

**Johnson County Public Policy Council**  
**2014 State Senator/State Representative Candidate Profile**

Election: August 5, 2014

Please return your completed form by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 to  
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Occupation/Work History (last five years – 25 words or less):

I am a Kansas licensed attorney and have worked for NDS, Inc. since 2001. My title is Vice-President of Operations.

Other Recent Political/Community Experience (25 words or less):

I serve as Treasurer of Oak Park Homes Association and Parliamentarian of PTA for Oak Park-Carpenter Elementary School.

If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held:

I am a member of the Kansas Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

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

1. P-20 Education
2. Economic Development
3. Infrastructure / Transportation

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

Kansas is struggling under the current tax plan. I prefer the three-legged stool approach utilizing a balance of sales tax, income tax and property tax. Thus creating a more fair and consistent revenue stream for government.

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).

All areas will need to be reviewed in order to create a balanced budget for Kansas and to avoid a depleted State General Fund. The first step may be to evaluate the revenue estimate to determine if it is realistic. If not, revising the estimate would provide a more accurate starting point for a plan to balance the budget. Strategic cuts may need to be made; however, determining the exact amount of the shortfall is a necessary precursor. I am not in favor of drastic cuts to education or transportation.

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 (25 words or less)?

Good economic development policy tells us that our state should not take steps toward reducing professional services therein. This kind of tax would drive some professional services out of Kansas, and we simply cannot take that kind of loss.

What are your views on K-12 school funding, including local control over funds raised and spent (75 words or less)?

Kansas schools are not adequately funded. I believe that local control should be utilized to evaluate the specific local need and associated costs. The recent aid given to school districts is negated by other factors such as increasing fixed costs, inflation, increasing student need, etc. Every child deserves a quality education.

What are your views on the adoption and implementation of the Common Core State Standards (50 words or less)?

I have talked to my daughters' teachers and they support the adoption and implementation of the Common Core State Standards as they allow local districts to exercise control in the development of curriculum. Allowing the districts, who are known for excellence, to select the materials to be used and determine how the standards are taught will prepare our children for success in a global economy.

What is your position on individual tax credits and other voucher-like programs for private school tuition (50 words or less)?

In my opinion, public funds used for vouchers for private education are a diversion of much needed public money to private education.

What types of economic development policies will you support to encourage job growth and business expansion in Kansas (50 words or less)?

State support for local development efforts will lead to job growth and business expansion in Kansas. Programs such as The Main Street Program and efforts to support bioscience initiatives will create jobs and grow Kansas.

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

While I understand that difficult economic times sometimes call for a reallocation of funds, I oppose the diversion of dedicated state highway funds. The fund is necessary to develop the state's transportation systems which in turn provide a safe environment for our communities, fuel job growth and maintain business retention.

What is your policy position on the state's role regarding immigration (50 words or less)?

I support reasonable immigration reform that is enforced at the federal level.

What are your views on energy policy (50 words or less)?

I support a balanced environmental approach that is healthy for the public and fair to business and industry. The Kansas renewable energy portfolio standards continue our path toward clean energy as well as create jobs.

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

I believe the most pressing issue facing Kansas today is the various budget shortfalls which are causing our most vital systems such as schools, businesses and infrastructure to struggle.

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

I am running for office to be a part of maintaining the quality of life our district expects. My priorities would be to work hard for constituents by being accessible, listening to input and acting as an independent thinker.