

Johnson County Public Policy Council
2016 State Senator/State Representative Candidate Questionnaire

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Occupation/Work History (last five years - 25 words or fewer):

Business Development Office Kaw Valley Engineering for 15 years

Other recent political/community experience (25 words or fewer):

3 term Sitting Overland Park City Councilman

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:

Overland Park, Lenexa, Olathe and Greater Kansas City

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

1. Budget, until the budget is fixed nothing else works we have to repair the structural imbalance in the bud
2. Schools
3. Transportation

What are your views on state tax policy? (100 words or fewer):

We need to go back to the 2012 tax policy and close the LLC loophole.

If Kansas faces a significant revenue shortfall in meeting its budget, how would you proposed to balance the budget? Please be specific. (100 words or fewer):

The answer is on the last question.

What are your views on K-12 school funding? In anticipation of a new funding formula/process, what are your priorities? (75 words or fewer):

We need a policy that works for ALL schools and gets us out of the court cases that are not productive.

What are your views on the state's role with respect to access and affordability of public higher education? (50 words or fewer):

The state has to help with the cost of higher education if we are to have a trained work force that will bring business to our state.

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

NO

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

Economic Development need to be done on a local level with help from the state.

Do you support or oppose maintaining the current dedicated sales tax transfer to the state highway fund for the purpose of funding transportation projects, or should transportation be subject to the appropriations process where legislators determine funding levels entirely? Explain. (75 words or fewer):

We need to maintain the current dedicated sales tax transfer and not take this funds from our transportation projects.

What is your policy position on the state's role regarding immigration and do you support employment-based immigration reforms to assist with workforce shortages in specified industries such as engineering? (50 words or fewer):

If we have a shortage in trained professionals we should bring in workers to fill those positions.

What role should state governments have in determining workplace employment practices and benefits offered to employees? (50 words or fewer):

They need to determine what the state should do and leave local decisions to local bodies.

What do you believe is the most pressing issue or challenge facing Kansas today and how would you address it? (75 words or fewer):

The budget, nothing works until the budget balance with spending and revenue matching. Our tax policy needs to be fixed. We borrow to spend that is a problem that has to be addressed.

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

We have a difference in our beliefs on budget, funding schools, on borrowing to spend.