MainPAC Candidate Survey

2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Rodolfo Arevalo**
Candidate Email:	**rarevalo99@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**5092096860**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Spring Hill**
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 am an independent candidate that is prepared to address issues critical to the Spring Hill community and therefore am prepared to seek opportunities to bring diverse views together.

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: For many years Federal and State resources have been reduced for those with mental health problems, as a result other public organizations have had to assume responsibilities for individuals with mental health issues. Public Schools, local policy and corrections have had to address the increase number of mental health issues which are outside of their training. A strong mental health system needs to be developed.

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: Election to an office does not mean that the general public has given up on the desire to know how their elected official ae address the needs of the community. Citizen should be informed about how policies and laws will affect them and why they are needed.

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: I believe that local government and its policy maker should be representative of the citizen the represent.

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: An assessment of how professionals implement the policies of elected leaders is critical to assuring that results are meaningful.

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: I have been attending City Council meeting for the past four years and am aware of the role of a city council member and the responsibility for enacting policies that are a benefit to local citizen, that city resources need to be managed effectively and that strategic planning needs to be in place. My role is not to manage the day to day work of city staff but to insure that polices are appropriately implemented.

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: I am committed to public service and have be engage with state, county, and local government for over 50 years.

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:	**City Councilmember**
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:	**William Barajas, Jr.**
Candidate Email:	**wpbarajas1921@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-231-8183**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Wyandotte**
Office City:	**n/a**
Office District:	**At-Large**

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: in attempting to compromise, i will remain principled in serving the citizens demands and needs

---

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: Mental Health issues are a big issue in Wyandotte County, which has been deferred to the local police departments. Police are given basic training in dealing with people in crisis. All levels of government need need to develop a comprehensive mental health system that would include trained mental health professionals responding to the scene to assist or even intervene in best possible outcomes

---

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: this is a very complex and nuanced subject.due to the fact that the federal government intervened in the free market of health, medicine, and insurance to the point Health Care is a very expensive proposition. this may have been by design so as to move towards a medical for all plan, which is not viable or sustainable. Compound that with an activist Supreme Court who sided with and subsequently upheld that bogus taxing on the ACA.

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: based on the demographics of the USA there will always, mostly, a dominant group who appear to be incharge. the intent of activist groups pushing for diversity AT ALLCost can have a negative impact for the average citize s who may share in a certain candidate's. especially if the platform has misleading terminology that has been redined to the unsuspecting and ill informed constituents

---

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 elected official must evaluate and assess the works and opinions of the professionals who work in public spaces to make a well informed decision that will impact the lives if the constituents, including getting a 2nd opinion of conduct independent research.

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: Irrelevant

Candidate Comment: unless there is an industry who egregiously spews out excessive amounts of CO2 emissions, then intervene. HOWEVE, since such industry a sparse in the USA, it is basically irrelevant

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Irrelevant

Candidate Comment: the @nd amendment shall nit be infringed upon

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 would to qualify this answer with that i believe in school choice even if it means the money goes to a private school

---

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: Based on my understanding of separation of Church and State, that mean a very politically active Church should not be dictating and directing the rule of law. instead, one's religious and spiritual faith can be used to guide one in making fair and reasonable laws, regardless of Faith. with the exception of extremist practices, most religions are conservative, fair, ad reasonable in practice

---

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

Candidate Answer: i understand the role of school board member to continue to manage the school;s budget in a responsible manner, to ensure that the curriculum is the best quality to provide a pathway to college or a trade skill that will provide the students a competitive and prosperous future

---

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 of my money to date

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: N/A

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

Candidate Answer: National Latino Peace Officers Association, N.E KansaS Chapter PAC

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:	**Justin Bjork**
Candidate Email:	**bjork.ict@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**3162025512**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**Wichita**
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:

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:

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 am learning more every day.

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: NA

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

Candidate Answer: NA

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

Candidate Answer: Unsure

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:	**Benjamin Blankley**
Candidate Email:	**ben.blankley@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**3166802108**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**Wichita**
Office District:	**1**

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 understand that I am not only in a non-partisan position, but that I serve a wide variety of people with political affiliations, including many who cannot and do not vote in partisan elections.

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: Frequently in Wichita Public Schools, we run into capital funding limitations unique to our size of district, age of buildings, and complexity of operations. Additionally, the state restrictions on local tax revenue by school districts is difficult to explain to the average voter.

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: Schools are the one place where kids can consistently receive services of all kinds, including mental health. Our counselors and social workers do great things but staffing does limit their impact for all kids.

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 think the average citizen should have the same information that elected bodies have, so they can have better knowledge of how their representatives are acting on their behalf.

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, because of its focus on the unique aspects, cultures, and challenges of a community, can serve as a crucial link between the community and health care 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: For example, it is exceptionally challenging for a working class parent to serve on municipal boards, school boards, city councils, library boards, and similar essential functions of local government without it severely impacting their employment. I think the decisions local elected bodies make can unintentionally overlook the unique challenges of subsets of the community if those members are not adequately represented on these boards.

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: My job as a school board member is to break down barriers and make the work of the school district as smooth as possible. While I do review and question recommendations made by the professional staff, I understand that it is their job to be the experts, and it is my job to weigh their recommendations with the needs and wants of the community.

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 in local government can make intentional decisions that more judiciously use our natural resources.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: As a school district, we can partner with advocacy groups to register new voters and build an involved citizenry through student advisory committees and community advocacy.

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 have served in this position since January of 2018, and if anyone anticipated how hard the 2020-21 school year would have been as a school board member, they certainly didn't let any of us serving know. I understand the budget of the Wichita Public Schools is a tenth of the entire public school funding for the State of Kansas. We impact over 47,000 students and families and over 6,000 professional staff with our decisions. I have not and will not take any decision I made lightly or capriciously.

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 $858.82 in my campaign account still from my last campaign.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: This was around 20-30 donors.

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

Candidate Answer: In this cycle, I have not received any endorsements yet.

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

Candidate Answer: I'll fill out the Equality Kansas survey when they send it out. My labor union at work, SPEEA, does not endorse candidates.

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:	**April Boyd-Noronha**
Candidate Email:	**friendsforapril@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9133031455**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**n/a**
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: Compromise is not always a bad thing, but I do not believe in compromising my values or perpetuating failed policies that disenfranchise segments of the community simply to avoid rancor. There is nothing wrong with good trouble. I believe it is vital to community relations to engage in good-faith dialogue with constituents who disagree with your point of view or policy position. However, I do not believe personal attacks and deliberate misinformation constitutes healthy dialogue, and both sides have to be cautious to avoid this type of purely partisan rhetoric. I believe it is the role of political leaders to provide the best information possible to their constituents, and their rationale for supporting and/or voting a particular way. But it is equally vital to listen to those you represent, understanding more can be learned.

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 school board member, I will work diligently to advocate for more funding for mental health programs, specifically for youth. Many of our children experienced varying degrees of trauma associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, and it is paramount that they have the support they need post-pandemic to thrive in the future.

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 one of the biggest impediments to effective government is the lack of trust by the general public. This distrust causes many to disengage from civic life altogether. This weakens governments. Every community deserves a well-informed and engaged electorate willing to challenge the status quo, but also assist in improving policies that make local, state, and national government more efficient, accessible, and fair for all.

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 emphasis placed on diversity, equity, and inclusion in the United States and abroad has become a lightning rod for some very divisive political discourse, but I am a staunch supporter of DEI at all levels of government, and in every area of life. I believe America is the greatest nation in the world, of course, I am biased, but we are great because of our diverse history and diverse people. Immigrants, descendants of the enslaved, Native Americans, etc., and their collective contributions to every area of human pursuit are responsible for the mosaic of thought, culture, and intelligentsia this country enjoys -that is the envy of the world. It is my firm belief that DEI should be promoted as an act of patriotism and embraced by those who seek a future greater than our past.

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: Elected leaders have a responsibility to support the professional staff that allows them to be informed, prepared, and productive. We all have a role to play to make our communities better, professionals supporting other professionals should be common sense.

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: The challenges public schools face are many. Public schools commit to educate every single child, no matter their background, religion, learning ability, or physical disability. I believe public money should exclusively support public schools. I do not support school vouchers or ESA's or any attempt to use public monies to fund private schools. As the daughter of two public education teachers, I understand better than most what public school teachers face. More funding is needed for public schools not less. Taking public monies from public schools weakens their ability to provide critical services to a diverse student body.

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 primary job of a school board member is to select the superintendent. With our superintendent already in place, my job will be to oversee the district budget and ensure the concerns of district employees, students, families, and community stakeholders are addressed and resolved in line with the mission of the Shawnee Mission school district. I will seek to influence the types of policies that create enhanced opportunities for students and families to have the best academic and social outcomes. I believe board members should seek to engage the public in ongoing conversations about school district business, and matters that affect district culture. Transparency is vital to effective government. Lack of transparency only creates a vacuum for misinformation and deeply divisive discussions that make institutions less effective and less trusted.

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: My campaign has collected just shy of $5,000 and has pledges of approximately $500. These monies will be used to inform the public about my candidacy for the Shawnee Mission Board of Education.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: We have received donations from 53 donors.

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

Candidate Answer: I have yet to receive any endorsements. (Fingers crossed)

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

Candidate Answer: Shawnee Mission NEA.

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 share my thoughts!

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Bill Bruning**
Candidate Email:	**bbruning@kc.rr.com**
Candidate Phone:	**816.560.4816**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Mission Hills**
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: My constituents (and my friends) are sharply divided about many issues at the state and national level. At the local level I have solicited broad support for the activities and efforts of the City Council in which I have participated.

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: Clearly there are issues that require County, State and Federal action, but I am concerned about patterns of State and Federal government intruding into areas that traditionally have been the purview of local government.

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 supported Mission Hill's decision to obtain a (partially) dedicated employee in the Police Department focused on mental health issues and responses.

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: Mission Hills does not have responsibilities for health care other than providing excellent care for its employees. However, when I was a citizen of Kansas City, MO I served as President of the board of Truman Medical Center and was fully supportive of the City and County's engagement in 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: 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: While elected officials should not "second-guess" the professional expertise of their staff, they should also remain fully apprised of staff's activities and be aware of citizen "fall-out," especially from staff's engagement on controversial issues.

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: City government should be aware and act responsibly when its decisions have climate or environmental impact

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Gun safety is an important issue, but probably not for a small city like Mission Hills (3500 residents - no commercial uses).

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Voting rights should be maximized but there is little opportunity to impact the issue in Mission Hills.

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: I strongly support the separation of Church and State

---

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

Candidate Answer: The role / scope of City Councils is well documented. I am in agreement with the way it has evolved and am inclined to defend traditional roles against the inclination of State legislators to expand their role into local authority.

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: I am unopposed and intend to use sparingly the signs and postcards I had printed for my last election four years ago.

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:	**Brad Bryant**
Candidate Email:	**bnbryant@embarqmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7852211015**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Shawnee**
Office City:	**Silver Lake**
Office District:	**At-Large**

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: I have a party affiliation, but the city Council position I am running for is non-partisan so I will leave party aside in making decisions for the city.

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: There are limits on everything, whether they are structural or practical. The home rule power for cities is pretty broad and I don't see myself pushing its limits.

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: I don't think this issue is very applicable to third class city Council positions.

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: Healthcare issues have very limited application to third class city councils.

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: Not Applicable

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Not Applicable

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)*
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 be a responsible steward of the city's money and resources and to be responsive to constituents' concerns.

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:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Selina Bur**
Candidate Email:	**selina.zapata.bur@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**2157603748**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Mission Woods**
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. *(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: 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: Support needs of my community in a timely manner.

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:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Ashley Burdick**
Candidate Email:	**arichey1988@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**3165191585**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**Maize**
Office District:	**Other (please specify)**

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 in supporting education, students, and teachers first before considering political affiliation. Running for the School Board is not driven to prove that conservatives/liberals can do something. It is to better the district in which my children attend schools. It is to provide the support that I wish I would have received as a teacher in the district. It is to champion appropriate, research based practices.

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: As the need for mental health resources grows, finding ways to support people is necessary.

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: Every human should have access to safe healthcare.

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: Representation matters. This diversifies life experiences represented, which leads to well-rounded policies, legislation, and discussion. It helps to bring to light issues that some may not consider.

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: Climate change is the single greatest threat to humanity right now. The lack of firm guidance and movement into areas that will slow climate change is at our own detriment.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: I do not believe guns should be taken away, but there need to be better gun laws and regulations.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Election day should be a federal holiday. People should have access to mail in ballots and polling places that do not make it extremely difficult 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: I do not believe in any religion and respect the rights of others to choose their faith path. The beauty is in the melding of ideas.

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

Candidate Answer: As a school board member, one should help guide the district in decisions as they impact students and staff. They should evaluate the needs of the district, the teachers, and the students to ensure that they are being met in meaningful, timely ways. They should not follow the superintendent blindly, nor should any employee of the district intimidate board members into decisions.

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 collected any public contributions.

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: NEA/KNEA

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:	**John Burke**
Candidate Email:	**jburke42@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**3162072105**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
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)*

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:

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: 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: I have worked with school boards as a school superintendent for the past 36 years. I have a deep understanding of the role of school board member.

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: No

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Scott Callaway**
Candidate Email:	**ss6245@yahoo.com**
Candidate Phone:	**8168052816**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Lenexa City Council**
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 and engineer with two college degrees, and have worke

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Emily Carpenter**
Candidate Email:	**bloss42@hotmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**479-381-7143**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**USD232, DeSoto, KS**
Office District:	**6**

Candidate Rating: 47%

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 to be non-partisan. If elected, I would represent the voice of my community.

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: After the year we had with Covid and will continue to be impacted by Covid and with all the different forms of social media, negative mental health is on the rise. We need to have sufficient and proper resources for mental health to serve the community and that includes schools.

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: 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.

Candidate Comment: In regards to the above answer stating "less important", there are decisions made that the general public doesn't have the knowledge to fully understand. The school board should do its best to explain all policy and school board decisions. And when someone from the public reaches out to asking for more information to understand the decisions being made, the school board should be as transparent and helpful in explaining to the general public why certain decisions were made.

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: I do not believe school boards should have any role in student's health or medical decisions. Most students have their own medical professional to seek medical advice and the community has a county health department in place.

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 school board is to represent the ENTIRE community of that 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: The school board should support school teachers and staff. Teachers are trained to educate, school boards are responsible for developing and adopting policies that will guide the superintendent and staff as they provide education needs of the students, parents and patrons of the district.

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: Politics should not be part of the school board.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Not Applicable

Candidate Comment: Politics should not be part of the school board

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Not Applicable

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: Each school district receives a set dollar amount from the government paid by the taxpayers. That money should follow wherever that student decides to attend school. We live in a free country where we all pay taxes and parents have the right to choose what education their child receives with the taxes they pay.

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: School boards represent the community, not their own individual beliefs or opinions. Decisions should be made according to what the community wants and subservient to state and county laws.

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

Candidate Answer: Board members are responsible for developing and adopting policies that will guide the superintendent and staff as they provide education needs of the students, parents and patrons of the district. All policies established by the board must be consistent with the laws covering public education in the state of Kansas and must follow the guidelines of the Kansas State Board of Education. The board represents the community and therefore must listen closely to parents, students and patrons 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: 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: I am a mother of 4 children who only wants to help provide the best education for ALL children in my district. Parents voices need to be heard and I am ready to listen!

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Brent Carroll**
Candidate Email:	**brentster2669@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**19137316868**
Office Sought:	**Mayor**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Edgerton**
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:

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 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:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Rosa Cavazos**
Candidate Email:	**Rosab3@yahoo.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7858174830**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Shawnee**
Office City:	**TOPEKA**
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:

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:

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: My role as a School Board member is to work with the entire Board to determine our school district's mission and goals on a yearly basis. We work with and support our Superintendent. We help establish policies for our district to be fiscally responsible by overseeing the budge, help with negotiations, personnel, facilities, and doing what is best for all students, parents and staff. Listening to our district patrons is very important to me. Everyone has a voice and should be heard, I listen to everyone.

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: $0.00

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: None at this time.

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

Candidate Answer: I am passionate about my school district. I have been a volunteer in my district since moving to the district in 2005. I have served in many roles at the elementary school, middle school and high school including PTO President, Secretary, Vice President

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Jared Cerullo**
Candidate Email:	**info@jared4wichita.com**
Candidate Phone:	**316-249-2941**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
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. *(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)*
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 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:

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:	**City Councilmember**
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 prim

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Stacie Chivetta**
Candidate Email:	**skchivetta@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**3149717822**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Merriam**
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: City council positions are non-partisan and should be community focused, not focused on party politics. I will work to keep what is best for my constituents, not my party affiliation.

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: We should do all we can to make sure our community members feel safe and supported.

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: People should see people that look like them in positions of power in the 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)*

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:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Not Applicable

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: City government is in place to be the listening component to their constituents and take that back to city hall to make sure everyone in the community feels safe and supported. We work with city staff for their expertise in public policies, etc. National and state politics service the larger policies, city politics help our neighbors!

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: $1690

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: Equality KS

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:	**Ben Chociej**
Candidate Email:	**ben@benformission.com**
Candidate Phone:	**816-332-7985**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Mission**
Office District:	**4**

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. *(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: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Local government can and should do a lot to provide programs and resources to people affected by gun violence, as well as educate and inform about gun safety and gun dangers, but gun violence and safety issues in the US are widespread and will require state and national efforts to fully and completely address.

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: Public money should be enshrined for the benefit of the public in all cases. Private partnerships may be warranted where the public benefits are clear, but I do not support any efforts that funnel public funds to private pockets without a very clear return on the investment.

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: Listening to, communicating with, and advocating for constituents is the first and foremost duty of a city councilperson, and that is the lens through which all decisions should be viewed. Beyond that, it is the responsibility of local government leaders to effect the changes our communities need in order to face the real and present challenges of the day: sustainability, responsible growth and development, ensuring our communities are welcoming and safe for all, and promoting economic vitality in 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: $575 collected

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 4

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: TBD

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:	**Marcus Clark**
Candidate Email:	**marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7852504570**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Shawnee**
Office City:	**Topeka**
Office District:	**5**

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 be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Comment: My campaign is determined to run a clean campaign without deriding any opposition and promoting healthy values, attitudes and behavior for our community.

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

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: 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: My role as a hopeful council member is to help make the best decisions about our community for our community. That trust is a privilege and an honor to serve.

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: $750

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 10

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

Candidate Answer: Greater Topeka Chamber Political Action Committee.

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:	**Sean Claycamp**
Candidate Email:	**seanclaycamp4smsd@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9139016538**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Overland Park**
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 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: I believe having the best person for the job is the main focus regardless of demographics.

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: Irrelevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Irrelevant

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: If a public school is failing students should not remain trapped in that paradigm and should be free to go elsewhere.

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: Pretty well... the issue for me is going to be listening and finding common ground.

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: 1 - myself

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

Candidate Answer: None

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

Candidate Answer: None currently

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

Candidate Answer: The SMSD district needs greater transparency for parents and greater effort to moving forward together instead of having an us versus them mentality.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Alexander Coleman**
Candidate Email:	**alexandercoleman138@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7858406944**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Gardner**
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 would be willing to compromise on fiscal issues. I'd be less willing to compromise on social issues regarding basic human right.

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 believe that communities should be taken care of by the people they elect and can see daily. The disconnect between state officials and our communities is to great.

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: Professionals are skilled in ways that some elected officials are not. We should trust that they will work in the best interest of their communities, but hold them accountable when they don't.

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: Locally elected officials should support gun safety programs, however we should not legislate it

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: All elected officials should do what they can to support the right of all people 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: For profit schools should use those profits to support themselves.

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 the role of city councilman to be a role of leadership in the betterment of our communities and the city any large.

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: 0

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

Candidate Answer: None as of yet

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:	**Stacey Coleman**
Candidate Email:	**staceyfor231@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7858406959**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Gardner**
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 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. *(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: 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: Keeping students as the focus of the work of schools; Adopting a shared vision based on community beliefs to guide local education; and Demonstrating a strong commitment to the shared vision and mission by using them to guide decision-making and communicating them to others.

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: na

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

Candidate Answer: na

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:	**Jeffrey Cox**
Candidate Email:	**jcox10@kc.rr.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-207-5270**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Overland Park**
Office District:	**6**

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: If elected, I will attempt to discern the desires of the citizens in Ward 6 - and vote according to their wishes.

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 believe the lack of mental health resources is leading to many mental health problems leading to difficult and sometimes dangerous interactions with law enforcement, which is unfair to both law enforcement and those suffering mental health challenges.

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: I believe that diversity in race, gender, sexual orientation, background, experience, etc. is desirable and helps in getting to decisions that benefit all of our citizens. It should not, however, be pursued without regard to the qualifications required to effectively meet the needs of the position.

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: While the normal course of events should be to hire and support qualified, motivated professionals who want to serve their constituents, there may be situations where staff fails to meet these expectations. The City Council should maintain objectivity with respect to staff and be willing to hold them accountable in those situations where expectations are not being met.

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: I believe this to largely be a County issue, but we certainly want all citizens to have easy access to voting.

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: Given that we have excellent local public schools, there is no need to support any alternatives to those 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: As a City Councilperson I would have the responsibility of representing my direct constituents in Ward 6 as a first priority and the citizens of Overland Park as a secondary priority. These responsibilities include fiscal responsibility, managing growth responsibly, supporting quality public education, ensuring safe neighborhoods and providing for the basic services (parks, roads, etc.) effectively and efficiently.

