

Johnson County Public Policy Council
2016 State Senator/State Representative Candidate Questionnaire

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

I'm currently a marketing consultant on a contract basis and a package handler at UPS. I've earned private sector paychecks since I was 10 years old.

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

Seven years of service with the Youth Volunteer Corps of Greater Kansas City, including two years as president of its Youth Advisory Board.

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

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

1. Fiscal Responsibility
2. Strong Public Schools
3. Opportunity For All

What are your views on state tax policy? (100 words or fewer):

I support fair taxes where everyone pays their share to support the services Kansans expect and deserve. Instead of getting bogged down in partisan gridlock over big government or small government, I support focusing on responsible government to serve Kansans. The fat of the Kansas budget was cut during the Great Recession. Now, we are chipping bone and worse. Local elected officials should have control over their own revenue streams, without interference from Topeka.

If Kansas faces a significant revenue shortfall in meeting its budget, how would you proposed to balance the budget? Please be specific. (100 words or fewer):

I will vote to support: 1) Ending the Sam Brownback/Greg Smith tax experiment and ensuring the more than 330,000 business owners are no longer exempt from paying Kansas income tax. 2) Tax relief for Kansans by eliminating the sales tax on groceries. Kansans pay the highest tax on food in the nation and most states don't have a grocery tax. 3) Structurally balance the budget and establish a rainy day fund to prevent future credit downgrades and create stability for the Kansas economy and important services.

What are your views on K-12 school funding? In anticipation of a new funding formula/process, what are your priorities?(75 words or fewer):

I will vote to support: 1) Ending the disastrous "Block Grants" for education that keeps funding for schools flat even as their enrollment and needs rise. 2) Restoring, fully-funding and improving the school finance formula to ensure that Johnson County maintains the quality of education that our citizens have come to expect. 3) Ensure "In the classroom" spending goes beyond the classroom to the counselors, nurses, librarians, reading aides and other staff who help our children succeed.4.) Expand STEM education program funding to help students prepare for a global economy.

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

Accessible and affordable public higher education is an investment in our future. The state legislature should do what it can to attract young talent to Kansas, and that includes investing in higher education.

What is your position on individual tax credits and other voucher-like programs for private school tuition? (50 words or fewer):

I do not support using taxpayer dollars to fund private schools.

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

I will vote to support: 1) Austere but adequate funding for the services Kansans expect and deserve, such as our roads and bridges, health facilities, and other support services. 2.) Provide resources for proven successful economic development tools that create 21st-century jobs. 3) Proper funding for our public colleges and universities as well as workforce training programs.

Do you support or oppose maintaining the current dedicated sales tax transfer to the state highway fund for the purpose of funding transportation projects, or should transportation be subject to the appropriations process where legislators determine funding levels entirely? Explain. (75 words or fewer):

I support maintaining the current structure, but removing Gov. Brownback's "sweeps" from the equation. Our infrastructure is important for our future.

What is your policy position on the state's role regarding immigration and do you support employment-based immigration reforms to assist with workforce shortages in specified industries such as engineering? (50 words or fewer):

Immigration reform must be dealt with appropriately at the federal level. In Kansas, we must strive to ensure opportunity for all our residents and encourage productivity.

What role should state governments have in determining workplace employment practices and benefits offered to employees?(50 words or fewer):

The state government should work with employers to ensure that workers are treated fairly and have equal opportunity to succeed.

What do you believe is the most pressing issue or challenge facing Kansas today and how would you address it? (75 words or fewer):

Fiscal responsibility. Kansas desperately needs the "shot of adrenaline" it was promised in 2012 by Governor Sam Brownback, Senator Greg Smith and their fellow Brownback Republicans. That boost to our great state never materialized and instead the bad news just keeps coming. We need new leadership that will make Kansas a dynamic place to live. Where our kids and their teachers have the resources they need to succeed. Where our young people feel like they can live and work here at home instead of moving elsewhere. And where our families, elderly and disabled can have a high quality of life.

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

I'm the only one ready to think big and unleash the true potential Kansas has to offer. The state's Brownback Republican leadership is thinking small and rehashing failed 1980s trickle-down, "VooDoo Economic" experiments. When people think of Kansas, they should think of innovation and something refreshing. We need to be thinking about how to become the renewable energy hub of the nation and how to grow "Silicon Prairie." And we need our schools to be the best in the nation, the hallmark of our state. We don't have beaches and mountains, but we do have lots of reasons why people should want to live and work here.