

# MainPAC Candidate Survey

## 2021 Kansas Elections

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**Candidate Name:** Rex Satterwaite  
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**Office Sought:** Mayor  
**Office County:** Sedgwick  
**Office City:** Bentley  
**Office District:** At-Large

**Candidate Rating: 59%**

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**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: Bentley is a town of approximately 520 population. There are no party affiliation but the town has divisions in the past. This mainly the changing of a farming community (the ones that lived here for a long time) into a bedroom community (those that have moved here in the last 10 years). Since the Pandemic has subsided, I plan to have functions that can draw the people together. To get them to know each other, so all can come together for a better community for everyone.*

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**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: There are things the Governing body of the city understands, that at the state level would not. The Governing body can meet the needs of the community in a more detailed way. The citizens can communicate their thoughts to the local government much more easier than at the state level.*

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**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 are a small town, with a major debt. We need all the revenue we can use to keep the town functioning plus saving for issues in the future.*

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**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: Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.*

*Candidate Comment: There are times when planning is in the early stages, that if the idea gets out, that people will turn it down because it is not ready to be for the public to understand. I believe once the idea has been put together, that yes it should be transparent. At that time, the public can determine whether or not the idea should be supported.*

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**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: There are no health care facilities in Bentley.*

**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 me, the more ideas on the table, the better chance in finding the best one.*

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**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: Professionals usually have a better knowledge in their fields than the elected officials.*

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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: Not Applicable*

*Candidate Comment: Our government does not deal with Climate Change*

**Issue: Gun Safety**

*Candidate Answer: Very Relevant*

*Candidate Comment: Gun Safety is important to save lives.*

**Issue: Voting Access**

*Candidate Answer: Very Relevant*

*Candidate Comment: We only have one place to vote but yes all citizens have a right to vote.*

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**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: We only have a public school in Bentley*

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**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: Every one has a right to their beliefs and this should not be used to determine if an idea should be considered or not. The idea itself should be the only thing weighed.*

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

*Candidate Answer: I have been the mayor for Bentley for 8 years. I have found my role is a troubleshooter locally for the staff, working with other municipalities, our township, county, and state to help Bentley become a better community.*

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**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*

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**Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?**

*Candidate Answer: 0*

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

*Candidate Answer: n/a*

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

*Candidate Answer: n/a*

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

*Candidate Answer: Bentley is a small town with big town debt. We are heading in the right direction, with refinancing of bonds and some construction. planning for the future, doing our best to provide the needs of the community but yet fiscally responsible in the process*

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**END SURVEY**