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 am self-financing my campaign.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: Just me…

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: While I may receive some endorsements, I am not seeking any. I am happy to explain my views and how I would serve, but am unwilling to make any concessions in return for endorsements, so am not seeking any.

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

Candidate Answer: I am not a politician and have never sought any other elected position. I am running for this position because I believe the current Mayor and many of the City Council have become entrenched, arrogant and self-serving. I believe we need a new Mayor and

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Brian Cramer**
Candidate Email:	**bricramer@outlook.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7856433932**
Office Sought:	**Mayor**
Office County:	**Douglas**
Office City:	**Baldwin City**
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. *(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: 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: The Mayor of Baldwin City must execute the vision of the city council and enforce its laws. The Mayor should work collaboratively with citizens, the council, and community stakeholders to affect positive change.

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: No money has been collected or pledged to my campaign at this time.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: Zero donors at this time.

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: No. Thank you for this opportunity.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Evelyn Criswell**
Candidate Email:	**Evelyn.Criswell@hotmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**19135683345**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
Office County:	**Wyandotte**
Office City:	**Kansas City**
Office District:	**Other (please specify)**

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. *(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: 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: I have a thorough understanding of the role. I have been selected as Vice Chair of the KCKCC Board, and Chair of the Finance Committee.

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

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: N/A

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

Candidate Answer: Thank you.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Lee Cross**
Candidate Email:	**lcross@gmolaw.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9137109761**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
Office County:	**Johnson**
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)*

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 the past, I have sought bi and non-partisan solutions. No one political party has a monopoly on good ideas.

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: At the College, I have consistently supported resolutions telling our State Government we in JC support local control of our institutions, local government, and infrastructure.

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: 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: By statute, to manage the assets and resources of the College as Trustee. Then, we hire our President, Auditor, set a budget and our policy. And, to generally support our professional staff.

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: About $20,000.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: About 10-15, counting myself.

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

Candidate Answer: JCCCFA (probable) and Mary Birch.

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

Candidate Answer: In previous cycles, I have sought support from any person or group committed to the best interest of JCCC.

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

Candidate Answer: Thank you for your work. Thank you for your attention to local government.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Martha Davis**
Candidate Email:	**martha@davisjccc.com**
Candidate Phone:	**5738216066**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**n/a**
Office District:	**At-Large**

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 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: N/A This isn't particularly relevant to the JCCC trustee position.

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: N/A This isn't particularly relevant to the JCCC trustee position.

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 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: 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: 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 defined by KS statute. http://www.kslegislature.org/li_2012/b2011_12/statute/071_000_0000_chapter/071_002_0000_article/071_002_0001_section/071_002_0001_k/

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: $300

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: 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:	**Andrew Davis**
Candidate Email:	**drewd2122@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7737573115**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
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 deca

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Maxine Drew**
Candidate Email:	**DXam@aol.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9132710464**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
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: If elected I will comply with guidelines and policies school board members are to follow. I will help to direct and educate our community on the necessary understanding for being in compliance.

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: Healthcare is a concern that we have to address to make sure the citizens are having their needs met to ensure longevity in life

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: 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: Recognize my role is to assure compliance in meeting the needs of educating our students, assisting staff and engaging the community by adhering to the 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: $380

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 4

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:	**Crystal Duke**
Candidate Email:	**crystalreneeduke@hotmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**8168208244**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**N/A**
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: I seek to serve the people in which I am to represent. If something is politically popular, it will not affect my goals; neither will something being politically unpopular persuade my stace, when it comes to representation of this group of people. I come to the seat with skills that I hope will add dynamic in representing children and families. With my skill set, and heart for children, I wish to firmly and lovingly stand for what is right.

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: In starting my position as a therapist, I find mental health and emotional intelligence paramount in the success of this generation. I have seen, first hand, what a person can be empowered to do and become when the right mental health options are available to then.

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: Relationships are built on trust. Putting someone over any entity or person can only be done with trust. To keep (and to build) that trust, there needs to be a level of transparency. There are things that would be inappropriate to disclose, and there are things that are imperative to maintain disclosure about.

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" here is a key word. Local government should not have any part in Healthcare beyond that.

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 in representation" can mean throwing a bunch of different people and different cultures in, to represent who and where they are coming from. But, it can also mean that one person is representing a diverse population. At no time should anyone's skin color or ethnic background be the stand alone merit or credential in how they became the representation. The person, in their seat, must have the competency skills it takes to be great at what they do. Finding diversity is wonderful, but it can't come with the cost of positioning someone based on that as a key reason. Finding Competent, empathic, wisdom filled leaders is KEY: from this goal, we diversify.

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 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: I believe both statements above this question to be true. Each human was born with an innate sense of morality, self worth, and dignity. It is not my place to impose or force beliefs upon another, and at the same time I still see the intrinsic values The Lord has woven into each individual. It is my duty to see what lays within a person or persons, to call out and protect what is naturally there, as well as to respect their personal values and choices. Separation of church and state is imperative in the governing of a diverse people, so as to protect the rights of all. I will uphold the autonomy of the people, as well as step up to the plate with my faith in Jesus.

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

Candidate Answer: I'm told this is a thankless job. My role isn't to be thanked, it is to step up in uncertain times and show up for our next generation of young ones. Whatever those duties entail, I do not yet know exactly, and I look forward to learning them well.

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 dollars and 0 cents

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: Jesus

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, yet.

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:	**Chad Eckert**
Candidate Email:	**ccaeckert@yahoo.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-515-5904**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**n/a**
Office District:	**At-Large**

Candidate Rating:34999999999999998%

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:

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: 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: Not Applicable

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Not Applicable

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Irrelevant

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: Represent the best interest of the citizens of Spring Hill.

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:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Kay Emerson**
Candidate Email:	**votekemerson@outlook.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7853043808**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
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.

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 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.
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: 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)*

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 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)*

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: 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

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**LeEtta Felter**
Candidate Email:	**lefelter@yahoo.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9134867809**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**n/a**
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. *(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:	**Debra Filla**
Candidate Email:	**dafilla@attglobal.net**
Candidate Phone:	**9132056711**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Leawood**
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: As councilmembers we are non-partisan; streets are neither red nor blue.

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: It is difficult to feel that the state, who does not balance their budget, have say about our city's taxes. Decisions should be made whenever possible closest to the "we the people" aka citizens served.

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: Leawood participate now in with Johnson County to have a social services person designated to work with our police force. It has been successful. As a result of questions asked, dispatch calls related to mental health are being counted in order to help us be more proactive and provide the resources 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:

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: We are a city managed by professionals. We are responsible for the hiring of the City Manager and providing direction and goals for the City. We are also responsible to review the results of the City Manager and staff in achieving those goals.

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: I have been a city council member for Ward 1 for 20+ years and feel that I understand the role.

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: Thanks for the work you do!

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Christina Flaming**
Candidate Email:	**cflaming@protonmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7852213606**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Shawnee**
Office City:	**N/A**
Office District:	**Other (please specify)**

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: The Shawnee Heights school district is very diverse. While my personal beliefs are conservative, I feel very open to listening to all viewpoints. Problem solving requires open discourse.

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: In having ultimate local authority, the elected officials need to be accountable to the citizens they represent. The state can provide statewide data to assist in the decision making processes.

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 health care provider, I see the physical damage caused by untreated mental illness. One of the difficulties I identify, even with greater services and access, is getting those citizens with mental illness "connected" with the 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: Whether the citizens are knowledgeable and engaged or not, the transparency needs to be present for those who do chose to pay attention and become involved.

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: Something as simple as assistance with transportation can effect the health of citizens. Having seen this issue with my elderly parents, the community has the ability to really help.

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 do not believe that the pigment of skin, gender, etc. causes one to be a great leader or a poor leader. It is a matter of the mind and heart.

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 do not fully agree with any of these statements. I believe in more of a collaborative relationship.

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: Minimal relevance

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Local governments can encourage responsible gun ownership, ie offer education opportunities, safety training, public information

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Local options for transportation is certainly of importance here, for ability for access to government IDs, voting registration, and in person voting.

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 support the money following the child. Competition improves quality. I'm in health care and we have choice in providers, facilities, etc. Who wants to be forced to have their health care dictated by their address? Also, if schools are pushing social agendas, parents should be able to opt out.

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: The separation of church and state in the Federalist papers was to protect religious freedom, not keep religion out of politics. We all have religious beliefs, even if the belief is agnostic or atheism. I expect my beliefs to effect my decisions but that does not preclude my ability to listen, evaluate, and include other ideas in decision making.

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

Candidate Answer: I believe it will be my responsibility to be a team player in working to evaluate the current education process, assess needs and set goals, and determine measurable metrics for success or lack thereof. My focus will be on the students and their academic success. I will work in collaboration with administrators and educators, for the students.

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: $00.00 I am just starting to get organized and will do some self financing for initial expenditures. I will be asking for donations once I evaluate expected costs.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: None yet.

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

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q20. From which other organizations are you <u>seeking</u> 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: Running for elected office is a new endeavor and any quality advice is appreciated.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Sollie Flora**
Candidate Email:	**solliefloraks@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-735-4882**
Office Sought:	**Mayor**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Mission**
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: It is important that local elected officials don't side-step difficult conversations just for the sake of getting along or purported civility. Instead, we must be leaders who are willing to engage in good faith conversations on sensitive topics. I do think there are some issues we ultimately should not compromise on, like our shared humanity (i.e., LGBT+ rights, racial equity efforts), but it is still important to invite dialogue and bring our community forward together.

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: Home Rule is enshrined in the Kansas Constitution, demonstrating its importance. Local governments must have the authority to exercise local control and determine local affairs. I oppose attempts by the Kansas Legislature to undermine local authority by preempting local government action.

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: On Council, I have supported, for example, allocating funding to United Community Services of Johnson County for mental health (and other) programming and Mission's participation in the mental health co-responder program (relating to policing/public safety). This is an area where I would like to see continued and increased cooperation between the county and cities like Mission (as Mission on its own is likely too small to have its own dedicated staff or run mental-health specific 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.
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 support policy making in a manner consistent with the Kansas Open Records Act and Kansas Open Meetings Act. When I joined the City Council, Mission was already live streaming and recording Council Committee meetings and City Council Meetings. I advocated that we also start recording Council Work Sessions (which have covered topics including the budget, racial equity, the CAKC Climate Action Plan, among other things), and our Work Sessions are now recorded. I have worked hard to promote transparency on the ward-level as well, instituting Ward 4 ward meetings and maintaining an active Facebook page to keep constituents up to date on the work of the 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: I support city advocacy for increased access to health care. For example, Mission's 2021 Legislative Priorities, which we share with our State Representatives and State Senator, advocate for Medicaid expansion in Kansas.

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 believe that diversity in representation, both a diversity of lived experiences and a diversity of viewpoints, helps to ensure that our decision-making is well informed and reflective of our community. I support efforts that demonstrate to historically-marginalized groups that Mission is a safe and welcoming place where all voices matter (like our Non-Discrimination Ordinance and our Racial Equity Resolution and work plan).

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: As stewards of tax dollars who are accountable to our constituents, local elected leaders cannot defer to staff in all instances. However, for good governing, it is critical that we support our staff and trust in their expertise and judgment. Our staff is the backbone of our city services and we couldn't do it without them.

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: Prior to serving on City Council, I served on Mission's Sustainability Commission and am now a Council Liaison to that Commission. I am also a founding member of Climate Action KC and past chair of its Policy Committee and Advisory Committee. I believe that it is critical that Mission support the work of the CAKC Regional Climate Action Plan. On Council, I have supported many sustainability efforts, including participation in Evergy's Renewables Direct program, LEED-certified development efforts, and the Facility Conservation Improvement Program.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Ideally, local government would play an active role in gun safety. Unfortunately in Kansas, the State Legislature has preempted local action and undermined local control in this area.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: This is especially important at the county level since Johnson County administers our elections. However, cities should also play a role by encouraging citizen participation and speaking out against voter suppression efforts at the state and national levels.

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 support fully funding our Kansas public schools, as is constitutionally required. Public dollars should support public schools and private dollars can be used to support any private institutions. I oppose efforts to divert tax payer dollars to private institutions that often aren't accountable to the same rules and standards.

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 fully support the separation of church and state. Mixing government and religion is a slippery slope that can result in members of the community who aren't aligned with the majority being excluded and marginalized.

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

Candidate Answer: I believe that the role of Mayor is to provide effective leadership for the city. Looking externally, the Mayor should be a strong advocate for Mission's priorities and interests at the regional, state, and national levels. Looking internally, the Mayor should communicate regularly with the City Council and staff leadership to ensure that priorities remain on track and in line with the needs and wants of the community. The Mayor should provide vision and "big picture" thinking - working to ensure the success of Mission not only today but setting the city up for success in the future.

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: $10,967 (including in-kind donations)

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 155 (including in-kind donors)

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

Candidate Answer: N/A (too early in cycle)

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

Candidate Answer: I am intending to seek endorsements from, at minimum, Equality Kansas and Run For Something.

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

Candidate Answer: I was very proud to receive Mainstream's endorsement in 2017 when I ran for City Council. Subsequently, I felt that the organization lost its way and acted out of line with its stated values by endorsing anti-LGBT state legislative candidates during the 2

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Robin Folkerts**
Candidate Email:	**rfolkerts1@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**3163053457**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**DERBY**
Office District:	**At-Large**

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 seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: Compromise is an important and necessary part of a school board. COVID-19 is an excellent example of how a community can become divided. Many passionate opinions are shared with board members, and it is our job to listen to all voices and make decisions that have considered all sides. Compromise is needed in most if not all controversial situations.

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: While I agree with local control, I believe there are instances where state legislators may intervene to correct imbalances in equal education regarding school finance formulas.

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: Particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic, it is our responsibility to ensure that our students are healthy in every way. Mental health has taken a hit with many of our students, and these needs must be addressed.

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 transparency. We have executive sessions when necessary, but open meetings are important to maintain community 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: Access to health care is certainly not a given in any community. Local government must play a part. As school board members, we make decisions on health insurance for USD260 employees. We make decisions on the health protocols in school buildings. We support programs such as PANDO to help serve the health needs of students in our community. School nurses provide vision and hearing screenings to students. Dental exams are offered in some of our elementary schools. These are only a few examples of how we support our community's 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: I do think it is important, but if you have the right candidates representing the community, the governing body can be effective. Listening to constituents plays a vital role.

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 not our job to micromanage or scrutinize our professionals. School Board members should be supportive and respect the expertise of professionals who work in public service. However, it is our job to evaluate the superintendent.

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: Change usually starts at the community level with little things such as getting one trash service to serve the entire community to cut down on air pollution. Decisions to cut down on styrofoam trays in the lunchroom can be done at the local level. Small things will make the difference, and it all starts at the local level.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: With so many accidents happening with guns, I think it would be wise to employ age-appropriate gun safety lessons at certain grade levels. It is our responsibility to keep students safe. I see gun safety as a proactive measure much like the swimming initiative. We have partnered with the DRC to implement a swimming program for 2nd graders to have two weeks of swim lessons to cut down on drownings. A partnership to prevent accidental shootings would make sense.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: I believe that this topic belongs in a Civics Course, but may also be incorporated on Election Days. Students should learn about voting in a timely and relevant way.

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 should only be used to support schools who will take each and every student who applies.

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: 100% on this.

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

Candidate Answer: I see school board members as people who are well-versed regarding school business and have a good knowledge base of the system. They stay current on school news on a local, state, and national level. They are responsible for meeting preparation and attendance. They listen to community input and take different viewpoints into consideration when making decisions. Each member brings their own expertise to the table. They do not micro-manage or push their own agenda.

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

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 1 - myself

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 supporter of public education, and am a lifelong educator. I have no hidden agendas. I only have a desire to serve my community in a productive way.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Andrew Foreman**
Candidate Email:	**andrewforeman@protonmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7854307195**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Shawnee**
Office City:	**Topeka**
Office District:	**2**

Candidate Rating:28999999999999998%

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. *(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: No

Candidate Comment: I believe that these services are better left to locally run charities.

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: Not 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: Not Applicable

Candidate Comment: Government should not be actively involved in climate change.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Not Applicable

Candidate Comment: Local governments should not restrict a citizen's rights to keep and bare arms.

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: 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: Create budgets, determine curriculum, approve superintendents, and generally set policies and manage the 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: $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: I want to help promote logic and critical thinking in our schools. Children should be taught how to think, not what to think. CRT is a dangerous ideology that teaches our kids to make judgements based on race, and it must be resisted in our schools.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Terrance Gallagher**
Candidate Email:	**gallagherward6@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9136424163**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Prairie Village**
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:

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: Local government should support and lobby for its residents needs on healthcare to our State representatives. Through its foundations provide area financial support. When appropriate give staff and volunteers support to aid and leadership in an actual presence.

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: Its important we respect and support diversity in our community. Look to individuals all as one and without designation. Assist and grow diversity in all areas of community engagement. This one feel like there should be a point between neutral to extreme.

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: Two terms in office; leadership or committee responsibility in Finance, Planning Commission, Parks & Rec; Arts Council, Tree Board, Teen Council, Statuary Cmty, Municipal Foundation and many ad hoc committees in support of city and county projects offered well blended experiences and partnerships to listen and effectively govern

---

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, I am not taking contributions or support.

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:	**Tyrone Garner**
Candidate Email:	**Info@GarnerForMayor.com**
Candidate Phone:	**1-785-915-9002**
Office Sought:	**Mayor**
Office County:	**Wyandotte**
Office City:	**Kansas City Kansas**
Office District:	**Other (please specify)**

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. *(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: 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: 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:	**Kathleen Garrison**
Candidate Email:	**dorkleen@icloud.com**
Candidate Phone:	**3163047194**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**Clearwater**
Office District:	**At-Large**

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 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. *(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: Irrelevant

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 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: To support our local school district in its duties and to represent the community and parents in that endeavor.

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

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: 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:	**George Glover**
Candidate Email:	**gglover209@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**316261856**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**N/a**
Office District:	**2**

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:

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 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: Irrelevant

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 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: Transparency provide services protect citizens raising taxes last rest represent voters

---

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: No

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Ed Gogol**
Candidate Email:	**gogol.monday@gmail.comn**
Candidate Phone:	**9132625903**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Westwood Hills**
Office District:	**At-Large**

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:

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: 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.

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 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 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: Reasonably well, having served for the past term.

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: No contributions will be accepted.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: I have no 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: N/a

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

Candidate Answer: No

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Mary Gonzales**
Candidate Email:	**marygonzales1964@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9136384264**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
Office County:	**Wyandotte**
Office City:	**Kansas City, Ks**
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: Party is usually not an issue in utilities matters

---

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: My community is very diverse and all should feel their voice is heard/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:

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: I am forever learning about the business of the utility, being the incumbent in this race is helpful.

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: Currently zero

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: Electrical union #53 and Tri County labor

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:	**City Councilmember**
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, strategic vision and planning in accordance with their constituents' views and to determine methods of funding those priorities.

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

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Nancy Hammond**
Candidate Email:	**nancyhammond9215@gmail**
Candidate Phone:	**9139801444**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**N/A**
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 fur 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:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Chris Hands**
Candidate Email:	**chris.evans.hands@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-530-3971**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Merriam**
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: As an elected city official, I feel my decisions are best accomplished through a non-partisan lens with focus on running our city.

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: Very interested in enhancing the efforts of our police department's co-responder program and in being sure city staff's health insurance supports mental health options.

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: While I have always tried to support staff, I do so by asking them the questions and giving them the feedback I expect from my constituents, not by always agreeing with them. I feel like this builds a strong partnership with staff and gives them additional direction in their decisions.

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 need to stay focused on what we CAN do at local and individual levels. Even our small efforts contribute to the outcome of big efforts. AND, we can ensure climate change issues remain part of our Legislative Priorities that are sent each year to our Kansas elected officials.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: While there is not a lot that each city can do based on what the State has in place, we can actively support the distribution of gun locks and training on gun safety. I believe the use of co-responders on police calls can also help identify and get appropriate treatment for people who are at risk of death by suicide.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Currently there is not a we control about voting at the city level, except using our communication skills to encourage and educate voters on where and when they can vote. That communication needs to be a priority.

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 role as City Councilmember is to support and direct staff to maintain and enhance the infrastructure, safety, and quality of life of ALL who live, work, play, and pass-through Merriam.

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: 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:	**Jason Hannaman**
Candidate Email:	**jasonhannaman@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9133024694**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Westwood**
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: While in public office, I have remained Unaffiliated except when necessary to vote in a primary election. Local government service should be removed from personal political ideology to the greatest extent possible.

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: Since local government is closest to the people it represents, there should be very limited scenarios where local government's authority is restricted by higher levels of government.

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: I do think efficiency is important, but not more important than transparency. I think transparency should operate with a consideration to efficiency. For example, as we return to in-person meetings, we are testing a shoestring livestreaming option, as we typically only have a few people watching our meetings. This gives people the ability to watch online, even if not high production values, but doesn't require the ~$100k investment to implement a full AV solution in council chambers.

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: I think this varies depending on the overlapping entities in a city or county. I think that there is plenty of access to health care in my area, and that Westwood has limited capacity to influence that. However, if that access wasn't as broad, I would feel comfortable advocating for finding partners to support greater access.

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 in representation shouldn't just be plugging in people because they represent a minority group, but identifying, supporting, encouraging, and developing diverse people at all levels to prepare them for future leadership.

