisors who can assure that they receive proper knowledge that they are able to pass onto their constituents, and it's even better when these advisors truly know what they're talking about!

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues?

(Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: We only have one planet, and it is our responsibility as citizens to assure that it is here for future generations. The people need to be aware of ways they can work together to ensure that our environment thrives, and to help lessen our carbon footprint on our planet.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Education, first and foremost, is key to helping our communities become safer. That also includes proper education on firearms, whether it includes storing, training, and basic safety. We have many instances in the homes where firearms are not properly stored or are handled by individuals who do not properly know/understand how to handle them, and far too many injuries and fatalities have occurred because of that.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Voting is how the public lets their voices be heard, and is one of the most important tools that we, the people, have at our disposal. Our voices matter, and they SHOULD matter...that's one of the big reasons we were given the right to vote in the first place!

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: As a public school teacher, public (along with federal) funding is crucial to ours and our students' success. Being able to be properly funded without those moneys going to the private sector (which, incidentally, is paid for by grants as well as private donors,) ensures that we are able to give our students the skills and materials they need to navigate modern learning, as well as gives educators and administrators the means to aid our students into the learners of tomorrow!

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: We are and always have been a secular country, as there is not one single religion that dictates the laws - that, in itself, is the constitution, whether it is the state's or nation's. With that being said, I firmly believe it is the law of the land that dictates policies and decisions, mainly because we are all different and have different belief structures, and no one group should have more say than another based on said belief structures.

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: As a city councilman, I see the role as one who helps administer funds and services properly, as well as works to make the community (not just district) thrive so that the people, themselves, thrive. I feel that those on the city council should be positive influences, as well as have the proper acumen to assure that city and community services are properly provided.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: None so far - currently setting up a campaign account before accepting any donations.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: None so far - see above.

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Tori Snowden, Development Director of the National Kidney Foundation (Kansas, Western Missouri, Oklahoma Chapter)

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: Trust Women PAC, Equality Kansas, Wichita Arts Council, Sierra Club

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

*Candidate Answer: First and foremost, I am a citizen running for the citizens. I do not adhere to any one political party...if anything, I would consider myself a Progressive Independent. In fact, my campaign slogan is "We the people...FOR the people!" I am a public school educator who specialized in fine arts, an a faculty sponsor for GLSEN, *vehemently* anti-racist, and have worked as a mentor for many of our minority students in the district (I am one of only 4 African-American staff members in my district.) My goal is to be a true representative for the community*

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Jared Cerullo
Candidate Email: info@jared4wichita.com
Candidate Phone: 316-249-2941
Office Sought: Wichita City Council
Office County: Sedgwick
Office City: Wichita
Office District: 3

Candidate Rating: 76%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: Wichita city council positions are considered non-partisan. However, I will never forget my fiscally conservative ideals in terms of making sure that our city is functioning within its means and giving taxpayers a good return on their investment.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

[https://www.lkm.org/page/Home Rule](https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule). (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: For the past decade, many municipalities gave their police department's more money to handle mental health problems that they aren't trained or equipped to handle. I am not opposed to shifting some of that financial support to the appropriate agencies so they can properly handle tough mental health problems that we have in our communities. This absolutely does not mean I want to defund police. Quite the opposite.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.

- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.
- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment:

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
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Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: The role of a Wichita city Council person is to help establish and drive policy direction for the city by enacting ordinances, laws, policies, adopting a budget, levying taxes, and appointing members to citizen advisory boards and commissions.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: \$10,000

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 25-30

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer:

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Jason Carmichael
Candidate Email: Jason.Carmichael@VoteCarmichael.com
Candidate Phone: (1316) 371-4224
Office Sought: Wichita City Council
Office County: Sedgwick
Office City: Wichita
Office District: 3

Candidate Rating: 100%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: This is a non-partisan public official race. Crime/Mental Health. Taxes-properly allocated Schools-properly funded

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

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- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment:

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment:

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)
- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
- C. There are some times when transparency is important, but there are other issues the public doesn't have the capacity to understand and transparency becomes less important.

- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
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Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment:

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- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment:

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- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: To listen to our constituent residents. To vote on policy matters that align with this district.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: \$225

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 3

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer:

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name: Martin Garcia
Candidate Email: votegarciadistrict6@gmail.com
Candidate Phone: (316) 469-1032
Office Sought: Wichita City Council
Office County: Sedgwick
Office City: Wichita
Office District: 6

Candidate Rating: 88%

Q6. Political discourse in Kansas could be characterized as siloed and divisive. How do you intend to engage citizens and colleagues in potentially difficult conversations? (Available points: 1)

- A. If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided. (1)
- B. If elected I will be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Answer: If elected I will seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: As a Army Afghan war veteran, working as team, and putting a common goal above, petty differences and rivalries, is key to implementing solutions. To fix the problems that ail our communities. My goal, is to be a public servant, not a politician. My constituents are my bosses.

