

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):

Small Paint Contractor

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

House Rep. District 24 appointed summer of 2014, elected in 2014

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:

NE JC Chamber
Johnson County Democratic Party Executive Board

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

1. Medicaid Expansion
2. Sustainable Tax Policy
3. Protecting and Funding Public Education

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

We need to return to, or create, sustainable and equitable tax policy that meets the revenue needs of our state, and relies on the "three legged stool" of tax - property, income, and sales.

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):

Kansas does face a significant revenue shortfall. Please see the above comment regarding tax policy.

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):

As a father of students attending public school, I support the creation (or restoration of) a funding formula that meets constitutional muster, and provides students equal access to an adequate education.

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

Our universities and colleges provide the maximum bang for our investment buck. Dollar for dollar the state cannot get a better return on investment than the one provided by education. We must keep these schools attractive and affordable, so that young bright minds stay in our communities.

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

I oppose tax credits and vouchers. These programs have failed in other states, and our state can not afford the diversion of resources away from public schools which educate the vast majority of Kansas students.

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

I support medicaid expansion which is projected to bring about 4000 jobs to the state, and I support funding KDOT infrastructure projects, which, in addition to providing safe roadways, provide economic and job stimulus to communities across 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):

Support. With the make up of our current legislature, if this were subject to appropriations, the work would never be completed.

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):

Immigration policy is under the jurisdiction of the Federal government.

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

It is the state's role to ensure workplaces are safe, and that all employees have equal access to work and benefits.

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 need for a sustainable tax policy, and the need to protect our independent judiciary.
I support the creation of a tax policy that is fair and balanced, relying on the three sources of tax - income, sales, and property. We must eliminate the "march to zero" which will make our revenue shortfall worse. I oppose implementing a lowered mandatory retirement age for justices, and oppose amending the constitution to change how justices are appointed.

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

He is a Republican who supports Brownback's failed tax experiment, and who will provide a rubber stamp for Brownback's agenda.