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 appropriate to publicly support professional staff, while giving clear and reasonable policy direction, and holding them accountable for their work. In a city with a City Administrator, I would probably feel that elected leaders should be a little more removed from 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: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: There is limited impact that a small city can have here, but I support working with community partners to implement climate change mitigation policies.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Unfortunately, our ability to manage this issue have been severely restricted by the state.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: To the greatest extent allowed by state law, voting access should be as open as possible to encourage the greatest participation by voters.

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 ultimate view of the role is that I am trying to make my city the most desirable place to live in Kansas, and that requires pragmatism, compromise, and community building.

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: 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: 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:	**Jeff Harris**
Candidate Email:	**jeffharriswwcc@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9139086826**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Westwood**
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 party affiliation and party politics at the local level are not only unnecessary, but likely to be counter productive. I believe a much better approach is to focus on information, details, options and solutions.

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 believe in tracing problems back to their origin, and unfortunately I think mental health is at the root of more challenges than is fully understood (including, for example, educational performance).

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: In a strong democracy, citizens of all backgrounds would see themselves in the elected officials that represent 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:

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: It is my responsibility to understand the laws governing Westwood, the functions and operations of the city, and my role as an elected City Councilmember. Within that knowledge, my role is to represent the best interests of the citizens of Westwood, and all other city stakeholders.

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: The Victory Fund

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:	**Julie Hedrick**
Candidate Email:	**2526 N. Greenleaf Ct.**
Candidate Phone:	**316-686-2440**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**Wichita**
Office District:	**2**

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: A public school election is non-partisan, so I do not support a party affiliation or an ideology associated with a party. I believe I serve the students, staff, teachers and parents of WPS and the city of Wichita and surrounding areas that feed into WPS. I believe my "boss" is the people who elected me (my supporters). My supporters know that I will advocate for students first and that I will support students and staff. Also, that I am a team player and a listener and always function with respect for my colleagues which may at times mean compromise.

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 believe the Wichita Board of Education should have authority for our local school district issues. Oft times there are state or federal mandates we receive which typically come unfunded and are sometimes not in the best interest of our students.

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 thoroughly support mental health programs and find mental health concerns particularly important for students and teachers at this time of returning to school after the pandemic. The specifics of implementing or expanding a program and the specifics of using existing or adding resources would be determined based on the specific discussion and issue/program. As a District, we have recently approved additions to mental health programs for both students and staff.

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: My area of service is focused on our local school district and doesn't impact other issues in the community or state. The employee contract for 2021-22 has not yet been determined, but fortunately, we are able to provide our staff with excellent health coverage and hopefully in 2021-22 with no additional out of pocket expense for the employee. Additionally, our students have excellent access to health care due to the availability of Grace Med clinics in many of our attendance centers.

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 one of the hallmarks and strengths of WPS. o

---

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 board of education job is to hire a fantastic superintendent of schools (which we have!). Thus, we manage our top professional who leads our district. We also support and appreciate all of the professionals who work in public service in our School District.

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: Irrelevant

Candidate Comment: This is not an issue that is impacted by the Board of Education.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: The Board of Education has excellent policies on safety including a no tolerance policy regarding guns in schools. Safety in schools is included in our Strategic Plan and is the focus of many excellent policies. Kids must feel safe to do well in school

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: This is not an issue that is impacted by the Board of Education.

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: I am a Christian and my faith is very important to me. However, not all students in WPS have similar beliefs and should have the freedom to practice their religion and/or beliefs without prejudice. My relationship with Christ impacts that I treat every student and every individual with respect; however I separate church and state when making policy decisions and when participating in votes on issues.

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

Candidate Answer: We hire a great superintendent! We set policy and budget!

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 $2500. I have an additional $1500 promised.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: The $2500 I have collected represents 13 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: Local teacher's union and local service workers union

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

Candidate Answer: I am a common sense leader with a passion for the students of Wichita. To continue on the BOE for District #2 just makes sense. It combines my 28. years of experience as an employee for WPS with my 4 year BOE term into one result--my passion for service

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Kay Heley**
Candidate Email:	**heleyforwaterone@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**816-516-8271**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
Office County:	**Johnson**
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)*

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 the nurse running for re-election to the Water District #1 Board (WaterOne) because our water is too precious to take for granted. The Water District Board's elections are nonpartisan. Safe, affordable and reliable drinking water is nonpartisan and a basic human right for all, regardless of zip code. We are fortunate to have a well-run, financially stable public drinking water utility with the lowest rates in the area. WaterOne serves most of Johnson County so our seven member elected Board serves all of the ratepayers in our service area. Our 40 year Master Plan for maintaining and replacing our $1 billion investment in infrastructure is nonpartisan and based on scientific condition assessments and planning tools. I believe community engagement with our water is critical to appreciating and protecting our water. I believe my nonpartisan campaign in 2017 and my four years on the Board have motivated more residents, regardless of political affiliation, to learn about our water, the treatment process, source water protection and strategies for adapting to and mitigating climate impacts. My lofty goal is that every WaterOne ratepayer and their families will understand where our drinking water comes from and how we can protect it.

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: Water District #1 of JoCo, a public, independent drinking water utility, was created by state statute in the 1950's. The District does not have taxing authority but the elected governing board should and does have the ultimate authority consistent with Home Rule to set water rates, issue bonds and finance infrastructure maintenance and replacement. All public water utilities are governed by federal and state regulations with respect to water quality, water rights and emergency planning. The District meets or exceeds the federal water quality regulations, has a 40 year Master Plan for our infrastructure and our water rates are usually the lowest in the area which benefits our ratepayers.

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 35 years of public health nursing, some of it as a school nurse, I am entirely committed to the need for expanding mental health care access to all of our residents, including preventive mental health services in schools, community centers, jails, etc. Early mental health care intervention can mean the difference between life and death, productive and nonproductive lives as well as reducing the need for more costly crisis intervention. I support school-based mental health services accessible to all students and their families year-round. I support free/low cost, accessible, well-staffed mental health care services. Our County has made some gains with respect to mental health care but we are still woefully under-staffed.

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 support live-streaming and closed captioning local government meetings so all have access to the decision-making process. All local government meetings should include public comment periods. As a public drinking water utility, cybersecurity is taken very seriously and should not be part of the transparency discussions.

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: When I was first an SMSD school nurse, there was no free health clinic to which we could refer uninsured children and families. Johnson County responded by creating the volunteer-run JoCo Health Partnership Clinic which following passage of the ACA is now Health Partnership Clinic, a health-care home for many uninsured residents operated by paid staff. JoCo Mental Health has done a yeoman's job trying to meet the increasing mental health needs with a smaller budget and fewer staff. Passing Medicaid expansion in Topeka would help bridge the funding gap and increase access for thousands of JoCo residents. Local governments have a responsibility to support access to health care, however it is tied to problematic funding options. Local governmental units like the Water District do have a responsibility to their employees to provide quality, affordable, accessible 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: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: I believe that our elected officials should look like our community. Leadership and role models matter. This past year, the Water District Board approved adding diversity and inclusion language to our Strategic Goal, Be an Employer of Choice. The District's Board now consists of 4 women and 3 men with a female Chair and Vice Chair. I'm hopeful we can further expand the diversity of our Board in the future.

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 Water District Board's role is to set policy, set rules/regulations, set water rates, hire our General Manager and approve projects from our 40 year Master Plan. Our role is not to micro-manage the professional and operating staff. Our role is to establish the policy from which the District's highly-skilled employees can plan and implement. Our role is to ask questions and provide guidance on matters impacting our ratepayers who are our constituents.

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 a member of Climate Action KC, I take seriously my role in moving WaterOne towards establishing a Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions Goal in keeping with the recently-released regional Climate Action Plan. I expect the same from my City and County elected officials. The issue is urgent, science-based and we know what we need to do to achieve Net Zero GHG Emissions by 2050.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Local families suffer the consequences of unchecked gun accessibility whether by gun violence or suicide. Local government must take a role in promoting gun-sensible policies, regulations and necessary training at the city, county, state and federal levels.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Voting is a fundamental right and responsibility of our democracy. Voting should be easily accessible for all voters. County Election Commissioners (funded by the County Commission) have some flexibility over early voting times and locations, numbers of ballot boxes for returning Advanced Ballots, etc. State election laws regulate our elections, voter registration and early voting access. It is our responsibility as elected officials to provide election information and urge our constituents to exercise their responsibility 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: As a former school nurse and child advocate, I agree with the federal requirement that public school districts need to provide specialized screening services, like early childhood, school psychologist or nurse screening services, to private school students. I wish it were a fully-funded mandate. I do not agree with public money going to vouchers or funds for private and parochial 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: I fundamentally support the separation of church and state. As a person of faith, I acknowledge that my religious beliefs do impact my policy decisions about kindness, inclusion, equity, environmental stewardship and public service in general. I fundamentally acknowledge that others may have different religious beliefs and hope we can come to agreement that our beliefs should not infringe on anyone else's, particularly in the public sphere. As a public health nurse, I believe that public policy must be based on peer-reviewed science.

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

Candidate Answer: The Water District Board meets monthly along with our two assigned committees. I serve as Vice Chair and am on the Finance and Government/Community Relations committees. Our Board is responsible for setting policy, rules and regulations, water rates, approving projects from our 40 year Master Plan and hiring/evaluating the General Manager. We have Eight Strategic Goals: Ensure a safe, reliable, high quality water supply. Provide excellent customer service. Be an employer of choice. Ensure financial stability and predictable rates. Continuously improve business processes. Proactively manage infrastructure. Be good stewards of the environment. Promote a safe work environment and establish a security conscious culture. WaterOne serves most of Johnson County and we are fortunate to have a well-run, financially stable public water utility. As a Board member, I am entrusted to represent the interests of the over 440,000 residents served by WaterOne. I see my role as a facilitator to help our residents learn more about our water so we can all protect it together.

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 raised $7770.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: I have received donations from 77 individuals, many of whom donated $25 or $30. My donors are individuals, not PAC's or special interest groups.

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 actively seeking endorsements. I am completing some group questionnaires like Main PAC to further get the word out about our precious drinking water, that we elect our Water District/WaterOne Board and how we can learn more about our water.

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

Candidate Answer: I appreciate WaterOne candidates being included in this questionnaire. It is challenging to find out information about local election candidates yet local government probably has more to do with our daily lives than other levels of government.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Logan Heley**
Candidate Email:	**loganheley@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9136604727**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
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)*
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: 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)*

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 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:	**Rachel Henderson**
Candidate Email:	**rachelforUSD500@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9136747117**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
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:

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:

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: In my role as school board member, I will play a vital role in setting the vision and the goals for the district as well as setting policies that will help us reach that vision and the goals. At the top of that goal, is student achievement and 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: $2970.00

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 64

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 Learning First Alliance Kansas Families for Education NEA KCK Equality Kansas BLAQUE KC Run for Something

---

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

Candidate Answer: As a person of color, young woman, and a mother, it's a divine privilege to run for office. I have felt so well supported by the workshops I have participated in with this organization but more encouraged by the follow up of other folks who've either ran

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Jen Hill**
Candidate Email:	**jenhillforroelandpark@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**8165365029**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Roeland 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: In my experience as an elected official, I have come to the understanding that compromise is the only way to truly represent democracy. If I serve as a leader who is only interested in my own personal beliefs, I do not represent the entire community. I am a representative for my Ward, and will always find ways to bring people together on common ground rather than divide.

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: Checks and balances must be in place in order to ensure fairness and equity among 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: Roeland Park has already put money toward hiring co-responders to work with our police. Prevention is the key! Many situations can be resolved with help and assistance rather than arrests and it is our civic duty to provide those 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: I do not have anything to hide. The community elects me and expects me to work for them...they deserve to know what and how I am voting--within the realm of legality.

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: We aim to help our residents...if there is something that we can do to make their lives better, we must put effort into making those changes.

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 believe that all people deserve the right to be represented. I also appreciate different perspectives as a caveat toward self-reflection and ensuring that the decisions and votes I cast are beneficial for everyone.

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 always listen to the professionals and hear what they are telling us in order to make smart decisions for our community.

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: Roeland Park is a leader in the fight to protect the environment. It is the job of elected officials and the municipality to lead the way on important issues.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Again, we support important issues and lead by example.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Part of my campaigning is to spread the word about the election and get people to register and vote in the 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: I am a veteran teacher of 26 years in public education and an alumni of 12 years of Catholic school education myself. Private schools are just that--private, they are a choice if a person decides to take an alternative route. Public schools must be properly funded to support all students in a fair and equal fashion.

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 personal beliefs on any topic must be a secondary thought to the needs of my constituents.

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

Candidate Answer: I am currently up for re-election. I have a firm grasp of the needs and duties I must fulfill after having spent the past four years in the position.

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 raised $525 for this campaign.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 8 donors

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

Candidate Answer: None as of yet.

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

Candidate Answer: Moms in Office Neighbors for a Better Roeland Park

---

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

Candidate Answer: Mainstream Coalition endorsed me in 2016 when I first ran for office. I have learned much in the past four years and I would appreciate your support in my re-election. Much appreciation and gratitude. ~Jen Hill

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Brady Hoffman**
Candidate Email:	**brady.hoffman.4@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**785-817-2498**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Shawnee**
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: In this position, as a school board member, it is critical to put politics aside and do what is best for the students and community.

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: With some limitations. Local officials should know what is best for their communities (if they can support the decisions locally i.e. financially). Local officials are looking what is best for their communities, the state is looking at what is best for the whole. The best answer, as always, it depends.

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: According to Shawnee County Community Health Needs Assessment this is a top priority that has been identified.

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: Everyone wants to feel safe and included in decisions made that will impact their lives. It begins with communication and transparency is a key component to high-level communication.

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: We need to take care of our own. We understand SDoH are key to ones health. Local government should have an expanding role to be equitable and help address issues linked to 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: Ideally it matches patient population, or the candidate is extremely competent in identifying stakeholders and how the decision impacts each and every individual. They must also have a network of subject matter experts to rely on to ensure the impacts remain positive for all parties.

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 professionals understand the workflows and impacts better than the elected officials. The issue is they work in silo's and may not understand the big picture. Close collaboration and communication is the best we can do.

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: Small scale locally, but we all must do what we can to ensure a sustainable ecosystem moving forward.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: It depends. Some communities may have a problem with gun safety while others do not. Education must start in the home and grow into the communities.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: It is our job to ensure a representative population. Everyone should be given an opportunity to participate in the most equitable and legal way possible.

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: With caveats. Private schools are still serving a purpose, but ideally they should be self sustainable.

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 personal religious beliefs are separate from what another person may believe. Politics and religion should not play a part in deciding what is best for the community and the students. We need to take a breath and ask ourselves why are we doing what we are doing. The answer is to help everyone be the best they can be. All religions, political beliefs etc. need a safe place to learn.

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

Candidate Answer: To be a member of the board, the ultimate governing body of USD 372, the goal is to provide the best educational system with the resources we have. Having full authority over the operations of the district is the key responsibility. Scope pertains to only in session. Individual board members would have no authority to act independently.

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: It is an honor to run for school board of USD 372. This is a role and responsibility I take extremely seriously. The decisions and impacts we make reach further than we can realize. I will always communicate in a simple way: mean what I say, be able to ba

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Brad Isnard**
Candidate Email:	**brad.isnard@outlook.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9139519649**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
Office County:	**Wyandotte**
Office City:	**N/A**
Office District:	**At-Large**

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:

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: 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.

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: 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:

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 have worked under the board of education for USD 500 for 5 years. I hav Essen first and what an effective board looks like, compared to a divisive and distracting board. I know I want to SEEVE my community, and be the best team member I can be on the KCKCC board of trustees.

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: $0.00 this is an unopposed race. I have filed an exemption form with the county/state for financial reporting.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: I have not sought out donors. As above, it's an unopposed race.

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:	**Brandon Johnson**
Candidate Email:	**Johnsonforwichita@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**3162075843**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**Wichita**
Office District:	**1**

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: I do agree additional funding should be allocated, but mostly from the State legislature and County Commission. The City has a collaborative opportunity for support.

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: My only additional thoughts would be in cases of NDA or negotiations then the process might not be as transparent as some citizens prefer.

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 City of Wichita curre try supports Project Access in the amount of $200,000 to help those without insurance to recieve Healthcare. I believe those efforts should continue as well as advocacy for more funding from the State.

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: In addition to support, we should be working collaboratively to address the needs of the community and get questions answered.

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: Policy decisions around where power comes from, the type of vehicles used, and future planning can help impact this area.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Not Applicable

Candidate Comment: Voting tends to be a county function although we can use our platform to advocate for issues to be addressed.

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 Council member in Wichita is one that should seek to serve the voters of their district along with those of the forward progression if the city. Each Council member should engage neighborhoods, small businesses, and unheard voices to ensure they represent all. Council members are technically part time, but it would be a disservice to the constituents if one did not work this fulltime.

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 our campaign is nearing $15,000. Our goal is to raise upwards of $50,000.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: We currently have approximately 100 donors and should begin ramping up fundraising efforts in the next few weeks.

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

Candidate Answer: N/A it is too early in the race just yet.

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

Candidate Answer: Equality Kansas, IAFF, SEIU, Wichita Eagle, Community Voice, Main PAC, The Collective Pac, Community leaders and the voters in District 1.

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 the survey.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Brandi Jonasson**
Candidate Email:	**bjonasson12@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-909-4418**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Shawnee**
Office District:	**6**

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: School board member is a non-partisan position. My political affiliation should have no bearing in this position. I want to encourage everyone to communicate and listen, sometimes that means having difficult discussions. I want to do what is in the best interest of our students, staff, schools, and community.

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: This question pertains to me as a voter rather than as a candidate for the school board.

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: This question pertains to me as a voter rather than a candidate for the school board.

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: This question pertains to me as a voter rather than a candidate for the school board.

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: This question pertains to me as a voter rather than a candidate for the school board.

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: This question pertains to me as a voter rather than a candidate for the school board.

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: While I always believe you should support professional staff that brings their expertise and research to their work. We depend on these people and their knowledge to help guide decisions. That being said I do not believe in following blindly. Scrutiny, where it is needed, is a good thing. But facts, logic, and expertise should always be considered over somebody's emotional opinion.

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: This question pertains to me as a voter rather than a candidate for the school board.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment: This question pertains to me as a voter rather than a candidate for the school board.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer:

Candidate Comment: This question pertains to me as a voter rather than a candidate for the school board.

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 me, the role of a school board member is to be an advocate for students, staff, and the community. My responsibility is to help make decisions that better the school district and the community as a whole.

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: NA

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: NA

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

Candidate Answer: NA

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

Candidate Answer: NA

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:	**Kelly Jones**
Candidate Email:	**kellyjonesforschoolboard@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7857641465**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
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)*

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 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.

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: 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 oversite [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?
(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 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.)

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: 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 Kanas 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 verging 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)*
C. Irrelevant
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 oversite, ensuring district accountability to students, staff, families, and the broader community. In action, that oversite 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, t

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Mike Kelly**
Candidate Email:	**mjkelly07@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-908-1811**
Office Sought:	**Mayor**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Roeland Park**
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. *(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: While it's difficult, education around specific topics may be necessary to ensure a city can commit to its transparency goal.

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: Expanding medicaid is crucial to the future of Kansas. Local officials can continue to advocate for such expansion.

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: Local elected officials should work with and support the expertise of professional staff. Staff brings a wealth of experience and valuable opinions, which should be respected and always given due consideration.

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: Support should be strongly weighted in favor of public schools, but some support and coordination with private schools can also bring value to the community. Roeland Park's relationship with Bishop Miege High School is a good example of how limited, direct support and coordination with private schools can be mutually beneficial.

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 serve as the executive of the Roeland Park Governing Body, establishing direction and being a voice of the Governing Body in external capacities.

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 $1,000. While I will raise more money, I have no formal opponent.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: Ten to twenty.

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.

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

Candidate Answer: I greatly support the role and responsibilities that Mainstream Coalition serves in our region. I greatly appreciated its support in my last election cycle and hope my track record warrants continued support.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Tanya Keys**
Candidate Email:	**tksalsa@swbell.net**
Candidate Phone:	**9136450976**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Fairway**
Office District:	**4**

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. *(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: Listen to the voice of those in my ward and become as educated as I can on topics facing the council and city to advance wellbeing and economic stability of the city and at times the greater community for residents.

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:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Jim Kite**
Candidate Email:	**kite4opks@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-438-2183**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Overland Park**
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: City council discourse should absolutely remain non-partisan. A fellow council member, who is aligned with a different national party than I am, but whom I respect tremendously, has said, "There is no such thing as a republican firetruck or a democratic pothole." Rank partisanship in local government can only harm the process and I will continue to oppose it.

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: Home Rule, while not a "blank check" in terms of ultimate authority, is very important for the fiscal health of any city. Home Rule does not allow cities to operate outside state and federal law. But, in terms of local taxation and therefore budgetary decisions as this question is centered upon, local officials need the authority to control all of the factors of safeguarding the citizen's budget and not be hindered by arbitrary and sometimes politically motivated factors at the state level.

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: This council's comprehensive review of local mental health issues involving policing as well as the current plan to fund that initiative shows that Overland Park is a leader in broadening the local community's role in the mental health of its citizens. I wholeheartedly supported this initiative and will see it through to its completion.

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 statement as written summarizes it very succinctly. I want to see O.P. as transparent as is allowed by existing state law and court rulings.

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 statement's use of the word "support," is broad enough to allow a variety of interpretations. Let me give you mine. Much like the earlier question involving Home Rule, the roles of state, federal, and municipal governments in regard to healthcare must be considered. The creation of conflicting initiatives will only serve to impede the efficient delivery of services. The city, however, must not be a barricade to access, and further, must be an advocate within the confines of its authority. The recent vote involving the Mental Task Force is an example.

