

Johnson County Public Policy Council
2018 Kansas Governor Candidate Questionnaire

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Occupation/Work History (last 5 years – 25 words or less):

White House Fellow under Presidents Reagan and Bush. Surgeon. State Representative. State Senator. Lt. Governor. Humanitarian. Governor.

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 have worked closely with chamber leaders and members for many years to grow the Kansas economy. My medical practice was associated with the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce in the past as well.

Other recent political/community experience? (25 words or less)

White House Fellow under Presidents Reagan and Bush. State Representative. State Senator. Lt. Governor. Governor.

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

Education: Invest in education, improve outcomes. Economy: Working with local leaders to bring quality jobs to Kansas. Quality of Life: Maintain and upgrade infrastructure, improve health outcomes, and increase wages.

What are your views on state tax policy, being as specific as you can? (100 words or less)

I support keeping taxes low, fair, and easy for everyone to understand. I will veto any legislation that raises state property taxes on families and businesses.

With record low unemployment rates, what would you do to grow and develop the state's workforce? (75 words or less)

First, we must raise the skillset of our entire workforce by investing in education, tech ed, higher ed, and other workforce development initiatives. Second, we need to pick up those that have been left behind and help everyone participate with initiatives such as My (Re)Employment Plan and kscareernav.gov.

What are your views on funding K-12 education? (75 words or less)

I view K-12 funding as an investment in our future, not a burden on taxpayers. I was pleased to sign legislation this year that increased K-12 funding more than \$500 million dollars. Public education has a friend in the Governor's Office.

What would your priorities be in any new statewide transportation plan? (50 words or less)

1. Safety 2. Maintaining our current infrastructure 3. Improve and expand transportation infrastructure in growth areas for economic development.

Do you support maintaining the current dedicated sales tax transfer to the State Highway Fund for the purpose of funding transportation infrastructure, or should transportation be subject to the appropriations process where legislators determine funding levels entirely? (50 words or less)

I support maintaining the dedicated sales tax transfer to the SHF. Most importantly, I support reducing and eventually ending SHF sweeps to the SGF as our fiscal situation improves. I look forward to learning the thoughts of the new Transportation Vision Task Force on these issues as well.

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

Low taxes, reasonable and low regulation. Maintaining our current economic development tools such as PEAK, HPIP and STAR Bonds.

What are your views on the state's role regarding immigration and do you support employment-based immigration reforms to assist with workforce shortages in specified industries? (50 words or less)

I support President Trump's efforts to end illegal immigration. I support his efforts to build the wall and improve border security. I support employer programs that use the legal immigration system to enhance our workforce.

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

I think we need to maintain state support for higher education to help keep tuition low. I was pleased to sign into law this year a small increase for higher education and fully fund the technical education program.

What are your views on healthcare policy and Medicaid expansion? (50 words or less)

I do not support Medicaid Expansion. I want to work with local health care leaders to develop Kansas solutions for Kansas challenges. I was pleased to sign into law Medicaid rate increases for Kansas hospitals and nursing homes, and will continue to work on addressing mental health issues.

What do you believe is the most pressing issue or challenge facing Kansas today and how would you address it? (50 words or less)

My greatest dream is to help make Kansas the place where our kids see our future. To make that happen, we need to have a great education system, a great quality of life, and great jobs provided by a growing economy.

What project have you been most proud to work on? (50 words or less)

In my short time as Governor, I was most proud to work on the education bill that increased state funding to K-12 by more than \$500 million. I enjoyed working with local school board members, teachers, parents, and many others to make sure the legislature passed a good bill.

What do you believe most distinguishes you from your opponent(s)? (50 words or less)

I am a servant leader. I want to work with you. I will listen to you. I know the best ideas don't come from Topeka. You've had the chance to kick the tires and see what kind of Governor I am. And I hope I have earned your support.