

2012 JCPPC Senate or State Rep Candidate Profile

Response for: Sheryl Spalding

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9 Occupation/Work History (last five years - 50 words or less):

I have worked in the KS legislature for the last 6 years. Prior to that I worked 17 years part time in education research for KU.

10 Most Recent Political Experience (50 words or less):

Elected 3 times (6 years) to the Kansas House of Representatives.

Served 8 years on the Blue Valley Board of Education.

Regional Vice President for the KS School Board Association.

3 years, Delegate of Kansas Federal Relations Network

2 years, Board Member - Blue Valley Education Foundation.

11 Most Recent Community/Civic Experience (50 words or less):

Besides the above I was a Court-Appointed Special Advocate for Children in Need of Care (CASA).

Leadership Overland Park Class '06

Graduate of Statewide Leadership for Tomorrow.

12 Are you, or have you been, affiliated with a local or state chamber of commerce? Please list chamber(s) and any leadership positions held:

No.

13 Are you, or have you been, affiliated with any other business organization(s)? Please list organization(s) and any leadership positions held:

No.

14 As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues (10 words or less per issue)?

Adequate funding for Education.

Pro-Business environment and strong workforce.

Efficient and fiscally responsible government.

15 What are your views on state tax policy (75 words or less)?

I did not vote for what the governor called the 'nuclear option' tax cut package. We had a well balanced tax approach and making small incremental changes that make sense to business growth policy makes sense. We have to balance all three, income, property and sales taxes. What I fear is that we have cut income taxes which means more will fall on the sales and property taxes. As far as I know property taxes are the least liked by the public.

16 If Kansas were to face a significant revenue shortfall in meeting its budget, how would you propose to balance the budget? Please be specific (75 words or less).

I would propose we redo last year's tax package.

17 What are your views on the possible imposition of a sales tax on professional services, such as architects, lawyers, engineers, doctors - a significant economic base in Johnson County (75 words or less)?

No. I would not vote for that. It would be a business killer for Johnson County.

18 Do you support or oppose limiting by law how much state or local governments can tax or spend each year, such as requiring a "supermajority" 2/3 voting requirements to approve state or local tax increases? Why (75 words or less)?

No. I believe, for most things, taxes should be raised closest to where they are to be spent.

19 What are your views on fundamental reform of K-12 school funding (75 words or less)?

We have had to make so many concessions to weightings that help the rest of the state while getting little in return. The formula is broken and it will take a while to fix, because no one wants to give up any advantage. I introduced legislation for those whose spending per pupil is below average be able to spend their own money to get within 80% of average.

20 Do you support expanding local funding flexibility and control over how education funds are raised and spent (75 words or less)?

Yes, I supported that in the legislature and we voted to do just that.

21 What are your views on Kansas' current toolbox of economic development incentives (75 words or less)?

While I have voted for most all of them, I would like very much to get an accounting of exactly how many jobs have been created by each. We need to be able to expand what works and do away with what is not job creating.

22 What types of tax and/or economic development policy will you support to encourage job growth and business expansion in Kansas (75 words or less)?

As above I have and will continue to vote for those things that have proven to bring jobs to the area. I still would like an accounting of the new jobs created and expand those.

23 What kind of measures would you support to help control or reduce key business costs (75 words or less)?

Off and on there is a sales tax on some goods and not others. We need standard incentives for capital expansion, particularly if a significant number of jobs are going to be created. We need to maintain caps on liabilities. We need to look at business property taxes etc.

24 Do you support or oppose the diversion of dedicated state highway funds for any use other than the funding of the transportation projects for which it was created? Explain (75 words or less).

No. Transportation has been used as a bank for the last few years and we need to quit that.

25 What is your policy position on immigration mandates, such as requiring all employers to enroll in a federal government program known as E-verify to check the immigration status of all potential new hires (75 words or less)?

I would begin with the state requiring to use e-verify first.

26 What do you believe is the most pressing issue or challenge facing Kansas today (75 words or less)?

Adequately funding education at all levels, pre-K, K-12, and higher ed.

27 What do you believe most distinguishes you from your opponent(s) in this race (75 words or less)?

I believe education is the driver to not only quality of life in this state and particularly Johnson County, but for our economic expansion and job growth as well.