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 of background, experience, and therefore perspectives can only serve to enrich the process and better serve everyone in 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)*

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: Support of the city of Overland Park professional staff is critical, however, the Council's oversight role cannot be diminished.

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: This is a poorly written question, as both of these can be true. I believe my religious values are the driving force of my entire life, but that doesn't mean that I fail to respect the values of others in my council role.

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

Candidate Answer: Eight years of experience position me to understand the enormous breadth of responsibility a city council role requires. I have served on every council committee and have been actively involved with every department head regarding initiatives in his or her area. I think my future contributions can only be enhanced by my years of experience.

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: approx. $6,000

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 45

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:	**Gina Knapp**
Candidate Email:	**ginaknapp@hotmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9134850749**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**N/a**
Office District:	**2**

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: My position is non partisan and I plan to work to ensure our district remains the best in Kansas for ALL kids.

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:

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 oversee the superintendent, approve/make policy for the district, and oversee the district budget.

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: $2500

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 15

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: Stand Up Blue Valley

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:	**Joy Koesten**
Candidate Email:	**jkoesten@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9139727883**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**n/a**
Office District:	**Other (please specify)**

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: There are plenty of forces pulling us apart, but I will work hard to build bridges with teachers, students, and our regional business community, to ensure that our students have the educational and vocational resources they need to thrive in our fast-changing economy.

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 have always believed in home rule and will continue to do so, but I will encourage local elected officials to work with all levels of government to find the best way forward. As we saw during the past year, multiple approaches to fighting a pandemic left an awful lot of confusion and anger in its wake. We must act as a community of citizens working toward a common goal, especially during a crisis.

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 long-time advocate for mental health and addiction services, I would gladly support initiatives that allocate additional funding for these areas of public need.

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: Nothing else to add.

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: It's the responsibility of all levels of government to make sure that citizens have 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: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: Our representatives at all levels of government should reflect the diversity of our 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 support the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: As in any healthy organization, leaders at the top have an obligation to recruit and retain the best and the brightest, and then support them in their work to carry out the mission of the organization. This is especially true with public servants come under attack. This doesn't mean leaders should turn a blind eye if a professional is not living up to the expectations of the job. It just means that leadership is about supporting team members. Period.

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: "In accordance with Kansas law, the Board of Trustees shall have custody of and be responsible for the property of the College and shall be responsible for the operation, management and control of the College." All of the responsibilities of the board of trustees are clearly laid out on the JCCC website - https://www.jccc.edu/about/leadership-governance/policies/board-of-trustees/board-responsibilities/board-responsibilities.html

---

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: So far, I have raised about $9,000.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: About 70 donors so far.

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: unsure at this time

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

Candidate Answer: The 21st Century is shaping up as a winner-take-all competition for the brightest minds, our most valuable economic resources. I have four over-arching priorities in my run for this seat: 1) Recruit, recognize and retain the best teachers in region. 2

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Debra Kring**
Candidate Email:	**dkring@missionks.org**
Candidate Phone:	**9137226901**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Mission**
Office District:	**3**

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: This will be my 23rd year serving as a City Councilmember in Mission, Kansas!! I love my community and totally enjoy working with constituents to find positive solutions to complicated 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. *(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: Elected officials are voted into office to represent their constituents in all facets of local governance. I communicate regularly with voters, so have a strong understanding of their opinions & views on city issues 💁‍♀️

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 issues have been severely underestimated for years! Would look at potential reallocation of funding to address this important subject !!

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: 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 have served in this position for 22 years, as well as Council President 3 times, Finance Chair 4 times, Sustainability Commission Co-Creator, and City Representative at the National League of Cities Committees. I have also served as a mentor to several incoming council members.

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: I am honored to serve in this capacity, and believe local governance is the example that the federal & state governments should follow.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Robert Kuhn**
Candidate Email:	**robertkuhnboe233@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9135639460**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**N/a**
Office District:	**2**

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. *(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: Not Applicable

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: As a parent of kids in the school district I understand the issues at hand. Some current board members are out of touch with what is going on within the school

---

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:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Jacob Laha**
Candidate Email:	**jacob4merriam@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**NA**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Merriam**
Office District:	**1**

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: It is not about my vision for Merriam, it about all of us that live in Merriam and collectively what is best for the city.

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: Elected officials handle some of the minutia of regarding taxes and revenue, but when applicable, residents should be offered the opportunity to vote on how to raise, spend, and appropriate taxes.

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: Where possible at the city level, mental health programs are important and it's not just about funding programs, but increasing their usage and participation among residents, that is also important.

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: City level government has limited capacity to provide, support, expand, or limit health care. It should, where possible, help facilitate people's ability to use the services available to them though.

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 think that everyone should be represented, but diversity is about more than race. People of diverse backgrounds, upbringing, class, and any other category should feel as though their government is accessible to them. If they are not directly represented in elected positions, people should know that they have advocates for them that have empathy with their struggles.

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: People go to school and/or spend years practicing in fields that I do not have experience with. Elected officials should help support professionals in public service because they have the knowledge and experience in their field to know what is best.

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: There is limited opportunity for local government to have much impact on a global scale, but the city should be good stewards of the local ecology and look to reduce, reuse, and recycle where possible.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Safety does not mean control. Local government can help promote gun safety, through programs, policy, and police.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Access to voting is essential to a representative government. Everyone who is eligible should have access to safe and secure voting.

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: This is a much more complicated issue that there is room to expand on. There is not a blanket option between 'only public schools' and 'always both pubic and private'. Public money can/should be able to be spent on private schools in cases where pubic schools are not meeting the needs of the students. I would prefer to see the issues with the public schools addressed though.

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 vote and enact policies that best represent the wishes of the residents of 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: $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:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Mary Larson**
Candidate Email:	**mvanllarson@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-345-1870**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Leawood**
Office District:	**2**

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: As part of my legal career, I have completed the training for mediation. This training is particularly useful when attempting to reach compromise between divided parties.

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 non-partisan elected leadership in Leawood know what best serves their 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: In Leawood and Johnson County, we are making real progress in suicide prevention. I follow the work of the Zero Reasons Why group and support their initiative. In the area of law enforcement, the Leawood Police Department has added a mental health trained professional who assists in calls and educating officers out in the field. An appropriate police response to residents who are having a mental health crisis is critical and may save a life.

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: Local government functions best when elected leaders and professionals in public service work together to understand one another. Differences in policy positions may exist, but it's important to keep communication channels open, collaboration flowing and give the professionals the respect they deserve.

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: The Leawood City Council is a non-partisan position. I have an obligation to serve the residents of Ward 2 and the Leawood community as a whole. I am readily accessible to Leawood residents by email and phone and make a concerted effort to respond to every person who takes the time to contact me, whether it's to ask a question, share a concern or express an opinion. I try to keep an open mind on matters coming before the the City Council and abide by the requirements of the Kansas Open Meetings Act. Prior to every City Council meeting, I fully prepare and educate myself on the issues being presented, so as to make fully informed decisions in the best interest of the Leawood residents I represent. It is a privilege to serve the community I have loved for many years.

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 collected no money for campaigning, nor do I have any pledges.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: Zero.

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

Candidate Answer: Zero.

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

Candidate Answer: Zero.

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

Candidate Answer: Thank you for providing an opportunity to share my views.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Lisa Larson-Bunnell**
Candidate Email:	**llb4shawnee@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**3145186427**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Shawnee**
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 city of Shawnee is large and our residents have nuanced views on many different issues. We are often portrayed as divided, and I think that is true to some extent. More so, I think our city is a reflection of the country at-large. We do have a fair amount of partisan tribalism, but anyone who believes they can fairly represent our residents by sticking to partisan talking points and philosophies is mistaken. I have spent my time on the council making sure different viewpoints are represented. I have even voted in ways that I would not have otherwise done except for the fact that I reached out to people with different perspectives who helped me understand the best path forward.

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 ultimate authority on local tax and revenue decisions. We are the individuals closest to our residents and our communities. This control also allows us the ability to quickly pivot and make corrections where needed. However, I would caution that other policy decisions are better managed at the state and federal level. I was very involved in advocating for a non-discrimination ordinance in Shawnee. I saw this step as a last resort, as it is the type of issue that is better legislated by the state or federal government so we do not end up with inconsistent law throughout 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: We have a mental health crisis in the United States. For years, we did not adequately fund mental health facilities and treatments and at the same time have stigmatized mental health care to the point that people are afraid to have a mental health diagnosis. While serving on the City Council, I have consistently voted to increase our

mental-health co-responder availability. I have also voted in favor of zoning changes that have allowed mental health facilities and homeless shelters to be built within the city limits.

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 local government should be transparent and accessible. To this end, I made the following recommendations at our April 26th council meeting (in no particular order): 1) Accept live public comments via Zoom for those who pre register. 2) Allow community members to submit WRITTEN public comments that are shared with the entire Council prior to the meeting and for those comments to become part of the meeting minutes. 3) Clarify and clearly offer the process for community members to request an American Sign Language interpreter. 4) Livestream of meetings including audio and video, not just audio. 5) Add a closed captioning option for live meetings and recordings. We have learned that people streaming on devices cannot always hear, or are not in a position to turn their volumes up. Closed captioning helps everyone.

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: We know that access to healthcare is a strong social determinant of one's overall health and financial well-being. There are many barriers to access in our healthcare system. Some barriers relate to geography and others to funding. Both of these barriers can be mitigated by appropriate government programs. While a city may not have the budget to provide insurance for its residents, they can help by providing things like transportation as well as direct financial support for providers who care for uninsured and underinsured 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: Representation matters. Period. I have spent my time on the council mentoring community members throughout Johnson County who are interested in running for local office. I am excited to work with community members who come from different ethnic backgrounds, have disabilities, or are open members of the LGBTQIA community (e.g.). I will continue to foster these relationships and support diverse candidates as long as I am on the council and know that one day, it may be best for me to step aside so we can have a more diverse council in Shawnee.

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: One of the biggest challenges on our current Council is when council members question the professional input of staff. This happens with some frequency, and it leads to very demoralized team members. Maybe we are unique in Shawnee, but we have magnificent staff. Their level of professionalism is demonstrated by their many accreditations and the fact that our city has been able to maintain a AAA bond rating. They are amazing! That is not to say the Council should not ask questions that may be pointed at times. We should not turn a blind eye when it is clear that staff is incompetent, but it is our job to make sure we have a strong city manager who can hire the best people possible.

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's role in climate change is very relevant. We have the opportunity to pass local ordinances that allow our residents to do things like use solar panels or rain barrels. We can provide direct assistance to homeowners who make improvements to make their homes more energy efficient. We can pass codes that require builders to create energy efficient housing. We can require electric car chargers to be constructed in all city parking lots. These are just some of the things local governments should be considering as it relates to climate change, but there are many others.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: I believe strongly in common sense gun reforms. However, this is a very difficult area to legislate at the city level. This is particularly true since Kansas law prohibits municipalities from passing more restrictive gun laws. We are also not permitted to run a "gun buyback" program. As a city, we can put common sense firearm reform on our legislative agenda, but I am skeptical that doing so would make a difference.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Although the state and Johnson County control who may vote and how elections are administered, a city can do things to encourage voting. We can provide our residents with information about upcoming elections, host voter registration drives at public locations, provide transportation to the polls, and advocate for our residents to have voting locations that are appropriate given the residential locations of our residents. These are just some examples of things a city can do to increase voter turnout and advocate for voting access.

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: Like any parent, I find the arguments that there are children being left behind in our public schools compelling. However, as a consumer, I also realize that private schools are not regulated in the same ways public schools are. They are not required to have standardized tests by which we can fairly measure academic performance. They are not required to accept children with developmental or intellectual disabilities. They are also permitted to discriminate against kids on the basis of gender, religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity. When I think about public funding, I think it is important that our education dollars go to schools that are regulated and available to 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: I was raised Baptist with a Jewish father. I feel very comfortable in a world which values different religious viewpoints and feel strongly that government and religion should not mix. I also understand the importance and value of religion in people's lives. I believe I can find common ground with almost anyone.

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

Candidate Answer: I have served on the Council since I was appointed in November of 2018. I then ran to keep my seat in 2019 and won. I feel confident in the role of a city council member as well as a candidate.

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: $5170

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 41

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: Johnson County Democratic Women, Labor Unions, Moms in Office

---

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

Candidate Answer: I was honored to be endorsed by Mainstream in 2019. I believe my time in office has shown my commitment to Mainstream's values of respect for the rights, beliefs, and freedoms of all individuals. Thank you for your consideration.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Jacqueline Lightcap**
Candidate Email:	**jacquielightcap@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7853381324**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Shawnee**
Office City:	**n/a**
Office District:	**Other (please specify)**

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 position of school board member is nonpartisan. In my experience during my current term on school board, partisan politics does not come into play. I am elected to ensure our students receive the best education possible while supporting our staff and representing our community. All seven of us keep this as our focus and make decisions accordingly.

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: In most cases, I believe local boards should retain control of issues that directly affect their communities. That being said, school board decisions should be made in consideration of other entities, whether that be the county, city, or state. At times, other agencies, like health departments, should also be considered. None of us function as an island— each of our decisions affects the other and are not made in a vacuum.

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: Schools play a critical role in addressing mental health issues among our students and this has increased greatly in the last five years. Current school funding helps, but this need is not going away.

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: While this issue doesn't come up as often in our school district, it is an issue that affects our students and families, so it matters to me.

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: Our district has an amazing administrative team and we trust and rely on our school administrators regularly. In addition to hearing from our community of teachers, students, and families on a regular basis, our administrators are a vital part of our district. Occasionally, we must also rely on health professionals and legal experts if the need arises. It definitely takes a village.

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: Receiving public money comes with a responsibility to be accountable for those dollars. Non-public entities do not have to follow the same set of rules that public entities do. Public schools have a responsibility to work with every student at all needs levels—they cannot pick which students to serve. Public schools follow strict fiscal procedures to ensure all money is accounted for. Public schools also adhere to guidelines on public transparency, unmatched by non-public institutions. Taxpayers should know what they are funding.

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 to ensure all students in the district have access to educational opportunities that allow them to thrive. We do this by having a top-notch staff—teachers, administrators, and support staff—and supporting the work they all do. We approve budgets, review curriculum, and play a role in some personnel decisions. We also have a role in our community at large as excellent schools create a place where people want to live, work, and play. Above all, school board members keep the work at hand as our focus—ensuring that learning can take place in a safe and secure environment for everyone.

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: $500

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 15

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: Serving our school district, for me, comes from a place of gratitude and responsibility. I am thankful for the education my own kids are receiving, as well as the friends and lifetime relationships they are creating. Out of that gratitude, I have a respon

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Angel Lopez III**
Candidate Email:	**cabbie1144@yahoo.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9139801612**
Office Sought:	**Mayor**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Merriam**
Office District:	**Other (please specify)**

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:

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 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: 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: Will seek to understand what the people want. I have worked through this pandemic. I am considered essential.

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 plan on spending more that 1000.00. Not reporting

---

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: 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:	**Lea Loudon**
Candidate Email:	**lea@lea4mission.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-242-4284**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Mission**
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 believe city council level leaders are to be mainly nonpartisan, however, I am committed to the health and well being of my community. I believe in equality and the rights of all people. My thoughts and beliefs lean mainly to the democratic party platform. I am always willing to hear the thoughts and needs of my constituents and will be willing to represent the majority of those I represent as long as they align with the health and well being of the community at large.

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: Elected leaders tend to have more information concerning budges and the needs of their community. Decisions should be made with that information in balance with the will of 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: I work in the foster care field. I understand how mental health affects children, families and the community where they live. The need for public mental healthcare is vital to our community now more than ever.

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 should be as transparent as possible.

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 firmly believe healthcare is a right for everyone. Access to affordable healthcare is a problem that local government can help to change.

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: Everyone should have a voice in local government. The more diverse the community, the more diverse their representation should be.

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 believe leaders should work with professional public entity staff while making sure the information they are providing is accurate and they are behaving in a professional manner.

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: Everyone must do their part to solve climate change issues. Local government can be a role model for their community and ensure they are using best practices for dealing with climate change effectively.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Supporting our community and businesses so they can make decisions about gun safety is important. Local government can provide gun safety classes and local regulations.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Making access to voting is so important to making sure everyone gets the chance to vote and make their voice heard.

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: Every child in America should have the opportunity for a world class education. Our public education system should be as strong as it can be for the sake of the majority of children who attend public school.

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: The separation of church and state allows for more religious freedom for all religions not just a few.

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

Candidate Answer: I volunteers to be a part of a Capital Improvements Committee a few years ago. We learned about city budgets, taxes, state and federal grants that contribute to a community's infrastructure. I have also attended city council meeting to gain understanding of current projects and how the council is run. I know I will need to stay current on information provided before each meeting so I can make educated votes on the issues. I also know I will need to talk to the constituents to keep abreast of their needs and thoughts on each issue.

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 am just beginning and have not accepted any political contributions.

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: I have not started seeking endorsements yet.

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

Candidate Answer: I am so excited to get further involved in my community. I am driven to serve the needs of those in my small city.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Tom Madigan**
Candidate Email:	**tomrpks@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9135266997**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Roeland Park**
Office District:	**1**

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. *(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 the cornerstone of how induvial municipalities should be able control of their own communities and not the State government.

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 programs have been ignored and underfunded for years, this needs to change immediately at every level of government.

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: Allowing residents to attend governmental meetings virtually has been a leap forward on the transparency issue and should be continued at all levels of 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:

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 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: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Any attempt at voter suppression must be stopped immediately.

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: I believe in total separation of church and state.

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

Candidate Answer: Having already serving for 3 1/2 years as a Councilperson, I fully understand my duties, responsibilities, and scope of the position of Councilperson.

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: $0.00

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: The election is nonpartisan, I pride myself in serving all residents regardless of their political philosophy and will continue to do so.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Kevin Makalous**
Candidate Email:	**kmakalous@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9136095129**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Shawnee**
Office District:	**4**

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 am passionate about keeping local elections non-partisan. Party ideology has not been helpful to our political discourse and I will do everything I can to keep it out of city council, similarly to how I worked to keep it from seeping in to the BOE for USD232 in my 4 years serving in that 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 ultimate authority in decision making for their communities, consistent with Home Rule.

Candidate Comment: I believe it's important to have decisions made at the point that's closest to the voters most directly affected by the decisions. City's should have the ability to make decisions about their city. School districts should have the ability to make decisions about their school district. The more we can keep decisions localized the more effective and responsive government can be to the people it serves.

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 strong supporter of investing in mental health resources. When presented with opportunities to expand upon these services I will work to find ways to strongly support the ability for residents to access mental health resources as easily and efficiently as possible for as little cost as is reasonable.

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: While not typically a city function, I would support access to health care for the residents of Shawnee to the extent that it may come up 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:

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: I believe climate change is a threat to humanity and will work to bring sensible and cost savings solutions to our city infrastructure. I also think this is largely an issue that must be solved at a global, national, and state level as well. Everyone is going to have to do there part.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: I am a strong supporter of making voting as easy as possible so that everyone can cast a vote. That being said, I believe this is more of a county/state/national issue.

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 the role of city council is to help provide a bridge between city staff and residents. As city councilmember, I will work to connect residents with city resources and advocate for a vision of Shawnee based on resident feedback. Shawnee has first-class city staff that are experts in their field, whose job it is to execute the day-to-day tasks of those efforts.

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: Aprox. $3,000

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 15+

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 really have no political ambitions other than to serve the city, and the residents of, Shawnee by being an honest, ethical, and forward thinking city council member. I would love to be a part of leading the city further into it's revitalization of the

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Ashley Markley**
Candidate Email:	**ashleyforbelaire@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**3162494737**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**Bel Aire**
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: Position is nonpartisan and the Council doesn't have many opportunities for partisan charged decisions, but I will combine my party affiliation views and community needs for applicable 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 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: Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency.

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: 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: Pass/amend laws and ordinances, manage budgets and City improvements. Represent the residents by making informed decisions.

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

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:	**Brian Matlock**
Candidate Email:	**mrmatlock@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9139630697**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
Office County:	**Wyandotte**
Office City:	**Kansas City**
Office District:	**2**

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:

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: As much as it is feasible, direct participation, participatory budgeting etc. should give people input in determining priorities, not just their 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:

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 scrutinize the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: It is a mix. Professionals can have various blind spots and vested interests and so at time they should be scrutinized on behalf of the people they serve. They also provide valuable knowledge and experience and should be taken seriously. The goal should be to ensure their efforts are done in public service.

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: While the biggest sources of pollution are large multinational corporations, cities still have an important role to play with pursuing sustainable energy production, providing energy efficient transportation, housing, etc.

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)*
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 board should set the long term vision and strategy for the public utility, setting up goals and deliverables that the staff is expected to pursue. BPU is publicly owned, and the goals outlined by the board should serve the best interests of the public, not merely keep the utility functioning. This should be an ambitious agenda that pursues a long term strategy sustainable energy and equitable service to 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: 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: Sunrise Movement BuildPower MoKan Sierra Club Equality KS RentZero Kansas

---

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:	**John McIntosh**
Candidate Email:	**johnmcintoshderby@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**316-519-4644**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**Derby**
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:

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:

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: I have been in my position for 6 years and understand what is expected of me as an elected official.

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.

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:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Jeffrey Mendoza**
Candidate Email:	**jeffyanks@yahoo.com**
Candidate Phone:	**8482039535**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**N/a**
Office District:	**4**

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'm running for a non-partisan position. It will be my duty to do what's best for the entire county — I take that seriously.

