

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):

I substitute teach during the school year and I work part time for a Parks and Rec Department.

**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:**

Not Applicable

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

I currently Chair the Northeast Johnson County Conservatives and volunteer at the Johnson County Republican Party Office.

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

Taxes - Reduce spending and taxes on Kansans Education. Ensure money is reaching teachers and students in the classroom. Healthcare/Mental Health - Provide services needed to our citizens

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

I believe Kansas taxes are too high, and are a detriment to bringing and keeping residents and businesses in Kansas. We need to curb government spending and bring taxes down to entice businesses into our state and keep the people of Kansas spending their dollars here. We must cut government spending and bring taxes down to compete with bordering states. We currently have the highest tax rate of the five states in our surrounding area.

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

Besides lowering taxes, I would give tax breaks to current businesses who hire employees so they can grow their businesses. New businesses need help with tax incentives to get started and remain up and running. We need to entice new businesses to move across the borders from other states so we can capture those taxes brought in by those out of state businesses.

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

I would like to see more accountability from the school districts on how the money is being spent. I think that scores are indicative of how current money is being spent and that priorities need to shift to the students, teachers, and curriculum. I want audits done by the state to show the tax payers where the funding is being distributed throughout the districts.

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

The safety of the public is crucial. The roads, highways and bridges should be checked with consistency, and repaired or replaced. The current T-Works system has proven a success and we should develop a long-term plan working with the private sector, the Kansas Department of Transportation, and the Kansas contractors.

**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 current dedicated sales tax transfer to the State Highway Fund to fund our transportation infrastructure. I would like to see the funding used for the purpose intended, and not diverted to other non-transportation purposes.

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

I support lower taxes to businesses, less regulations on those businesses, and support lower property taxes on businesses. All businesses should be charged fairly for property taxes, no matter the size. Sales tax should drive what businesses pay to the state, not the size of their property.

**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 employment-based immigration reforms to address workforce shortages in specified industries. I also support a guest worker visa program as part of comprehensive immigration reform.

**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 the State's role should be to provide support for public higher education in preparation for students to enter the future workforce. Funding should be used for college-bound students or for trades training. There should be demonstrated accountability for the funds being distributed.

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

I believe we need more insurance choices for the people of Kansas to make the market more competitive for businesses and individuals, just as we have for auto insurance. Medicaid expansion is not sustainable in its present form and will lead to higher costs to the state.

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

The state should be involved only if it affects the safety of a company's employees or if it affects wages, per law. Benefits should be determined by the businesses, allowing them to determine what their business costs can bear.

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

The education lawsuit has affected the Kansas budget. It has been a large factor in driving budget decisions and needs to be addressed. Since there seems to be no end in sight, a Constitutional Amendment may be needed to stop future lengthy lawsuits of this type.

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

As a previous manager, I was brought in to bring up the morale of the group of people I was managing. I focused on the things that created a more positive work environment and measured it by the reduced turn over that we saw in the department.

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

I am open to listening to both sides of an issue before making a decision on a vote. I believe that my views better reflect the views of the constituents in House District 16.