

Johnson County Public Policy Council
2016 U.S. Congressional 3rd District Candidate Questionnaire

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

Employed with Sodexo Management Services since 20/23/80. In current role oversees the company's healthcare operation in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, South Dakota, and Northeast Oklahoma

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

Past commissioner of Kansas City Kansas Housing Authority for six years; Past President of Kansas State NAACP; Past Grand Master of Kansas Prince Hall Masonry

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:

No

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

1. Fiscal Discipline and balance federal budget
2. National Security
3. Post secondary education

What are your views on the national economy and tax policy? (100 words or fewer):

I am opposed to any income tax increases or taxed on small businesses. I would propose a zero based methodology when preparing the federal budget; I would propose that other than: national security, military spending; Social Security; Medicare; Medicaid; education; and infrastructure maintenance; all other line items would have to budget a 1.5% annual reduction in spending for eight years. I would require an annual review of all financial aid to foreign countries and only support if justification hurdles of national interest are met. Savings from these initiatives can go toward lowering taxes and thereby giving consumers cash to spend.

What are your views on the Affordable Care Act? (50 words or fewer):

I would not be in favor of repealing the entire Act. Many Americans benefit from the legislation. I would recommend that a Congressional Commission be established to ascertain the negative impact the legislation has had on small business and capitalism in general. Appropriate changes should then be made to the Act to offset any negative impacts ascertained.

What are your views on national energy policy? (50 words or fewer):

While supportive of green initiatives that use reusable energy sources such as wind, solar and water, I believe our national energy policy must include carbon based energy sources such as oil, coal and gas also. The energy industry is an important industry within our state of Kansas. Therefore, keeping the industry strong in Kansas will help keep Kansas strong.

What are your views on the long-term funding solutions for transportation programs? (50 words or fewer):

As alluded to earlier, financial discipline at the federal level can free up budget dollars to be reinvested into infrastructure such as our transportation programs.

What is your position on increasing the federal minimum wage, the new overtime pay rules and other federal workplace mandates? (75 words or fewer):

I am not oppose increasing the federal minimum wage to no more than \$10.10 because this ceiling has already been approved by a prior Congress. I am oppose to any changes in the overtime pay rules. Other than reasonable work safety rules, and rules that protect equal rights guaranteed by the Constitution, I am opposed to workplace mandates.

How would you address the regulatory uncertainty at the federal level that continues to hinder business and economic development? (75 words or fewer):

The first step in addressing the regulatory uncertainty is to develop a rapport with the Department of Commerce and the Small Business Administration in order to establish a candid and open dialogue to work to remove the speed bump that hinder economic development.

What are your views on national immigration policy? Do you support employment-based immigration reforms to assist with workforce shortages in specified industries such as engineering? (50 words or fewer):

This country is primarily a country of immigrants. I believe undocumented immigrants should have a path to citizenship. I am open to employment-based immigration reforms to assist with workforce shortages as defined above, but such reforms must clearly state the parameters and the guidelines of such immigration must be clearly defined as not to impact American citizens first preferences.

Do you support or oppose the Marketplace Fairness Act, which would enable state governments to collect sales tax from online retailers with no physical presence in their state? Briefly explain. (50 words or fewer):

What do you believe is the appropriate balance between data privacy and national security? (50 words or fewer):

I defer to the Courts to determine this balance since due process before property or person, or privacy is seized is a right guaranteed by our Constitution. The above issue you pose is a matter to be resolved by those trained in law.

What do you believe distinguishes you from your opponent(s)? (50 words or fewer):

1. I will not always tow the party line but will vote for what my experiences and research tell me is in the best interest of Kansas and America.
2. I will work to end the gridlock in Washington
3. Since my campaign is basically a self funded venture, I am not owing to any lobbyist or group, but to voters.