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: Elected officials are representatives for those who elected them not authoritarians.

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 is extremely important. A county focused on the well being of its residents is a better and safer county.

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 of the county have a vested interest in the success and outcomes of the water utility company. Thus, to the extent interested, they should be informed.

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 clean water reduces the spread of communicable diseases. The community wants and needs clean water to continue to be readily accessible. Clean water is a health care issue.

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 among elected officials allows for diversity in thought and decision making. This ensures all members of the community are having their voices heard and needs met. Diversity is important.

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: If it affects the public, then elected leaders must be concerned.

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 can have an extremely adverse affect on the availability of water. This is a problem for elected officials to sort out.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Respecting an individual's constitutionally protected right to gun ownership is important. It is also important to protect the community. Elected officials must do both.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Voting is a right for anyone who is legally able to do so. A fair election is one where all voters can have their voices heard.

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 should support public schools. Private schools, upon being private, have their own private money to support them. Like any other business, however, the government can lend a helping hand when needed.

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: Elected officials shall not impose their religious views on their constituents. Doing so, would violate their constituents constitutionally protected religious freedoms. However, as an elected official, I would be guided by my faith in making morally right decisions.

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

Candidate Answer: My role as a WaterOne board member is to oversee, along with the other board members, the operations of WaterOne. To be the safe keeper of improved infrastructure, environmental sustainability, and continued quality of clean water at the best rates.

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: $36

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: Run for Something

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

Candidate Answer: Please visit my website: JeffreyforWaterOne.com to learn more. I appreciate the support and look forward to your vote on November 2, 2021.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Nate Morsches**
Candidate Email:	**nate@rpglawrence.com**
Candidate Phone:	**785-217-3391**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Douglas**
Office City:	**USD 497 (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: 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.

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: 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.

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: 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.

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: 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

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Jae Moyer**
Candidate Email:	**jaeforjccc@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9136362331**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**n/a**
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: While I have my own opinions about issues, I recognize I am not always correct, or that sometimes there isn't a right answer to everything. That is why I believe it would be imperative to listen to my constituents and make a decision based off of what I hear from everyone I talk to.

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 the ones most likely to be closer to members of their communities, so they should be the ones with the most power to directly help 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:

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: I believe that representation is extremely important. Our government is supposed to represent all the people they serve, and in order to accomplish this, they must have representation from people with a multitude of different experiences to use their voice to bring issues that affect them and their communities to the conversation.

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:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: While this may not be a specific problem in Johnson County, I recognize this is an issue elsewhere, and I support local elected officials who make an attempt to increase access to voting in their communities.

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 that the education a person receives is the most important part of helping someone succeed in life. We need to support all forms of education, and I am a proponent of doing that in whatever capacity possible.

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: We are the body who decides how the college operates. In my eyes, serving would mean an opportunity to assess the business the college is doing with companies and make sure we are supporting equitable organizations. I also know that the board has the power to make major decisions about tuition and scholarships, which I want to assess and see if we can make decisions that are the most equitable for students attending the college.

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: $2,700

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 95

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: Victory Fund, Equality Kansas

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:	**David Neal**
Candidate Email:	**david@nealformerriam.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-908-5072**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Merriam**
Office District:	**4**

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 strongly believe that for any issue that my role as a City Councilmember requires me to make a decision on, I must do my independent research including obtaining feedback from constituents. If that feedback indicates a strong majority view, I will reflect / have reflected that view in my vote. If there is significant division in constituent feedback, that means that further work on my part and on the part of the city may be required to find an appropriate solution. The division may be due to an incomplete understanding of the problem or proposed solution, in which case further community discussion is my first priority. After a more thorough analysis, then I always try to work with staff and other council members to try to find an alternative/compromise that better reflects the views of a majority of the constituents. Party ideology has little to no influence on how I decide city government issues which are typically local and specific. Ideology rarely applies to such situations. Experience, judgement and seeking public engagement are better signposts towards the best solution.

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 advocate of local control under the principles of Home Rule that the Kansas State Constitution provides. I have worked in a leadership role with local government groups like the Kansas League of Municipalities and on federal advocacy committees of the National League of Cities to oppose attempts at the state and federal level that diminish local control.

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 is an underserved area in our community and nationally. Personal mental health crises actually occur in real time at the local level. For too long police officers have had to deal with these incidents

without the right training and tools to optimally handle these situations. I am proud that as a City Council member in Merriam we started a program which provides a mental health professional to go out on police calls and do the follow up for mental health incidents so that people in crisis are both safely handled during the crisis but also helped after the crisis in seeking treatment. I am currently monitoring the data to see if we need to increase the resources in this area. I also support funding more mental health infrastructure locally.

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: When I first ran for office, on of my biggest issues was the lack of transparency in our city government. I have been fighting vocally and tirelessly to improve transparency in Merriam. Unfortunately, I and my collaborators initially ran into resistance from some city staff. Among the goals that I believe should be considered as minimal transparency standards are (1) online availability of City Council (and other key public) meetings, (2) make the City's web presence more user friendly, (3) using online/digital public outreach tools to actively solicit input on important City projects and initiatives rather than just announce inconvenient in-person public meetings to present the already formulated plans, (4) Make it easier for City Council members to meet and communicate with constituents (we do not currently have any access to contact information for our residents). Finally after 3-1/2 years, we will be putting our City Council meetings on YouTube. We are supposedly close to selecting an online resident engagement platform and we have recently updated our web presence. We are still not as far along as I believe we should be.

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: To the extent that we can, local government should support things at the local level that increase access to healthcare, but generally the major lift needs to occur at the county, state and federal levels.

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 very important but is not the sole way to improve representation. Competency and knowledge are critical to good local government. Assuming that someone's race or gender automatically make them less qualified to serve is wrong. But assuming race and gender alone make someone better qualified to serve can be problematic 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 scrutinize the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: The wording of this question makes it difficult to answer. I believe that the structure of our city government is a dual model where the Mayor and paid professional staff represent the executive branch and the City Council represents the legislative branch. In a system of dual branch governance, both branches provide checks and balances on the other. The legislative branch more directly represents the voice of residents and other stakeholders in the community while the executive branch should be more focused on operations and recommendations. While we have excellent professionals working diligently for the benefit of our residents, I believe that the City Council has a duty to diligently review those recommendations and the performance of the paid professionals. A working balance must be struck that encourages progress but also has enough oversight that the professionals are encouraged to produce the best product possible for the residents and other stakeholders.

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 believe that climate warming is clearly happening at a rapid pace and requires our major attention. I believe that there are a number of things that we can do at the local level to both help slow the warming and to remediate and prepare for the effects that are already starting to happen. I have been active in local government efforts to identify and propose action steps in these areas.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Gun safety should be very important and should be a local control issue to some extent. Unfortunately, in recent years the Kansas Legislature has taken all power regarding this issue away from local government. I would very much like to see some measure of control on gun safety issues returned to the community level.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Voting access also should be very important and should be partially a local control issue at the county level at least. Unfortunately, in recent times the Kansas Legislature used its power regarding this issue in ways that may be more restrictive in some cases. I would very much like to see voting access made easier rather than harder. I fully support anything that can be done at the city level to improve voter access. At the city level this mostly involves making sure we fully collaborate were applicable with the county election efforts and making sure we are not creating impediments to campaign activities, etc.

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 believe quality publicly funded education at the K-12 level is essential for a strong community, state, and nation. Access to private schools is necessarily limited by the very definition of private education. I believe public resources should be directed at schools that provide universal access to all members of the community, so I am skeptical of providing public support to 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: I believe in the right of individuals to freely practice their religious beliefs, but I believe that we must maintain a strong wall between church and state. It is not right to impose public policy that conforms to one religious tradition to the detriment of another. Matters of faith should remain outside of concrete public policy decision-making, while not restricting anyone's practice of personally adhering to their own faith. When someone's faith extends to trying to legislate their beliefs onto another person's behavior, that activity is something I will strongly oppose.

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

Candidate Answer: My role as a councilmember is multifaceted. I primarily act as a bridge between the community and city government, as a data gatherer for constituent input, as a solution designer for problems, and as a sounding board for staff ideas with the goal of improving where applicable the solutions enacted for our community. I believe it is essential to have an independent voice on the City Council, with the knowledge, and initiative to help improve the final legislative product of the City Council without impeding overall progress or without political grandstanding. I believe that I fill that role well.

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: nothing thus far

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: After serving as a Merriam Ward 4 City Council member for the past 3-1/2 years, I have filed for re-election. With my background in information technology, engineering, construction and property tax, I believe I have brought a thoughtful expertise to the

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Barbara Nelson**
Candidate Email:	**bkovalnelson@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9132364661**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Mission Hills**
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: We are all volunteers who do not profess a party, Imagine that....I have no idea which party my colleagues profess, we work for the city and it's residents first and foremost.

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: Mental health in the state of Kansas as well as most of the USA is worse now that it was in the last century. We had thousands of mental health beds years ago, we now have hundreds. It is a national disgrace. We are asking our Police and firemen, first responders, to deal with mental health problem of citizens. It is unfair to them and the person suffering. That they do as well as they do is a tribute to them. This a very important to our City and we have a specialist on staff that our police call call for help.

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: Just like voting, Instead of blocking voting rights we should be doing all in our power to make it easy and convenient to vote so too with transparency ....We are an open book, we must be doing something right we rarely have anyone even ask. The meeting are open as are our files and minutes.

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: We care about our staff and give outstanding benefits. We don't have commercial so hard to make an impact on this issue. Do I personally think we need more healthcare. Of Course. having voters approve Medicare expansion in Missouri and the state push it aside is impossible to believe.

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: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Water issues are very important to our City and we are aware that this is our number one problem going forward.

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)*
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 work for the common good of all neighbors, to not allow one neighbor to exercise his or her desires to the detriment of a neighbor. To maintain the infrastructure of the City and the greenspace and tree canopy that is our hallmark.

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: 0

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 applaud all of the fine people who have worked in this organization from my pal Carol Marinovich to my hero Rev Bob Meneilly. Keep up this very necessary work.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Ron Nelson**
Candidate Email:	**ron@ronaldnelson.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-6029003**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Prairie Village**
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:

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: Professional staff are the experts in public policy and in their particular areas of expertise. Elected public officials should support public entity professionals, while overseeing and scrutinizing how they are dealing with the public. Elected officials generally shouldn't "closely manage" public staff unless that is the elected official's designated role and that person has appropriate expertise. My answer is really a combination of the first three of the four options in this question.

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: 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)*
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 as a city council member is to listen to residents, help them interact with city staff, direct them to city resources, and make policy decisions for my constituents as part of the city council.

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: Yes. I don't expect to collect or spend very much since I am in an uncontested race.

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: 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:	**Chris Newlin**
Candidate Email:	**chris@chris-newlin.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-735-7434**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Overland Park**
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: Being a city official it is important to be non-partisan and trying to find a way forward by consensus. I am one who likes compromise because it helps everyone get something out of the deal. I also always look at the big picture and make sure we are progressing forward properly.

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 have the pulse of their community and know their needs to make their city thrive. It is best that local taxes and revenue are allowed to be spent back into their city to positively affect the 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: I am the Chairman of the OP Mental Health Task Force and have led the effort to make mental health a top priority for Overland Park. The recommendations from the task force were unanimously approved by the City Council and will be included in the 2022 budget.

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 be transparent with our residents and we should always be looking for new ways to expand. In my first term, I helped with the effort to make live streaming our meetings a standard. I also encourage staff to update information online to keep residents better informed.

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: In Johnson County, the cities are not directly responsible for healthcare. It is the responsibility of the city to plan for healthcare availability to be close to residents through zoning and planning.

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 diverse group of representation brings about the best ideas and helps us move our society forward.

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 Staff are trained experts in their profession. The role of the staff is to act on the policies the governing body has put in place. In return, the governing body needs to support those professionals and give proper direction in a positive manner when change needs to be made.

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 am in favor of adopting the MARC Climate Action Plan into our comprehensive plan where it best fits our community.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Gun regulation is not a role of a city official. Though I promote responsible gun ownership and will continue to advocate for it, as a member of the city council I need to adhere to state and federal laws.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Everyone eligible to vote should be able to vote. A cornerstone of my campaign is that all residents are engaged and participating in local 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: I grew up going to a private Catholic school. My parents taught me that was a choice our family made for our education, but the taxes they paid for public school were enhanced our community and educate those who did not want to make the same choice. Property tax dollars allocated for public schools should be spent on 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: Communicate policies and programs to residents. Respond to constituent needs, and represent the community to other levels of government. Understand budget needs and be fiscally responsible with tax dollars.

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: $5100

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 42

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: It has been an honor and a privilege to represent Ward 6 on the city council in my first term. I am looking forward to continuing the progress I have made in mental health awareness. And will continue to think of the future of OP to ensure it stays a firs

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Heather Ousley**
Candidate Email:	**hmfousley@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-424-5558**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Johnson**
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:

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

Candidate Comment: The choices above are limiting. Transparency is important, and local leaders have an obligation to respect privileges related to their internal personnel. School board members have to respect privacy rights of students and faculty, and operate with executive privilege when dealing with subjects that are related to litigation and negotiation.

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: 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: Having served for the last few years, and leading during a global pandemic, my experience has provided me with once in a lifetime opportunity to understand the role of the school board. We set the tone for the District, establish policy, establish the budget, and hire and supervise the Superintendent. We also determine whether to seek and pursue bond 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: $3500

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 37

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: Education First Shawnee Mission Equality Kansas

---

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:	**Bob Pape**
Candidate Email:	**bpape@kc.rr.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9133840746**
Office Sought:	**Mayor**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Merriam**
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: I have filed as Independent because I believe we need to seek out the best solutions for our community and to not get bogged down in party affiliation. Local elections are suppose to be non-partisan and I will always listen to all parties and take everyone's opinion into consideration.

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 believe that each individual community is faced with its own problems and needs. It is my belief that local authorities have a better understanding of what they need verses 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 believe that we are seeing more individuals with mental health needs. Increased pressures, depression, drugs, alcohol and a host of other issues cause people to sometimes make poor decisions. Increased funding for education and counseling may help individual with better coping skills.

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 paramount in maintaining trust with our constituency. Failure to be transparent will erode the trust that our constituents have put in us.

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: We need to always look at ways to support access to health care but we are limited in our ability to actually provide health care. This is a function that needs to be provided at the Federal 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: Diversity in government ideally would reflect the make-up of the community. All individuals regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation, and ethnicity need to have an equal voice at the table when it comes to decisions being made in the 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)*

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: Generally it is our role to support our professionals since they have technical expertise. However, it is also our responsibility to critically analyze the information that they provide so that we can make the best decision possible when conducting public business. It is our responsibility to ensure that we have qualified staff that makes good decisions.

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: As leaders in the community, we need to set the example for others that climate change is a real thing and that we all need to be doing our part in effecting change. Planting trees, installing charging stations,

purchasing hybid vehicles, energy efficient lighting, solar and providing grants for our residents to do the same are all things we can do.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Gun safety is important to everyone. Providing education and gun locks are things that we can do at the local level.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Voting is one of the fundamental rights of all individuals. It is imperative as a democracy that everyone have the opportunity to vote for the candidate of their choice. We need to do our part to encourage voting and to make sure that people get to the poles.

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: Every year, the State has difficulty in funding schools. Yet education is instrumental in advancing society. Our children is our future. Considering our limited revenue, I believe public money is best utilized in the public sector as we try to stretch these dollars.

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 believe that the majority of decisions made will coincide with my religious beliefs. We do not seem to have the conflict in decision making at the local level that is found at the national level. I will strive to vote in a manner that best reflects the opinion of the majority in our community.

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

Candidate Answer: As the Mayor, my role will be changing from that when I was a city councilmember. I will no longer be voting on the majority of city business. My role will be to break ties and to vote on those occasions dictated by state law. I will work closely with the City Administrator to set agenda and give guidance for city direction. I will be a resource for Councilmember and the public.

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 currently have approximately $500 left from my last election.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: Approximately ten individuals.

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

Candidate Answer: None at this time for the upcoming election.

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

Candidate Answer: I would like to be endorsed by any organization that feels my vision for Merriam aligns with theirs. I am not actively seeking any specific endorsement.

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

Candidate Answer: I have been involved in serving Merriam for over 44 years in either the Fire Department or at the Council level. My only goal is to strive to make Merriam even better. I hope that our citizens see that and they vote for me. Thank you for the opportunity t

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Sam Passer**
Candidate Email:	**sam@samforop.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9135233156**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
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 8t

---

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.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Claudia Peebler**
Candidate Email:	**cpeebler@att.net**
Candidate Phone:	**3167882140**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**Derby**
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: As a Board of Education member I see my most important responsibility is to the students and providing them an educational experience that allows them to become the best versions of themselves.

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 are closest to issues that directly affect their constituents putting them in the best position to make decisions on solutions.

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: It is becoming increasingly apparent a plethora of community problems involve unresolved mental health issues. Yet access to effective treatment is severely limited and inaccessible to many.

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 more government can educate citizens on issues and decisions the less room exists for conspiracy theories. Is that too optimistic?!

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 should be considered a basic human right. We have so many examples of how this works in other countries. It shouldn't be that difficult to create a plan to serve our citizens.

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 retired educator I understand how important it is for all citizens to see themselves in their representatives.

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 hired to do a job should be trusted to do that job. When oversight indicates there is incompetence or dereliction of duty, it is the role of elected officials to address the issues and take appropriate action.

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: Public schools currently support some programs in private schools, I.e., special education services. However, without a massive infusion of public money I oppose additional funds going to 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: The role of school board is to hire, evaluate and support the superintendent, set policy, engage in long term planning and manage the funds allocated to 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: $100. At the time of filing I opted to agree not to spend more than $1000. Therefore, I will not be required to make reports to the Election Commissioner or Secretary of State.

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: None to date. Really too early as there will not be a primary. I do expect an endorsement from Derby National Education Association. I am a past president.

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

Candidate Answer: KNEA

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:	**Brian Peel**
Candidate Email:	**brianpeel33@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**785-213-1907**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Spring Hill**
Office District:	**At-Large**

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 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:

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: Officials are elected to represent groups of people that do not always agree. They are trusted to make the best decision for the community, knowing that not all in the community will agree. Transparency is very important, but that cannot mean every single citizen can weigh in on every single question/decision, 100% of the time.

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: City Council's (local government) don't really play a role in providing health care to my knowledge, I'm sure there are some exceptions, so I don't think that is a subject those types of governing bodies need to get involved in. Healthcare is a role for State and Federal government, which local governing bodies can and should support.

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: The diversity of representation should reflect the diversity of the community as a whole.

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 employees need support much more than scrutiny from their elected leadership Boards. Local elected leaders are responsible for hiring quality public service employees, then provide them the resources and space to do their work. If the desired results are not being achieved, then a more active role from elected leaders may be necessary, but should be a last resort.

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:

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 City Council's role is to see a vision/goals for the future of a community. To identify challenges/obstacles to achieving those goals and devise solutions to those challenges. Hire high quality staff to do the work to achieve those goals. Hear the community's desires and mesh that with their vision/goals.

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: $625

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:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Eric Persson**
Candidate Email:	**ericperssonforshawnee@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**816-217-5102**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Shawnee**
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: I believe that we are all tired of the divisiveness in politics and oe of my main priorities I believe addresses that. Community Engagement and Government Transparency: Together we can create a unified Shawnee, and as your councilmember I will encourage engagement and welcome feedback, acting with integrity to serve the best interests of our community.

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:

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: I believe again that one of my Priroties touches on this. Economic and Environmental Resiliency We have an opportunity to create a better future. Sustainability and efficiency not only save money and have a positive economic impact, but they improve the quality of life for residents.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: I believe that common sense gun laws are important but should not infringe on anyones rights. I'm in favor of thorough background checks, a waiting period and licensing but I have no issues with people owning guns.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: I believe that we should do everything in our power to make sure that everyone (regardless of affiliation) has easy voting access. Voting is one of the most important things that we can do as citizens.

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: Ones regligous beliefs should not affect thier decission process. I believe in total separation of church and state.

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

Candidate Answer: I have been going to City Council meetings and have been speaking to as many people as I can about what is entailed for this role. It is one that I don't take lightly and am also excited about talking to as many people in my ward as possible during this campaign process.

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 $1500

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 20

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 can only say that is has been a pleasure speaking to members of my community as I've been out canvassing. My Ward is incredibly diverse and people have a lot of different needs, questions, etc. I want to bring a sense of civilty and respect to this role

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Regina Platt**
Candidate Email:	**regina4citycouncil@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**785-383-8930**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Shawnee**
Office City:	**N/A**
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:	**Rosemary Podrebarac**
Candidate Email:	**rpodrebarac1@kc.rr.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913.432.4687**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Westwood Hills**
Office District:	**At-Large**

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 seek to find compromises when it is clear my constituents are divided.

Candidate Comment: City Council elections in Westwood Hills are non-partisan.

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: The City of Westwood Hills does not have much opportunity to allocate resources for mental health programs as it does not directly provide any such programs. The City does, however, financially support the Mental Health Co-Responder (Johnson County Mental Health employee) who assists the Police Department as needed with calls involving potential behavioral 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: I am torn between the response which I marked and the response "Transparency is important, but should be secondary to efficiency." "Transparency" should not be used as a reason (or excuse) to impose unnecessary or burdensome additional requirements on local governments; however, local government should be as transparent as is legally and reasonably possible.

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: Because Westwood Hills is a Kansas city of the third class and is almost entirely residential, Westwood Hills has little opportunity to have any direct impact on access to health care. In Kansas, the responsibility for access to health care laws really rests with the State.

