

Johnson County Public Policy Council  
2018 Kansas State Representative Candidate Questionnaire

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

KCKCC Prometric Testing

**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:**

N/A

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

Blood donor

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

Healthcare. Mental Health. Criminal justice.

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

Taxes should be fair. It takes money to run a government. Many countries give you line items of how much of your taxes went to each program. I think people would like to see that.

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

Support legislation that continues to allow new career pathways.

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

I think education as a whole needs to be looked at. I think a good portion of students are failed by the education system. Graduating high school doesn't mean much to employers anymore.

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

Priority one would be the environmental impact. I'd want to see what habitats if any would be affected. After that I would be looking at how many people this could benefit.

**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)

The highway sales tax should stay as it is currently.

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

A lot of hospitals are understaffed. There needs to be more education for doctors and nurses. Trades need educated workers too.

**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 legal immigration.

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

The state cannot succeed if there are not educated peoples living inside of it.

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

Healthcare coverage is a necessity for everyone. Everyone should have healthcare.

**What role should state government have in determining workplace employment practices and benefits offered to employees?** (50 words or less)

Kansas workers deserve protection.

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

Affordable housing. Supporting legislation for affordable housing.

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

Answering this survey has given me quite the sense of pride.

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

I'm more inexperienced.