

Johnson County Public Policy Council
2018 U.S. Congressional 3rd District Candidate Questionnaire

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

After being a Vice-President at ADM for 25 years I left and started my own financial firm that helps people make solid financial decisions.

If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list what organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held:

N/A

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

I am currently on the Zoning Board for my city.

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

The three top priorities for our district are ensuring a working and functional healthcare system, an economy that works for all Americans, and protecting our public education system.

What are your views on the federal tax policy changes approved last December, known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act? (100 words or less)

These tax cuts put a marginally small amount of money in people's pocket and in return gave tax breaks to the largest corporations, this is a problem that we must address. Growing gaps between those that are accumulating wealth rapidly and those that can't afford to put food on the table worry me. We must work on building a tax code that prioritizes investments into American opportunity rather than sheer wealth accumulation.

What are your views on long-term funding solutions for transportation infrastructure? (75 words or less)

Gallup stated recently that 69% of Americans think that the Government should enact a program to strengthen infrastructure, and I would count myself among those. I believe that we must modernize our infrastructure to the America of 2018, but also modernize in a sustainable way that makes our communities more integrated in the future so that we don't have today's problem of doing 2018 business through a system built in the Eisenhower days.

What are your views on international trade and tariffs? (75 words or less)

I believe we walk a tightrope when it comes to international trade, on one hand we want to protect our domestic production, but on the other hand we must ensure our products can be sold abroad

without harmful tariffs. Our priority must be on ensuring American businesses are able to succeed both here in America and abroad, and that our American workers are leading that process.

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

The Federal Government should ensure that businesses are complying with all laws of the land, especially as we've seen an increase in sexual harassment to women in the workplace, and we must work to close the pay gap between Men and Women.

What are your views on national environmental policy? (50 words or less)

We must ensure that our environment stays sustainable for us and our future generations. Nothing we do matters if we don't have an Earth that is habitable for us live on.

What do you see as the federal government's role in workforce development? (50 words or less)

America needs to be better prepared for the needs of both today and tomorrow. That starts with affordable college and alternatives like technical education, but it also includes improving the Grant system to better prioritize national initiatives like STEM, so that our workforce is meeting our skill needs more appropriately.

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

I believe that immigration is an important part of our country. For too long the system has been broken. Yes we must meet the skill needs of our industries, but we must also ensure a fair and humane system, that welcomes our new next door neighbors instead of caging them

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

The Affordable Care Act was a good starting place to improve health care, but we cannot stop here, we must work to ensure that the next evolution of health care ends up being better to our citizens and not just to our insurance companies.

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

First of all, we need to fully modernize the way our federal and state governments do technology, especially sensitive data, like voter information. Any cooperation with the government by private companies must be specific, targeted, and well-reasoned.

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

I'm most proud to be a father. It's been a long-term project for sure and sometimes it's not so easy to have two teenage daughters and a wife who's just as driven as I am, but at the end of the day, it's been my life's greatest project.

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

I'm a true fighter, and this is my community, my home that I am fighting for. For years, we've had representation in Washington that not only didn't listen, but didn't fight for us. Our district needs that, and I am the experienced fighter that will ensure our voices are heard.