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 believe that diversity in representation is important, but I don't know that I would consider it "critical."

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 am not certain that I understand this question. If the elected officials are in charge of the governing body that employs the "professionals who work in public service," then I do believe that the elected officials have a duty to review the performance of those professionals and make the necessary decisions to allow those professionals to conduct their work (some might consider that scrutinizing). I do not believe that micro-managing such professionals is part of the job of elected officials.

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: Not Applicable

Candidate Comment: The City of Westwood Hills has no control over voting access in the State of 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: In answering this question, I am limiting my answer to local public money (mill levy based taxes). I believe that Federal education dollars should be used to support both public and 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: As a city councilperson for Westwood Hills, my primary duties and responsibilities are to be informed about issues important to the City and make decisions on behalf of the City, which decisions are in the best interest of the City and its residents. A city councilperson must also be aware of the legal requirements for handling city business (e.g., KORA, KOMA).

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:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Michael Poppa**
Candidate Email:	**vote@michaelpoppa.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9132142875**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Roeland Park**
Office District:	**4**

Candidate Rating: *Michael Poppa is the executive director of Mainstream Coalition. His survey was not scored, however we've included his his full responses for your review.*

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: Local elected officials best understand the needs of their constituents and 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:

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 constituent engagement.

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: A governing body should reflect and represents ALL constituents.

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: When crafting policy it is our duty as elected officials to take into consideration the the educated insight of public service professionals. We owe it to our constituents to make the best possible decisions we can with the most information available.

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: It is the role of the City Council to lead the city, protect its constituents, and plan for a sustainable future. This pertains, but is not limited to quality of life, city of services, public amenities, infrastructure, and a balanced budget. I believe strongly in the "Campfire Rule": leave people and places better than you found 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: Collected: $1,500 ($1,000 cash / $500 in-kind) Pledged: $500

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 4

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 actively seeking endorsements from Equality Kansas and The Victory Institute Depending on who is issuing this cycle, I will also seek endorsements from elected officials, and, environmental, education, health, and other diversity organizations.

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

Candidate Answer: Because of my employment by Mainstream Coalition and involvement in MainPAC, I am not officially seeking the MainPAC endorsement. I am submitting this candidate survey so that my answers will be publicly available to voters. Thank you for this opportunity

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Erica Price**
Candidate Email:	**ekprice96@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7852137046**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Shawnee**
Office City:	**Tecumseh**
Office District:	**5**

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: A school board member should remain bi-partisan in their position and decision making. The only way to make progress is through compromise and a shared vision.

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: If the question is specifically relating to tax and revenue, I would say ultimate local authority.

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: 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: It is my role to represent the patrons, staff, and students of this district by way of goal setting, collaboration, and a clear vision to move forward in education.

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

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: zero

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

Candidate Answer: I am just getting started in this process.

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

Candidate Answer: Thank you for this opportunity!

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Kate Raglow**
Candidate Email:	**kate4roelandpark@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913.396.1708**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Roeland Park**
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:

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:

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: City council members are responsible for representing the interests of their constituents at the local level through a variety of duties. These include (but are not limited to) the budget, adopting resolutions & ordinances, overseeing public employees, reviewing city contracts, responding to constituent needs and communicating changes to policy & programs to residents.

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: 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: n/a at this time

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:	**Dawn Rattan**
Candidate Email:	**rattanfortrustee@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913.461.3374**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**N/A**
Office District:	**Other (please specify)**

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 am running for the Board of Trustees for Johnson County Community College and the position is non partisan. I plan to serve the community and the students to help grow and develop the college.

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: Representation matters. An organization should try to have a similar demographic profile to the community it serves.

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:

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: The Trustees have responsibility for operation, management and control of the college. To follow Kansas Statutes Chapter 71. Schools--Community Colleges § 71-201. Boards of trustees; powers and 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: None so 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: N/a

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

Candidate Answer: Local publications and educators

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 seek endorsement again. My platform includes being a good steward of the college, improving access to the college and ensuring the college meets the needs of future students and businesses.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Cole Robinson**
Candidate Email:	**colemrobinson@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7859796094**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Prairie Village**
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: My election is non-partisan and the vast majority of issues we deal with at the municipal level do not fall into the traditional party-line partisan politics that you see in Topeka or D.C.

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 most effective decision-makers will be those that have to live with the consequences and outcomes of those decisions, as well as those that receive continual feedback from their constituents and neighbors. In these partisan and polarized times, especially with the dynamic in Topeka and in D.C., the last thing we need is the risk of hyper-partisan ideology overriding the wishes of local communities and their 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: The communities that can successfully implement a culture and infrastructure around protecting the mental health of its citizens will see enormous, far-reaching benefits as we continue to progress through the 21st century. It's clear that modern society creates an environment that is increasingly challenging to our mental health. If we can find solutions to put into place structures to help people openly discuss and navigate these issues, the benefits will be seen all across our society. I don't pretend to know how to do this or even where to begin, but it needs to be an enormous priority for our communities.

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: A core tenet of our democracy involves maintaining well established guardrails so that in times of political crisis, the system can stand the test of time. Transparency around decision-making, while it can sometimes be inconvenient or more difficult for law makers that wish to operate more quickly, is a bedrock of any democratic and open society.

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: Although the state and federal governments can play a much more impactful role in access to health care, the municipal level needs to be constantly accessing if there are gaps to be filled or extra work to be done around the policies of state and federal officials. When local and state/federal governments are at odds about the need to access to healthcare, then it is necessary for local government to play a larger and louder role at filling that coverage gap by whatever means necessary.

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: Bringing together different and diverse voices in our government is essential for crafting policy that is responsive to the needs of the largest number of people in our society. Government should look like and represent the constituents that they serve.

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 hire and empower competent staff and administration. If this is done thoughtfully and successfully, as it has been done for years in Prairie Village, then the talented and competent people that have been hired to manage the city's affairs should be given the autonomy to do so. The council's role is to broadly oversee their work and lean on their expertise in times of decision-making.

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 or environmental sustainability in general needs to be on the mind of any elected official. All levels of government need to play a role in ensuring that future generations are not in an impossible situation of dealing with overwhelming changes in climate.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: There are numerous, simple gun safety reforms that can be done at the local and state level that do not infringe on the right to bear arms but are a benefit to public safety. Limits on capacity of ammunition clips, mandatory background checks and eliminating background check loopholes are easy examples of that.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: All policy around voting should be directed at increasing the number of people that vote and making that process as easy as possible for voters. Any changes to voting access that are restrictive in terms of polling hours, locations, mail in voting, voting registration, etc are undemocratic and threaten the foundation of 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: We have exceptional public schools in Johnson County. The right to a free and high-quality education is something that every child is entitled to. The diversion of tax-payer funds to private schools creates a long-term erosion of our public schools and the possibility of a two-tier education system that threatens the right of a quality education that every child deserves.

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 role in government. Government and religion can find plenty of common ground around concepts of morality and what is right and wrong without needing to ascribe to the dogma of one religion while possibly excluding followers of others. Any elected official who serves in public government and attempts to govern through the limited prism of their own religious beliefs deserves to be closely scrutinized and questioned. To admit to such a bias as an elected official is, in my mind, unacceptable.

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

Candidate Answer: My role seeks to aggregate the will of my potential constituents and bring that to every council meeting. However, understanding that no constituency is monolithic, an election confers a trust in the judgement of that elected official. In the role of councilmember, I will seek out the advice of my constituents as well as local experts and our city staff when attempting to navigate policy decisions. Specifically in the city of Prairie Village, I am very pleased with the decision-making of the council that has led us to this point and intend to maintain the high standard of governance that we have in our 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: I've raised around $3000.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: Around 40 donor.

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

Candidate Answer: None.

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

Candidate Answer: None to this point.

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:	**Dave Robinson**
Candidate Email:	**dhrobinson@yahoo.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-219-3091**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Prairie Village**
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: After a successful 40-year career in several industries, I have learned that most issues have divided viewpoints. While it would be great if everyone agreed on tougher questions, more often it's necessary to find common ground and reason in order to bring people closer for more meaningful discussion towards resolutions.

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 I have issue with the terms "ultimate" versus "limited", this answer best reflects my belief for local elected officials wanting to do best for its citizens. Also understanding that my city and community are part of larger communities and interests, one should try to stay mindful of those needs and broader interests.

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 supportive providing the means and ways are available to support such 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.
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 agree that government should be as transparent as is legally possible in most all circumstances. I also understand that there may be circumstances where this ideal is not possible. But that doesn't diminish the need to keep citizens as truthfully informed as possible to the actions and decisions by its 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 that health care is a fundamental right for all people. If government's role is to serve and protect its citizens, how can health care not be a part of that fundamental role? Today there seems to be every increasing barriers that prevent people from accessing the quality health care they require.

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 a fundamental strength of our Democracy. While this ideal is continually tested, its contribution to our growth, values, strength and future as a nation seems very clear 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: Nobody knows everything. Anyone who tells you otherwise is suspect. Listening and considering the input of subject matter experts is essential to making better decisions. But it also doesn't always mean agreement. Good leaders surround themselves with great people. Great leaders listen to them. From my experience, many leaders are good at the first part and lousy at the second.

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: Support for public schools is an essential role of government. Our children will become our future leaders and providing them full access to a quality education builds towards that end. That said, we validate this value by spending a majority of property tax dollars toward education. Likewise, others believe their children are better served in private schools and are willing to pay a premium for this service with understanding that public dollars don't directly support these institutions at the level they do towards 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: I understand the scope and general duties of a city council member. I have spoken with others who are currently serving or have served in this role. I have also spoken with city staff members and listened to their current challenges and views how the city council can best support them and the city overall.

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: I am running for Prairie Village City Council for the privilege to serve and contribute my business and leadership experience to a community that I love and lived for over 40 years.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Shelia Rodriguez**
Candidate Email:	**sheilaforop@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-226-3375**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
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. *(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 be 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:	**Gordon Ross**
Candidate Email:	**grgordonross@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7858131769**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
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)*

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 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)*
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: 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

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Arcie Rothrock**
Candidate Email:	**Arcie.Rothrock@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9135682872**
Office Sought:	**Mayor**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Mission**
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 be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Comment: I feel like I do both of these. I am a loyal person in general, but I appreciate a good compromise.

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: Absolutely I do. I have an autistic son, teenage children, Mission has multiple assisted living facilities. We strive to a be a community for all ages. I believe mental health plays into everyday life and its quality.

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: We should always be actively looking out for our citizens and supporting their 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: Diversity promotes awareness, learning, and growth. I find it extremely important.

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: With any issue, I feel like if we can make an impact we can and should. It is relevant and it starts with us.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: With any issue, I feel like if we can make an impact we can and should. It is relevant and it starts with us.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: With any issue, I feel like if we can make an impact we can and should. It is relevant and it starts with us.

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 believe everyone should have access to a good education. My youngest is autistic. We cannot afford to send him to a private or specialized school. Teachers are heroes and I am a huge advocate for investing in our public schools and education.

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 see the Mayor as the face of the city, leader to the community, someone who guides the city to success and wellness. A person who speaks up for everyone and stands against negativity to shield those who need it. Being available, approachable, present, and engaged. Working and building relationships with all levels of the city. Council, administration, residents, businesses and neighbors.

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: $1309.99 - My big push for donations is not scheduled until end of June.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 15

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: Still exploring additions to this list but Main PAC and Women in Office.

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

Candidate Answer: Appreciate you all's hard work and this opportunity. Thank you!

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Wayne Sandberg**
Candidate Email:	**whsandberg@icloud.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9136457102**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**n/a**
Office District:	**Other (please specify)**

Candidate Rating: 47%

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: No

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:

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:

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: Irrelevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Irrelevant

Candidate Comment:

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: one person one 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 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: To make JCCC better than before in serving students, faculty, the business community, and the greater community regardless of age or ethnicity

---

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: n/a

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

Candidate Answer: I will bring leadership to grow JCCC as a stronger partner in area business workforce development in staying ahead of the world's technological changing needs. I will make ever effort to engage the community with JCCC resources that gives them a feel of

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Claudine Sanders**
Candidate Email:	**campaignclaudine@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9132712961**
Office Sought:	**County Commissioner**
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 communites 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 neigborhood'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 relevent, 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 gratef

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Rex Satterwaite**
Candidate Email:	**t_rex1k@yahoo.com**
Candidate Phone:	**3162491328**
Office Sought:	**Mayor**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**Bentley**
Office District:	**At-Large**

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: 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.

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: 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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: 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

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Kristin Schultz**
Candidate Email:	**klschultz@live.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9133978023**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Olathe USD 233**
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: Neither of these answers is appropriate for board work. Nonpartisan board work is best accomplished with a blind eye and deaf ear to political partisanship. I'll be mindful of the concerns expressed by all stakeholders in the district: parents, educators, business and property owners, and respect the process of discourse and accountability as a board member. Ultimately, we're responsible for designing and improving systems for the benefit of our children; not special interests, political parties or their benefactors, and this requires a willingness to expect divided constituencies. A well-functioning board navigates these differences effectively, makes decisions unanimously or not, and works together moving forward nonetheless.

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: Mental health is a determinant in educational outcomes. Students, staff, and families who are distracted by mental health concerns aren't able to thrive in the conditions of an academic design that's built with the expectation that they're always okay. Supporting our students and staff with accessible and appropriate resources improves our goal of preparing students for their future lives and opportunities, and provides them the skills and supports they need to capitalize on them.

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: Public health and public infrastructure are naturally intertwined. Making one available through the other is efficient and accessible, while not being intrusive. Communities have invested in these resources and they should be leveraged appropriately. Whether it's mental health, senior health, early child development health or other, our shared civic institutions can and should continue to be a source of access for community 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: The needs of a community can only be effectively understood and addressed when the perspectives of all members of the community have been included. The ideal way to achieve this is to include more broad representation across the various governing bodies in our communities, and encourage and invite engagement and leadership development in order to do so.

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: It is the role to both support and scrutinize the professionals who work in public service. As a board member, I take seriously my responsibility to review and question the recommendations made by our professional staff; they are in a unique position to see choices through a professional lens, and can benefit by having that position challenged or reconsidered when appropriate. They are also worthy of respect as our community professionals, whose expertise can and should inform us when it comes time to invest significant resources in the human and physical infrastructure of our academic institutions. Excellent school boards balance these two things to ensure they have the very best human resources and administrative leadership, while ensuring and providing oversight that protects our community investment.

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 is a crisis that requires each of us do what we are able to slow its progress. I supported granting our school busing contract to a company using new, natural gas burning buses instead of gasoline or diesel-fueled vehicles.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: In 2019, 61.5% of gun deaths were by suicide, and suicide is a local concern. People with easy access to a gun are 3 times more likely to complete suicide, so a community with easy access to firearms is statistically likely to have more self-inflicted fatalities. Social and emotional health is a significant priority in school communities; it would be inconsistent to ignore the relevance of gun safety to suicide and the impact of suicide on our families and communities. (harvardpolitics.com/suicide-gun-related-deaths)

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: Public infrastructure is a shared civic investment and public schools and staff are among the most significant communal resources in a community. Every property owner, every business, every resident is a stakeholder in the public school system of their community, and has ownership and oversight as a result. Diverting public funds away from our shared civic infrastructure eliminates public oversight and accountability of those resources without improving academic outcomes or lifelong advantages for the greater student population. Without exceptional public school systems, residential real estate values are diminished, economic burdens are disproportionately shifted to the business community, and the long term growth opportunities of the community evaporate.

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 and practices are meaningful and important to me, I expect the same is true for others whose beliefs and traditions are different from mine. Community-owned and maintained school districts must respect the religious and cultural diversity of the families, staff, and stakeholders that they serve, preserving an environment that acknowledges and is welcoming of religious diversity. Religious doctrine must be separate and respected as such.

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

Candidate Answer: The role is that of only one of seven individual votes/voices/interpretations of what and how a $500K+ annual budget translates into how each child in our community entering and graduating from the system gets

the differentiated access to education that prepares them for their world as a young adult, and how the workplace we provide is stable and desirable enough to attract and retain the staff required to do the work in a meaningful and fulfilling way.

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: Dismantle partisan prejudice.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Randall Schumacher**
Candidate Email:	**rschumacher.md@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**785-633-0063**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Shawnee**
Office City:	**Topeka**
Office District:	**Other (please specify)**

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 I am true to my convictions but I am also good at listening to different points of view and working making the best decision for my families/patients and I hope to continue to do that as a School 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 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: Especially over the last 16 months the need for mental health services and the lack of adequate services has been clear and so I do think continued support/expansion is 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:

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: I value the diversity of my district that I am running for and I think continuing to advocate for that diversity (even as a white male) is important.

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 think that as a School Board Member I will look at continuing the path and vision that has been set before me and taking the input of the families, teachers, and administrators to continue to guide USD 501 forward. I will use my expertise as a Pediatrician but also call on expertise of those in my community to help me make hard decisions.

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: I will seek the endorsement of the NEA of Topeka

---

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:	**Paula Schwach**
Candidate Email:	**schwach3p@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9137108432**
Office Sought:	**Mayor**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Westwood Hills**
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: Last year my constituents were split on the subject of adding new street lights. To accommodate the strongly held views, citizens were polled by block with the majority on each block determining what blocks received new lights. This approach satisfactorily resolved the matter and shows that majority rule can be flexible.

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: Home Rule for cities is a constitutional right. It is disingenuous for Kansas Legislature to complain about federal government overreach while at the same time for example imposing on cities a revenue neutral rate on real property taxation pursuant to SB13 given that SB13 does not allow for inflation, increases in costs of employee benefits, additions to property valuations due to housing additions or tear-downs with rebuilding, or return of properties to the tax roles after TIFs are concluded.

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 have supported Westwood Hills' participation in the mental health co-responder program as part of our public safety program. I would also like to see an increase in mental health services to those in Johnson County detention. It would also benefit our children if more counseling referral services were readily available through schools and the Johnson County Mental Health Department and direct treatment available to those who need assistance in paying for such 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: We benefit from an informed electorate. This is in part the rationale for KORA and KOMA (respectively open records and open meetings rules).

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 state in cooperation with the federal government have the primary public roles in access to health care through programs like Medicare, Medicaid, WIC and the regulation at the state level of private insurance providers. I am in favor of Medicaid expansion because basic medical is a human right. Small cities like Westwood Hills can be supportive of good public health by providing a safe environment for physical exercise, including walking and biking and green space; by policies like Tobacco 21 which was adopted during my first term as Mayor; and by supporting Johnson County's public and mental health departments.

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: Representational government assumes that the elected will reflect the make-up of the constituent body. If it doesn't, then viewpoints and life experiences needed to understand the impacts of governmental decision making will be lacking and unintended consequences are more likely to ensue.

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: Generally, elected officials should be thoughtfully adopting policy which is then implemented by professional staff. That professional staff has a hierarchy: the city administrator manages the staff that reports to him/her and the elected city body manages/hires/fires that city administrator. City government works best when the various players understand their roles.

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: Every level of government has a role to play but the climate doesn't stop at political boundaries, and therefore, if we are to remediate the damage humans have caused to the environment, every level of government must do its share.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: If the Kansas legislature would truly recognize home rule, cities could require gun safety courses and licensing of gun owners.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: Voting laws are primarily the purview of states unless the matter can be shown to have a disparate impact on persons because of race in which case federal laws provide protections. Individual plaintiffs (whether individuals or groups like the League of Women Voters), can resort to petitioning the courts in the event of infringement on voting rights. Unfortunately, LWV KS has again found it necessary to sue the State of 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 spent years one through eight in a Catholic parish school. My parents paid for it because they felt a religious grounding was important enough to make that sacrifice. Public funds should not be used to support a particular faith. Separation of church and state is fundamental to a secular country in which there are practitioners of many faiths like the United States. It is a great misfortune that the courts seem to be abandoning this precept. Public schools as a shared experience helped meld a country of immigrants into a more homogeneous nation.

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 provides a leadership role by setting the agenda, appointing persons to boards and commissions with consent of council, mediating the various personalities on the council, leading the council in establishing local policy.

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 am not accepting political contributions and have in the past returned funds to PACs. My city is small enough that I can canvas my constituents and distribute simple flyers/literature door-to-door.

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: I will accept endorsements only from non-partisan groups in order to sustain non-partisan local elections.

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:	**Milton Scott**
Candidate Email:	**miltons123@aol.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7855503700**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
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 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 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)*
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 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 prospective 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:	**Amber Sellers**
Candidate Email:	**sellers4lcc@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**3162041769**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
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. *(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

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Karen Sexton**
Candidate Email:	**kls@sextonandshelor.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9135794406**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Westwood Hills**
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 spent 35 years in some position - as a member and former President of the Homes Association, Founder and President of the Westwood Hills Historic Foundation and this will be my third term running for City Council. It is so important that we not be defined by our political affiliation but to create community spirit and participation. With a half-time employee and the rest of our services contracted out with other cities and private companies, we have to rely on citizen volunteers.

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 one issue that really concerns me is that I believe that cities should determine open and concealed carry of guns. Our shops and residents do not want this in our City.

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 the Councilperson assigned to Public Safety I am a vocal supporter of the Co-Responder program. I know first hand the benefits of the program. We have avoided people in crisis being arrested and have gotten them mental health and substance abuse treatment. The greatest moment was when one woman's family came to my house to say thank you and that they had just left their daughter's "graduation" from her drug treatment program. I also believe that this program is important to supporting our police officers. I attended and have been certified in the Johnson County Mental Health Responder program.