Q7. Which of the following statements best aligns with your stance on local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions? For information about Home Rule please see

https://www.lkm.org/page/Home_Rule. (Available points: 2)

- A. Local elected officials should have ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule. (2)
- B. Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities. (1)
- C. Local elected officials should not have authority in decision making for their communities. Decisions should be made by the state.

Candidate Answer: Local elected officials should have limited authority in decision making for their communities.

Candidate Comment: Constituents, must have voice in local politics. Too often, city leaders make decisions, without consulting district advisory boards or neighborhood associations. Local government in Wichita is far from transparent. I'm looking forward to educating my constituents how local government works for and against them.

Q8. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
- B. No

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment: YES! Through my VFW post we are rolling out a program for free mental health clinics for residents and veterans within our community. As an councilman I will push for more city and county funds to be allocated to mental health programs.

Q9. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in local government?

(Available points: 1)

- A. Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (1)

- B. Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.
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- D. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders.

Candidate Answer: Local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about access to health care? (Available points: 2)

- A. Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care. (2)
- B. Local government in my area is currently meeting the community's access needs. (1)
- C. Local government has no role in health care.

Candidate Answer: Local government has a responsibility to support access to health care.

Candidate Comment: Until the ACA is implemented and utilized properly in Kansas, healthcare needs to be provided at a local level.

Q11. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? (Available points: 1)

- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: Simply put, I'm a liberal, latino war veteran. I'm all about uplifting people of color and putting qualified leaders of color, in office.

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer: It is the role of locally elected leaders to support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: Synergy between elected officials and professionals is integral to running an efficient local government. There has to be a give and take of ideas on how to run local government efficiently.

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: We need maximum participation in election. Once the young are galvanized and registered to vote, we can pass climate change legislation much easier.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Although

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Voter Suppression Is REAL!

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: Our public schools are languishing. Private schools have a revenue stream that provides their students the advantages public students are denied. The funds given to private schools could provide, new textbooks and lunches for students in need at our public schools.

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

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- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer: If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Comment: My relationship with God is my own.

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: For the past year I have attended district advisory board meetings, city council meetings and neighborhood cohorts. This in turn, has armed me with the knowledge, to reveal the shortcomings of local government.

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer: \$100

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 3

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer: n/a

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer: I'm a latino Afghan veteran running on reason and pragmatism. I'm as grassroots as it gets. My immigrant family and friends are my sole supporters. The incumbent is well established and supports the status quo in Wichita.

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name:

Candidate Email:

Candidate Phone:

Office Sought:

Office County:

Office City:

Office District:

Candidate Rating:

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Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

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- A. Yes (1)
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Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

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Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

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Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

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Candidate Answer:

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Candidate Answer:

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer:

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Candidate Answer:

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Q1-5.

Candidate Name:

Candidate Email:

Candidate Phone:

Office Sought:

Office County:

Office City:

Office District:

Candidate Rating:

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Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

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(Available points: 1)

- A. Yes (1)
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Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

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Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

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Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

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- A. Extremely Important (1)
- B. Neutral
- C. Not important

Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

Q12. Professional public entity staff are expected to bring expertise, research, and accuracy to assist elected officials in their work. These may include health professionals, legal experts, research librarians, school administrators and the like. Regarding these professionals, which of the following is generally most true? (Available points: 1)

- A. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **support** the professionals who work in public service (1)
- B. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **scrutinize** the professionals who work in public service
- C. It is the role of locally elected leaders to **stay distant** from the professionals who work in public spaces
- D. It is the role of elected leaders to **closely manage** the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

Q13. Which of the following most closely aligns with your view of the role of local government in each of these policy issues? (Available points: 6)

- A. Very Relevant (2)
- B. Somewhat Relevant (1)
- C. Irrelevant
- D. Not Applicable

Issue: Climate Change

Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

Q14. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about K - 12 schools? (Available points: 1)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (1)
- B. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status.

Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

Q15. In light of the current political landscape, what is your stance on the role your personal religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 1)

- A. If I have personal religious beliefs that are important to me, I know they might differ from other's beliefs; therefore I will strive to respect the separation of church and state in policy decisions and my votes. (1)
- B. My personal religious beliefs are important to me therefore my religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes.

Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment:

Q16. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer:

Q17. You will have to publicly account for your political contributions. To date, how much money have you collected or has been pledged to your campaign?

Candidate Answer:

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer:

Q19. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer:

Q20. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none).

Candidate Answer:

Q21. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this survey? Please do that here.

Candidate Answer:

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