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: Again, Westwood Hills is a very small city and we work hard as a community to help people get to their appointments, provide food and support when a resident or their child is ill. I have mowed yards and on one occasion trimmed limbs on overgrown tree limbs when a couple was out of town awaiting a lung transplant. We have residents that need intervention re getting physical health care and I have reached out to the doctors to convince residents to go to the hospital. We check up on our elderly residents and those that live alone. As a government we need to lend our voice to our legislators to EXPLAND MEDICAID and to decriminalize marijuana - or at a minimum make it available for medicinal uses.

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: Sorry to be trite, but it takes a village. We have a vibrant community with diversity. I believe that Westwood Hills is a very diverse community; however, while we have attracted residents of many nationalities it has only been the last few years that we are gaining Black 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 scrutinize the professionals who work in public service

Candidate Comment: Westwood Hills employs a half-time City Clerk. Therefore, it is my job as the assigned Council person to work closely with our police contract with the Westwood Police Department. We not only support but enforce Community Policing. We also rely within our City the skills of attorneys, engineers, architects, accountants, master gardeners and people with hardy backs and knees to bring their skills and time to the table to make our City work.

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 am the Climate Ambassador for our City. I have worked hard to get our residents to switch over to battery operated lawn equipment. We support the BMP program to control water run-off. We support the planting of native trees and plants.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: See above. I think we should be able to determine that the open and concealed carry of guns should be banned. I believe in background checks and closing the loophole on private sale. I also support the banning of gun stocks and military style weapons.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: I support the current legislation being sponsored in Congress by the Democrats to insure voter access and to stop States from enacting laws to restrict voter registration and access. I do not support the legislation in Georgia and Florida to make voting 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:

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 have decades of experience in all aspects of managing and maintaining not only the infrastructure of Westwood Hills, but working hard to maintain the concept of community in this City. This is a City where people age in place, volunteer and contribute to the overall well-being of each other. We all work to not only maintain our infrastructure but are saving so that the next generation will have sufficient funds to continue to maintain streets, sewers and other infrastructure when needed.

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: None. I am a registered Democrat and am the Democrat precinct person. I have asked not to be endorsed by the party even though we have non-partisan races for the reason that I strongly oppose making the Johnson County Commission partisan.

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

Candidate Answer: None.

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

Candidate Answer: No.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Gregory Shelton**
Candidate Email:	**greg@sheltonforpv.com**
Candidate Phone:	**816-810-6240**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Prairie Village**
Office District:	**5**

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: When it comes to local government, I believe in prioritizing a sense of community above all other objectives; political or otherwise. When it comes to serving the constituents of Ward 5 I will always engage them as my neighbors first.

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: Every community in Kansas has unique circumstances. They should be able to govern themselves in accordance with State and Federal law to ensure our residents are able to go about their daily lives safely and efficiently.

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 programs have proven to be effective contributors to public health and safety. As our law enforcement professionals take on more responsibilities in our communities, it is important that we are complementing their efforts with the best resources to keep them and our communities as safe and healthy 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 plays an important role in supporting or improving citizen engagement and understanding of local government. I do understand there are times when laws or regulations prevent immediate and complete transparency, but whenever possible I will support fair, open access to the information available to the City Council and 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: I believe it is incumbent on those in local government to be familiar with programs and services available to their constituents at all levels of government. If my constituents have questions about health care programs, I'll work to make them aware of options available to them through County, State, and Federal programs.

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 both my professional and volunteer experience I've seen the benefits that a diversity of experiences, backgrounds and perspectives can have on the operations of a business, organization and community. While the process of establishing shared understanding can be challenging, the outcomes for policies, programs, and growth are more sustainable and beneficial than those that come from a homogeneous process.

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 believe these professionals have the knowledge and experience to see that essential services meet or exceed expectations of our residents and businesses. It is the role of local elected officials to ensure staff have the appropriate resources to achieve this objective, understand what these expectations are, and provide accountability for staff performance to our constituents.

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: City governments can make important decisions through policy and budgeting that will have long-term impacts on climate change. Whether it's building codes, fleet management, or facility improvements, there are numerous opportunities to contribute to decarbonization and water conservation initiatives.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Cities should be able to pass ordinances that govern gun safety for their community in accordance with State and Federal laws through Home Rule authority provided in the Kansas Constitution.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Educating and informing voters on registration and elections is a passion of mine. This will continue in my role as City Councilor, and I'll work with our County Commissioners and State Legislators to ensure eligible voters in Ward 5 are able to prepare, plan and vote in every election.

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: Providing a quality education to every child without entrance requirements, or other discretionary admittance policies, is in the best interests of everyone in Ward 5. Our collective commitment to providing access to a quality public education is one of the key pillars of prosperity that enables Prairie Village to live up to its motto as "The Star of Kansas".

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 believe local elected officials need to be open to input from their constituents in order to form a balanced perspective. This is how local government works most effectively, and is why I will seek input from people with different backgrounds in Ward 5. This inclusive approach will ensure I have a good understanding of my constituents' expectations and can align our City's resources to those expectations.

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

Candidate Answer: As City Councilor I'll be responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of the community. As a member of the City's legislative branch, I will work with the Mayor and other Council members to enact, amend, or repeal local legislation and public policies, as well as to apportion and levy taxes, make appropriations, and adopt budgets. Additionally, I will have input and oversight on strategic plans to guide the administration of services and organizational performance of the City's operations.

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: $3,000

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 9

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

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

Candidate Answer: I'm genuinely excited about the opportunity to serve my friends and neighbors on the City Council. I believe my firsthand experience in the engineering and construction industry will serve Ward 5 well. My commitment will be to deliver value for our reside

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Casey Simoneau**
Candidate Email:	**k.stater@hotmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**78522110**
Office Sought:	**Mayor**
Office County:	**Douglas**
Office City:	**Baldwin City**
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. *(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 have currently been serving as mayor for 4 years. The duty of the mayor, in my opinion, is to try to collect data and thoughts from people with different experiences and mind sets as possible to allow for a logical informed decision to be made. The mayor should be the data gatherer, the mediator and the negotiator to help make the best decisions for all of the community and not any specific groups or people. The communities needs and beliefs should always be at the forefront of all decisions.

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: Na

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

Candidate Answer: Na

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:	**Mary Sinclair**
Candidate Email:	**SinclairforSMSD@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-515-3126**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**n/a**
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: School board positions are non-partisan and I firmly believe must remain this way. When talking with individuals, I focus conversations and decisions on the issues at hand and work to decouple the concern from any political ideology.

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 support Home Rule, however, I am unclear about difference between the 'ultimate authority consistent with Home Rule' and 'limited authority'. Nonetheless, local control is a critical tool for municipalities, in my case, to give local school boards the authority to take action addressing a local concern of our community members. Yet, I also recognize that there are some issues best dealt with by the state as long as local governments are free to build and improve on state minimum standards.

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: Kansas has yet to restore pre-Recession levels community mental health beds. The global pandemic only increased the demand for responsive mental health programs. Access to services for children and families would empower more students to come to school, ready to learn and able to focus on their educational progress.

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: None of the above. My response is closest to option 4, but transparency is not an all or none proposition. Some topics are not even legally permissible to share publicly. A public's right to know about the deliberations and decisions of public governing bodies is fundamental to democracy. I support this thru: board meetings open to public; no binding action by secret ballot; notice date, time, place; posting agenda prior to meeting, using exec session only for KOMA permissible reasons.

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 outside of my realm of authority as a school board member, I do believe county government has a role to play in support 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: Extremely Important

Candidate Comment: The belief statement at the core of the Shawnee Mission School District's strategic plan explicitly embraces diversity. "Every individual has inherent worth and deserves to be valued and celebrated. A community's strength is derived from its diversity."

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: None of the above. It is the role of elected school board members to work collaboratively with professional district staff (superintendent), for professionals to support and inform the decision-making process of the elected, and for locally elected school board members to set clear goals and expectations for the district professionals hired to manage the day-to-day work of the district.

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: SMSD addresses sustainability via instruction and use of resources, highlighted by the following. The board approved LEED certification for the 5 new elem buildings. Sustainability is tied to the science education standards. SMSD was awarded most recently (3/2021) by Missouri River Relief with the Inspiring the Next Generation award.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: SMSD students (JCDBB) and staff (EBC) are guided by no weapons school board policies. The school board's legislative platform also "supports efforts to keep our schools safe from gun violence, ...".

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: SMSD high school teachers have a long standing tradition of helping seniors register to vote, with the support of PTA volunteers.

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 for public schools is essential to ensure equitable access to quality public education for all students.

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: One of the primary roles of a school board is to hire a superintendent to manage the day-to-day operations of the district, in addition to helping establish district goals, approving the budget, adopting policies, monitoring district progress including that of the superintendent, and advocating for public education.

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 collected $1,100 and have not yet requested pledges. My total expenses last election were about $5,000.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 4

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

Candidate Answer: n/a to date

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

Candidate Answer: NEA SM, Education First Shawnee Mission, Equality Kansas to date of pushed out candidate questionnaires.

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

Candidate Answer: I would like to note that I tried to leave questions 10 and 13 blank, as I did not agree with any of the options. I am happy to discuss the questions I tried to left blank, beyond the brief explanation provided. Thank you, Mary

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Curt Skoog**
Candidate Email:	**skoogformayor@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**8166790608**
Office Sought:	**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 that 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, mor

---

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

---

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, excel

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Paul Snider**
Candidate Email:	**psniderkc@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-439-9723**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**n/a. JCCC represents all of Johnson County.**
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: Starting from a base in the center, but aware of and engaged with those to the right and left, I believe I'm able to see potential conflicts and opportunities to address common goals. I'm a strong believer in sitting down with people to learn about their lives and perspectives and using that to work together.

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: This was a core goal during my participation in ForwardOP and I'm pleased to see Overland Park continue to make this a priority.

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 important at all levels of government. As a Trustee I've been providing written updates via Facebook following our monthly board meetings. One of the positive results of COVID has been the unprecedented access to public meetings (local and state) through Zoom and YouTube. This has allowed citizens to follow government like never before and I hope it only improves from here.

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: Diversity may bring forth previously unshared perspectives but equally important it can make constituents feel represented and lead to better engagement. I've been fully supportive of JCCC's commitment to DEI and also supported diversity policies at JCPRD.

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: Local governments in Johnson County have wonderful, committed professional staff that should be respected and embraced. It's certainly appropriate though for boards to differ with a staff proposal so long as there is genuine review and evaluation of options and perspectives.

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 an active member of Climate Action KC and have been a vocal supporter of JCCC's sustainability initiatives.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: I trust the JCCC police force to keep the campus safe. While (thankfully) JCCC has not had any serious gun-related issues, I support administrative efforts to keep tighter regulations on campus and leave issues to local governing boards.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: JCCC has been active with voting and registration drives and encouraging campus engagement. I support those efforts and believe more can be done to ensure younger voters in particular are engaged in the process.

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: As an incumbent Trustee and vice-chair of the board I have a solid understanding of the role of Trustee. In simple turns, the Board of Trustees is responsible for the president, approving a budget, approving various policy changes and acting upon contracts (many of which are procurement related.) To do that effectively board members need to prepare for meetings (read the packet) and be prepared with questions (ideally prior to the meeting). In addition, various meetings with professional staff may be necessary to understand an issue. Finally, Trustees should be engaged with the community, providing college updates and listening to feedback.

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 June 13 I have received $2,425 for this campaign, although I have just started my fundraising. I have commitments for at least $3,000. In 2017 I raised $14,275 and expect I will raise a similar amount, with a goal of raising $20,000.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: I have received 13 donations to date. Two were from myself and two from one individual. At this point, not counting myself, I've had ten donors. In 2017 I had 85 donors. Again, I just started the fundraising process.

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

Candidate Answer: I have not received any organization endorsements at this stage of the campaign. I've received a number of individual endorsements, including: Greg Musil -- Chair, JCCC Board of Trustees Nancy Ingram -- JCCC Board of Trustees Jerry Cook -- JCCC Board

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

Candidate Answer: In 2017 I was endorsed by Mainstream and Equality Kansas and appreciated both. I am seeking both of those endorsements in 2021.

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

Candidate Answer: It's a privilege to represent such a valued community institution like Johnson County Community College. I will campaign hard for another term and believe my actions over the last four years have supported my efforts to earn the community's trust and sup

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Josie Stambaugh**
Candidate Email:	**boydjosie@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9134818480**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Edgerton**
Office District:	**At-Large**

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 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: I feel the council should take into consideration the views, expressions and opinions of the residents before making a decision. Although city council does have the ultimate "vote" council should base their votes on the majority of the towns wants and needs while continuing to make decisive and beneficial decisions for the 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:

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 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: 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 understand that we need to ask more questions and be more informed before making decisions. The role involves understanding what is beneficial to the town, making decisions that will improve our community, make smart financial decisions to keep the City budget in line. Expand and grow without affecting our rural community, preserve and protect the town. Listen to the community and be involved.

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: $900

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 10-11

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:	**Julie Steele**
Candidate Email:	**julie@votejuliesteele.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-485-5540**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**n/a**
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 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

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Tom Stephens**
Candidate Email:	**tom.alex55@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9134418583**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Wyandotte**
Office City:	**Bonner Springs**
Office District:	**2**

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. *(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: Supporting the professionals does not mean that an elected official should not have a hand in proper oversight.

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: Provide proper oversight of the professional staff. Ensure all voices are heard, that the majority does not create undo hardship on the minority.

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:

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Linda Sutton**
Candidate Email:	**suttonforstudentsfirst@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**8168072807**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
Office County:	**Wyandotte**
Office City:	**n/a**
Office District:	**Other (please specify)**

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. *(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: 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: I believe in public and private schools. It just seems that private schools receive donations to help meet their budget. Public k-12 schools in Kansas have disparity depending on location. I would like to first see a level playing field for all 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: I am finishing my first four-year term and seeking reelection to Kansas City Kansas Community College Board of Trustees. As a retired (2014) employee of KCKCC with 30 years of service and serving one term, I fully understand the scope and duties. Accountability, integrity and transparency are important to me. I have the experience, expertise and energy required for this elected position.

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: Students are at the center of my decision-making Thus my slogan is "Sutton for Students First" Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Tracy Taton**
Candidate Email:	**shop_with_friends@cox.net**
Candidate Phone:	**3163710979**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**N/a**
Office District:	**5**

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: School board is non partisan, I will be loyal to what is best for the district as a whole, not just my family.

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 think this last year has shown us that local officials should not have a say in all situations.

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: This last year has definitely taken a toll on the mental health of many. As a parent, I know how hard it can be to get the mental help you need for a child.

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 some things not everyone needs to know for school board, an example would be why a teacher's contract was not renewed.

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: It is not the local governments responsibility, however, local government can help to get accessible health care where needed.

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 think diversity is essential to government, otherwise it wouldn't be a democracy.

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: Not Applicable

Candidate Comment: There needs to be standards, but not decided by local government.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Helping to keep illegal guns off the streets is very important.

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: A voucher system would do more harm than good to the school systems.

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 religious views should not impact any decisions that I stand for for a public office.

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

Candidate Answer: I understand it very well, being a former teacher, I have been around the schools, as well as research I do on my own, also following our local BOE meetings and standards.

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 collected money yet, I am trying to spend the least amount of money possible, I would rather have money donated to schools than spend a lot of money on a BOE campaign.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: I have not reached out to any donors as of this date.

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:	**Keith Tatum**
Candidate Email:	**ktatum1124@yahoo.com**
Candidate Phone:	**785-250-5927**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
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: As an elected official, I feel it's my duty to represent my entire district, even those who didn't vote for me. I will focus on listening to my constituents and making well-informed judgments.

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 are connected with their own communities and know their local issues best. As much as possible and with input from the public, local officials should exercise authority in the most favorable interest of their 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: I favor a variety of initiatives aimed at supporting the most vulnerable among us, including those with mental illnesses. As a school board candidate, expanding how we support students with mental illness challenges in the classroom and helping to connect those students to treatment services is a high priority for me.

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 builds trust. In our society, a lack of trust and credibility is often a criticism of those in elected positions. Excepting legal or human resource/personnel issues, elected officials should always seek to be forthright and truthful with the public.

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'm not sure our local government is meeting all the community's access needs, but it sure plays a role in making it happen. Local governments can create incentives and subsidize behaviors that facilitate access to health care and creating healthier lives.

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 representative system, the government should look like the people it is representing as much as possible. We are not there yet, but there is much we can do to stay on that path. Electing officials who are members of the Black, Brown, LBGTQ, and other traditionally-marginalized communities—at all governmental levels— is a big part of realizing that goal.

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 civil servants who form the core of the local government workforce are often the day-to-day content experts with years (or decades) more experience than the elected officials. Our role is to make good policy decisions but to do that, we need the input and support of the administrators and professionals.

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: At the school district level, we can promote and inspire kids (and teachers and staff) to recycle, conserve, and engage in other behaviors that promote to climate change control.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: While the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution provides the right for personal gun ownership, the public school classroom is not a place for kids and guns to mix. The national occurrences of school violence and shootings are at unacceptably high levels. As a school board and district, we need to provide policies that promote safe spaces for students and teachers to learn and work.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Teaching our children the virtues and duties related to civic engagement is key to supporting the next generations to take the lead when it's their time to shine. Empowering everyone to vote in our communities who are legally able to vote helps ensure we have an engaged and educated workforce ready to handle the demands of tomorrow's challenges.

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 Kansas Constitution mandates the State has responsibility for public education. The contemporary interpretation is this pertains to both public and private K-12 schools. As a public school board candidate, I believe the public schools are best equipped to teach kids (I'm a product of public school education) and that the majority of school funding should be spent where the majority of the students are—public schools. That said, public schools should not feel threatened by public dollars spent on private K-12 education. Plus, public schools have additional funding mechanisms that private schools do not (e.g., mill levies).

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: Exactly. I couldn't have put this any better!

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

Candidate Answer: As a school board candidate, I want to see my district be as successful as possible in educating and equipping the children in the district so they can be outstanding contributors to society. My role will be to lead through public service, engaging with the public, building relationships with community members, and seeking input from kids, parents, teachers, and staff members affected by my decisions. My job will be to listen and understand the issues facing our district, and to use the tools and information I have to make highly-informed decisions. I want to leave the district better than it was when I arrived, and I look forward to working with a whole lot of great folks to make it happen.

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'm just beginning fundraising this cycle. So far, I've received $50 but mailings have gone out so I'm expecting much more!

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: Based upon previous campaigns, I expect to receive contributions from as many as 50 donors.

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

Candidate Answer: In my campaign for the USD 501 School Board in 2019, I received endorsements from the NEA-T PAC, the Kansas Families for Education PAC, Equality Kansas, the NE KS Building and Construction Trades Council PAC and the Teamsters #696. I expect to receive si

---

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

Candidate Answer: In addition to those mentioned above, I'm seeking endorsements from the IBEW #304, IBEW #226, Plumbers and Pipefitters #441, Carpenters's District Council of Greater St. Louis and Vicinity, the Kansas AFL-CIO, and the Mainstream Coalition PAC.

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

Candidate Answer: Public service is an honor, and I am also honored that your organization has reached out to me for a potential endorsement. With over 20 years of public service and community leadership experience, I plan to use all of these tools to benefit the childre

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Holly Terrill**
Candidate Email:	**holly.terrill@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**3162939350**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
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: The position I'm running for in non-partisan, therefore I will do my best to support all viewpoints while focusing on equity and inclusivity. My views are progressive and I will do my very best to ensure I support those who are often forgotten or ignored.

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 don't know very much about home rule but I will research it to ensure I understand how to best support decisions made in and 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: Mental health is as important as physical health and this past year has shown us the significance of prioritizing wellness.

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: I think that diversity in representation is critical to the success of our country. The more people of all backgrounds and identities that we have in government, the more we will be able ensure fair and equitable treatment of our 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 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: Those is office have an obligation to listen to science and help educate their constituents to leave the world better for the next generation.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Gun safety is an issue that should be addressed to provide violence prevention in our schools and communities.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: I believe every person of voting age should have access to safely vote in all 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: I believe children should have equitable access to a good education regardless of their neighborhood's income levels.

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: Before filing my declaration of intent to run for the school board I did extensive research on what it takes to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of a school board member. I'm committed to putting in the time, energy, and education to advocate for my community, maintain accountability for the role, and ensure the policies support the interest of all students.

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: $275 have been donated to my campaign to date.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 4

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

Candidate Answer: I have received no endorsements as of today.

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

Candidate Answer: I have not begun to seek endorsements.

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

Candidate Answer: I decided to run for office because I am passionate about education and I want to to help make a difference in supporting the education of my child and all the other children in my community.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Sophia Theodore**
Candidate Email:	**sophia4shawnee**
Candidate Phone:	**9132215409**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Shawnee**
Office District:	**1**

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. *(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: 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: To be prepared to address the opportunities presented to the City Council by getting all the relevant information pertaining to the subject. To ask questions and consider the answers. To listen and represent the concerns 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: $800.00

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 4

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: Johnson County Democratic Women

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:	**Hillary Thomas**
Candidate Email:	**hillaryformission@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-961-4520**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Mission**
Office District:	**1**

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. *(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: 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: On paper, the Council ensures the city fulfills its duties under federal, state, and local laws. Councilmembers also provides insight to city staff, essential legislative action, and funding for the city's budget. But most often, Councilmembers help fill in gaps for their constituents... whether it's helping solve a problem, connecting them with the right resource, or championing a community need. As a sitting City Councilmember, I continue to view my role as equal parts advocacy and policymaking.

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: NA

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: NA

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

Candidate Answer: NA

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

Candidate Answer: Equality Kansas

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

Candidate Answer: NA

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Robert Tietze**
Candidate Email:	**rtietze@kc.rr.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9134320346**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**mission woods**
Office District:	**5**

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:

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:

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:

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 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 previously served as Mayor of Mission Woods so I have a clear understanding of the role a Council member plays in leading the City forward. They should be focused on what brings the best for all residents that creates a healthy, positive and enhanced quality of City life.

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: n/a

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

Candidate Answer: We are a very small City so it is important they we have experience and knowledge represented on the Council

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Diosselyn Tot**
Candidate Email:	**dtotforusd500@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9133787480**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Wyandotte**
Office City:	**Candidate for USD 500 School Board of Education**
Office District:	**At-Large**

Candidate Rating: *Diosselyn Tot serves on the board of directors for Mainstream Coalition. Her survey was not scored, however we've included her full responses for your review.*

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 an elected official, my duties are to the constituents. I will seek for compromise to assure I am providing what they need and not what I think is the solution. I am a strong believer that constituents have the answers, they are the ones most impacted, therefore, their voice matters. In my opinion, the best way to figure out a dispute is to have discussions and find pathways that have the best and most efficient outcome for all.

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 ultimate authority when it comes to being consistent with Home Rule. If it is a local issue, our local officials should be able to act on it and be able to find potential solutions or outcomes. I do still believe that power should be limited if there is a huge divide. The term "checks and balances" comes to mind, to be able to make sure we are still acting for the people by 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: Yes, yes, and yes! A triple yes because our communities, just this past year alone went through so much! And as much losses as we had, we also experienced a lot of civil unrest and overall uncertainty. There has been a lot of changes and still more to come as we are reemerging back into society. Any support that we can provide, guidance, or resources would be ideal to continue to care for the health of our communities.

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 strongly believe we need to be as transparent as possible. We are affecting people's daily lives and they deserve to be as informed as they can be. We need to regain the constituents' trust, not alienate it even further.

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 the responsibility to support access to healthcare because they are the ones to be able to make the change our community has been longing for. To help out the ones that have yet to be reached and be able to bring in the help they need, and sometimes they are in dire need.

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: This is extremely important to be able to represent everyone in our communities. We are so diverse and have so many cultures within KC that it is key for us. One person cannot speak for everyone, nor can we expect them to. Diversity in the table can bring up perspectives that we may have never experienced or thought about and bringing in these perspectives can make us all more well rounded and more efficient on decisions that will impact multitudes of people and cultures.

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: Elected officials are not experts on everything, therefore, the professionals that surround them are key for the work we do. We should support one another because at the end of the day, we need each other to be able to make the day happen. It is a two way relationship where we hold each other accountable for our duties and responsibilities, and help each other 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: There are ways local government can help in these issues. Whether it is raising awareness, introducing policy, or being able to bring resources so we can either further learn or be prepared.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: There are ways local government can help in these issues. Whether it is raising awareness, introducing policy, or being able to bring resources so we can either further learn or be prepared.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: There are ways local government can help in these issues. Whether it is raising awareness, introducing policy, or being able to bring resources so we can either further learn or be prepared.

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 should go to public schools, not all our families are able to afford private schools, and all our students deserve a right to education and opportunities.

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: Everyone has the right to their religious belief, but I do believe there is a line where religion should not be a factor in state policy. Yes, my personality and values do have the factor of religion in it, but my duty and my role will be to the constituents and hearing all their concerns and their needs.

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

Candidate Answer: I understand that my role has three main duties: to use tax dollars effectively, to support the superintendent and staff, and navigate decisions and discussions on policies and curriculums. I am ready to take on these tasks and deliver as best as I can.

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: 1,000

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 17

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 will be seeking endorsements from EQKS and SEIU next and continue to develop from there.

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

Candidate Answer: Thank you for your time, the work you all do is greatly appreciated.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Mia Turner**
Candidate Email:	**mrturnerboe@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**316-925-0807**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**Wichita**
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: I will seek to find the best solution for the situation.

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 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: 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: It is my understanding that my role as a School Board Member is to establish and support educational policies that are most beneficial to the children and staff in the Wichita public school system.

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 7/2/2021, I have not collected or received any pledged funds for my campaign.

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: No.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Andrew Van Der Laan**
Candidate Email:	**andrew@vdlforbvsd.com**
Candidate Phone:	**(913) 735-7343**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**n/a**
Office District:	**4**

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 volunteered for both generally liberal organizations (Coterie Theatre) and generally conservative organizations (Scouting, The American Legion), and I take pride in being able to listen to and engage with perspectives regardless of where they fall on the 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: Home Rule is particularly crucial for school boards because the services they provide are often not available anywhere else - the county, state, and various NGOs can't fill in for public schools. School boards must have the freedom to represent their patrons and taxpayers without state interference.

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: Teen suicides have been rising, and only recently have suicide rates dropoed by about a third and suicide related ER visits decreased by 16%. Credit is due to student organizations like Zero Reasons Why and Sources of Strength, as well as increased mental health programming at the county and school district levels. And we need to recognize that suicide rates don't capture anxiety, depression, and other mental health crises. Mental health MUST needs more resources, especially for school age kids.

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: Every resident of the district deserves to know how and why decisions are being made, and how tax and bond dollars are spent. Public board meetings, town halls, community forums, the district website, email newsletters, and direct constituent access all need to be part of an effective communication and transparency effort.

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: Per my mental health response above, the impact of local resources on a public health crisis can be immediate and meaningful. Access to health care is critically important for all residents in the school district, and especially for young students receiving vision and hearing screenings. The school district has to preserve school nurses and counselors regardless of state funding challenges.

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 have always believed that that involving more viewpoints in a discussion leads to better decisions, and diversity in government is a natural extension of that. And diversity for our school board should encompass more than just ethnic, gender, and geographic diversity - in a perfect world, we would see a diversity of representation that included different ages, professional backgrounds, sexualities, economic circumstances, and lived experiences.

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: A member of any board needs to think carefully about when and how to intervene with operational leaders, and this is no less true for school board. Board members are there to support the mission of the school district, and with the exception of rare cases, this means supporting the professionals in administrative and operating roles. I will add that scrutiny may also be necessary at times, for example during a budgeting process; the board best provides support not by rubber stamping but by asking hard questions.

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: Schools should address climate change by doing what they do best - educating students. This might be in the classroom, or via experiential learning like composting in the cafeteria. However, as a former sustainability professional, this issue demands collaborative action from all levels of government and the private sector.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Schools need to have the ability to restrict or prohibit firearms on their campuses, if only because it's an important part of local control.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Students grow up to be voters, and we must ensure they have access to exercise that most fundamental obligation of a citizen.

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 oppose vouchers and the flow of public money to private schools. Private schools are held to lower standards and are dramatically less transparent than public schools, and taxpayers deserve to know how their money is being spent.

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: It would be unfair to blindly impose my religious beliefs (or frankly, any of my other beliefs) on the 22,000+ students in the district.

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

Candidate Answer: The Board of Education has four major responsibilities - setting policy and procedures (including budgeting and some curriculum), selecting a superintendent, supporting the district's mission and evaluating progress, and planning for the future. Everything else should be left to the professionals who are trained administrators and educators.

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: $2,750

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 19

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 not actively seeking any endorsements, but will respond to all surveys that I receive.

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

Candidate Answer: District patrons and taxpayers deserve someone who will listen to all perspectives, and they try their hardest to do what's right for ALL students.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Dean Varkas**
Candidate Email:	**info@vakasforolathe.com**
Candidate Phone:	**(913) 390-3399**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
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 Professi

---

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:	**Amanda Vega-Mavec**
Candidate Email:	**amandaforop@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**6179130915**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Overland Park**
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: As an educator I have learned that an "all or nothing" approach rarely achieves results. I have also learned that, while difficult, it is possible to bring differing groups together. This requires genuinely considering the perspectives of others. I am willing to do the work to help our community move forward together.

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 an educator I have learned that an "all or nothing" approach rarely achieves results. I have also learned that, while difficult, it is possible to bring differing groups together. This requires genuinely considering the perspectives of others. I am willing to do the work to help our community move forward together.

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: Our communities are much more diverse than is reflected in our government, and we are only becoming more diverse over time. The experiences and perspectives of all of our community members are equally deserving of attention and consideration. Too often, I am still one of the only (or the only) Latinas in a room where decisions are being made. While I cannot speak for every Latinx person, or every woman, I know how it feels to not have a seat at the table, and work hard to amplify the voices of underrepresented members of our community. And I will continue to do so as a City Councilor. Government exists to support all of its citizens - how can it do that if it doesn't hear 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:

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: This is a question I have personal experience with. I have worked in public, charter, and private schools. Many families at the private school I led could not afford tuition without assistance from various sources, including tax-credit programs. I know first hand how much access to our smaller school size was appreciated. I also know first hand how frustrating it is when our public schools are not fully funded, and how underfunded schools and programs drive families toward private school alternatives. Tax-credit programs are not sustainable for private schools or public schools, and are not in the best interest of our children.

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 have a fairly strong understanding of the role of Ward Councilor, much of which comes from serving on the Rosedale Development Association, the Johnson County Library Foundation Board, and others. While these roles are not directly part of a city government, they do require frequent discussions about the actions of local government and how they impact the community. In these roles, I have often had to make informed decisions with the community's best interests in mind. However, I believe that the best leaders are those who recognize that there is always room for learning and growth. As a Councilor, I fully intend to take advantage of partnerships, events, trainings, and other opportunities to increase my understanding . I will also be an involved member of the council by not only attending meetings, but by also engaging with the community, amplifying voices, and equipping others to be civically engaged.

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: $3500

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: 28

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, Run for Something, Mothers who Run, Chamber of Commerce, People First Future

---

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:	**Marge Vogt**
Candidate Email:	**marge.vogt@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**913-269-0625**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Olathe**
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: it is important to continue to be non-partisan in City elections. The successes experienced in Olathe would have been sorely compromised if the discourse experienced among state and federal officials was evidenced in our community.

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 totally believe in the importance of Home Rule. With that said, there are areas where it makes sense for all communities to follow similar rules though that situation should be of a limited occurrence.

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: Transparency and efficiency is a must!

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 health care is a collaborative responsibility with private and non-profit health facilities, county, state and federal entities.

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: Yes, as an elected official, it is my responsibility to support staff but also provide the over-site to ensure the needs of the community are being met with honesty, efficiency and reliability.

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: This is an area that requires local officials to work with state and federal officials to ensure gun safety is consistent throughout our country. We must all do more to decrease the tragedies that happen daily in our country.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: While voting access is primarily a county and state responsibility, it is important that I voice my opinion on the need to and process ensuring that all citizens of Olathe have the ability 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 will continue to provide the leadership expected by my constituents by meeting the needs of the city today while being visionary for future citizens. Direction Finders to date notes that providing resources for a safe (police and fire) community and transportation needs of utmost importance. I have provided the resources in the past with significant improvements in both areas and will continue to do so. Another area of concern that I wish to pursue is providing attainable (affordable) housing which should include ownership not just rentals. Finally, we have made great strides in our parks, recreation, and libraries. We need to continue to provide these quality of life amenities.

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: Have not started seeking contributions.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: one - constuent

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

Candidate Answer: None to date. It is early in the process. I suspect this process will take off after the primaries.

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

Candidate Answer: I am not actively seeking endorsements but I hope that there are diverse endorsements that see the value of my leadership to date.

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

Candidate Answer: Thank you for reaching out!

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Crystal Walter**
Candidate Email:	**cagwalter@yahoo.com**
Candidate Phone:	**3162504117**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**Clearwater**
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 would absolutely listen to my constituents, even if I disagree, and try to find common ground. More extremist rhetoric helps no one, especially in these divisive times.

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: Mental health resources have been drastically cut for many years. We need to invest adequate resources to aid our communities most vulnerable.

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: More can always be done to provide better access to health care especially for small communities like Clearwater. Our ambulance service is currently unable to meet our needs so we are forced to rely on surrounding communities to assist with some calls.

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 the only female running for city council, I'm painfully aware of the lack of diversity in all levels of government. Ethnic diversity is also important but as a rural Kansas community with few ethnic minorities, its even harder to achieve here in Clearwater.

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: Private schools should not be given public money, I feel very strongly about this.

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 firmly believe in a separation of church and state.

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

Candidate Answer: I am currently sitting on the board as I was appointed to fill a vacancy several months ago. So I already have a good idea about the role. I have much to learn but I also trust the recommendations of our city staff as I weigh options when preparing to a vote. It's a great responsibility that I do not take lightly.

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: 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: I appreciate the causes you support. In my rural community some of my beliefs are not always the same as my neighbors but I can always find some common ground with others. Thank you for this opportunity.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**David Watkins**
Candidate Email:	**dwatkins@swansonbernard.com**
Candidate Phone:	**8165609015**
Office Sought:	**City Councilmember**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Fairway**
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 view the political discourse in Fairway as siloed or divisive. We do an excellent job of listening to and working with our residents on many topics, including ones on which there are differences of opinion.

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, especially at the city level, know their communities the best and should be trusted to make decisions that are best for their 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: While I support this concept, it is best implemented at the county or state level, because, with respect to a city the size of Fairway, we do not have the resources available to make a significant positive impact ourselves.

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: Fairway is meeting the needs of its residents and employees as best it can given its size, demographics and available resources. We provide excellent access for our employees through health insurance. While we do not have any city health care facilities within our city limits, we have numerous hospitals and clinics within minutes of our city. Like mental health, access to health care is more appropriately provided by larger cities, the county, the state or the federal government if not provided through private means.

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: It is very important that elected officials listen to the views of all their constituents. Fairway's elected officials and professional staff represent a diverse range of viewpoints and opinions which benefits our decision making process.

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: While important, the impact a city the size of Fairway can have is more limited than larger governmental units. But we can and do encourage our residents to act in a manner that is environmentally responsible, and our city strives to act in a sustainable manner when appropriate.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Fairway's police department provides an excellent resource for our residents to promote gun safety.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Assuring that all eligible voters have access to our political process is very important. We need an engaged electorate, not one that is apathetic, and we need to encourage our residents to become involved in their community. But as with some of the other survey topics, providing that access is more applicable to larger governmental units.

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: I believe strongly in the separation of church and state and also the right of our residents to freely exercise their religious beliefs.

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

Candidate Answer: As an incumbent seeking a third term I understand well the role of being on the Fairway City Council. We have done an excellent job the last 8 years meeting the needs of our residents while not placing undue burdens on 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: 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: None.

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

Candidate Answer: None.

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 your survey.

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Tim Watts**
Candidate Email:	**wattst5445@yahoo.com**
Candidate Phone:	**7859692856**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Shawnee**
Office City:	**Topeka**
Office District:	**Other (please specify)**

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: I find this question very difficult to answer because depending on the situation I think you could apply both positions. In the school board, on topic that I would have very little room to negotiate would be CRT. I do not think it should be in schools. An example of a position that I'm willing to work with the group would be funding decisions between two competing educational needs. In this situation, it may be beneficial to find a compromise.

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 believe that local communities and governing officials should make more decisions than they currently do. The people of my state, my county and my neighborhood are the best to represent my interest. This is one reason I am running for school board. I have mot felt represented locally so it is my part to do something about it.

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: I would need to review funding spend on this topic compared to the needs of the community before I could support additional funding.

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 one of my campaign goals. I do mot think my school board is currently transparent and I will work to open the doors to the castle to the community.

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: I feel that government involvement in private business is not normally beneficial. Traditionally, government creates waste and prevents quick adjustments that are needed to allow capitalism to work effectively. If businesses are abusing people there would be a need for local government intervention. In this past year the county commissioners and doctors have dictated what the 180,000 Kansans who live in Shawnee County. This is an overstep of power by this group. People should be allowed to make decisions regarding how to handle a virus.

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 believe that the content of your character is what is important. This is what should be used when looking at government representation. It is important that all types of people are able to apply for this but it is up to the individual to earn the position.

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: To scrutinize is to examine in detail with careful or critical attention. Elected officials should review performance and ensure the desired results are being met. If we do not look into the results and review how are we able to course correct or make future informed decisions?

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: I believe that local oversight is the most effective way to manage non federal issues. In general the USA does exceptionally well with our climate impact. Our oversea trade partners can't say the same.

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Somewhat Relevant

Candidate Comment: The 2nd Amendment prevents the government from infringement of our rights to keep and bear arms. This would be local or federally. If there is any action needed this should once again be a local matter. The exception would be a drug cartel or other organized crime organization conducting illegal acts that can't be managed by local officials.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Very Relevant

Candidate Comment: Local communities should manage their election process.

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: More competition will create better learning environments for our children. Families should have the choice on where they spend the tax dollars allocated for their child at whatever learning mode they chose.

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: The church should not make decisions in politely matters. Moral, ethical and responsible personal choice can be taught to the individual through many ways. Some of these are traditional religion. An example for me is around being pro life because of my belief that one individual should not be able to kill another. I classify life at the time of conception.

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 to help make decisions on how to allocate educational funds, classroom curriculum, staffing and school support. The board should listen to their constituents and represent them in their actions.

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: So far I have $550 pledged for my campaign. My goal is $3,000 as I am running against a heavily supported incumbent.

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: This is from 8 donor families.

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

Candidate Answer: I believe State Senator Rick Kloos and State Representative Jessie Borjon would endorse me. Also, current school board member Rocky Busenitz would also support me.

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

Candidate Answer: I am working with local businesses, churches and organizations to leverage as much support as possible.

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

Candidate Answer: Please let me know if you have any questions from my comments. Respectfully, Tim Watts

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Lindsay Weiss**
Candidate Email:	**lindsaymillerks@hotmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9137074792**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**Overland Park**
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:

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: None of these answers are perfect. It should always be our goal to support public servants, but that does not mean we should not ask questions, provide input from our constituents and evaluate performance. The goal is to work together as a team -- not to be adversaries -- and to bring input from all stakeholders to the table.

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: The duties of the Board are guided by the goal of enhancing student achievement and to: -Define a mission for the District -Determine long and short term goals that will contribute to continuous improvement and move the District towards its mission -Establish direction for academic standards for the District -Establish and review the policies that set the parameters for Board governance and staff operations -Approve budget and capital projects, and provide stewardship of the fiscal resources in relation to the mission of the District -Make data-based decisions on the basis of what is best for the students -Employ a Superintendent and evaluate his/her performance, thereby holding the Superintendent accountable for addressing the goals and performance expectations of the Board -Monitor and evaluate the overall progress of the District -Adjudicate issues that come to the Board via appropriate channels -Model behavior consistent with expectations for the performance of all staff members -Assure that the District abides by all applicable federal and state laws and district policies -Participate in legislative and community advocacy

---

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 -- I just filed 14 days ago.

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: na

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

Candidate Answer: na

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:	**Jason Welch**
Candidate Email:	**jasonwelch1945@gmail.com**
Candidate Phone:	**3163007720**
Office Sought:	**School Board Member**
Office County:	**Sedgwick**
Office City:	**Haysville**
Office District:	**At-Large**

Candidate Rating: 47%

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 do my best to find the right solution.

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 also believe that less government is more in line with the founding fathers and what they believed in

---

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: Mental health programs should be available to the individual in a private market.

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: The Government is the worst thing to have in charge of an individuals 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: Elect or Hire the best person for the job. Period.

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 power of the elected official is from the people. They are a public servant. Not in place to bully or rule

---

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:

Issue: Gun Safety

Candidate Answer: Irrelevant

Candidate Comment: I support the 2A - fully. Any restriction on this is illegal.

Issue: Voting Access

Candidate Answer: Irrelevant

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: I will vote as the voice of the people who put me in the office.

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

Candidate Answer: The role of a school board member is to represent the parents and students and do what is best for the group as an entire body.

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 dont want my seat to be bought and paid for where it could give anyone leverage over my vote

---

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: Zero - dont have any

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

Candidate Answer: None yet.

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

Candidate Answer: None

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

Candidate Answer: God- Family- Work - Country Anything I do will be in the service of the above

---

END SURVEY

MainPAC Candidate Survey
2021 Kansas Elections

Q1-5.

Candidate Name:	**Jill Westra**
Candidate Email:	**jill@jillwestrawaterone.com**
Candidate Phone:	**9132789184**
Office Sought:	**Other (please specify)**
Office County:	**Johnson**
Office City:	**N/A**
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 be loyal to the ideology associated with my party affiliation.

Candidate Comment: I am running on an environmental and sustainability platform, as "the environmental scientist/sustainability professional candidate". I can not foresee a situation where I could in good faith, compromise on these topics notwithstanding my party affiliation. I feel it is unfortunate that environmental management has a political slant, but it is my wheelhouse, and I am committed to it (also applies to topics such as environmental justice and climate change).

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: The social and cultural pillars of sustainability are equally as important as the financial and environmental pillars, and this applies to sustainable management of any organization as well as cities and communities. A lack of diversity, inclusion and equity in community leadership shows short-sightedness and will result in poor collaboration (between government/constituents) and weak sense of belonging across the community in the long term.

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:

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: Helping go guide the management of the local water utility. This includes contributing to oversight of operations, financial management, long-term planning for infrastructure resiliency and emergency preparedness. Contributing to the success and efficiency of our local water utility by advocating for and supporting innovation and use of modern technology to ensure long-term sustainability while ensuring affordable service of the highest standard is delivered to local rate-payers.

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: <$2,000

Q18. How many donors does your answer above reflect?

Candidate Answer: <20

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 at present.

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

Candidate Answer:

END SURVEY