

**MainPAC Candidate Survey
August 2, 2022 Kansas Primary Elections**



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Campaign Website: Not yet

Candidate Rating: 100%

Q1. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about transparency in state and local government? *(Available points: 2)*

- A. State and local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances. (2)
- B. Transparency is important, but should sometimes be secondary to efficiency. (1)
- C. The people vote for a candidate because they trust them, so transparency is not as important for elected officials as for other public leaders. (0)

Candidate Answer: State and local government should be as transparent as is legally possible in all circumstances.

Candidate Comment:

Q2. Do you support the expansion of Medicaid in Kansas? *(Available points: 2)*

- A. Yes (2)
- B. I support expansion of Medicaid with additional eligibility requirements and work incentives. (1)
- C. No (0)

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment:

Q3. Do you support allocating additional resources specifically for implementing/expanding mental health programs? *(Available points: 2)*

- A. Yes (2)
- B. No (0)

Candidate Answer: Yes

Candidate Comment:

Q4. To what degree do you believe that diversity in representation at all levels of government is critical to effective governing? *(Available points: 2)*

- A. Diversity is important to consider (2)

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- B. Diversity should not be considered (0)

Candidate Answer: Diversity is important to consider

Candidate Comment:

Q5. Which of the following statements most closely aligns with your view of K-12 public schools? (Available points: 2)

- A. Public money should only be used to support public schools. (2)
- B. It is sometimes appropriate to allow public money to be used for private school tuition. (1)
- C. Public money should be used to support all schools, regardless of their public or private status. (0)

Candidate Answer: Public money should only be used to support public schools.

Candidate Comment: I am a strong advocate for public schools, having been a public school educator for 28 years. Public schools provide a path for all children to succeed.

Q6. What is your stance on the role religious beliefs should play in policy decisions? (Available points: 2)

- A. I support the Constitutional guarantee of the separation of religion and government in the development of public policy and my votes. (2)
- B. I will respect the separation of religion and government in policy development, but my personal religious beliefs strongly influence my views and votes. (1)
- C. My personal religious beliefs will be the driving factor in policy decisions and my votes. (0)

Candidate Answer: I support the Constitutional guarantee of the separation of religion and government in the development of public policy and my votes.

Candidate Comment:

Q7. In the most recent state legislative session there was a vote regarding changing the time period when advance voting ballots can be returned and regulating the use of remote ballot boxes for the return of such ballots. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about voting methods and access? (Available points: 2)

- A. I support limits on both advance voting and the use of remote ballot boxes (2)
- B. I support wide use of advance voting and secure remote ballot boxes (1)

Candidate Answer: I support wide use of advance voting and secure remote ballot boxes

Candidate Comment:

Q8. In the most recent state legislative session there was a vote pertaining to amending the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas to regulate abortion through elected state representatives and senators. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion about removing the right to abortion as afforded by the Kansas Constitution? (Available points: 2)

- A. I support the proposed constitutional amendment as a way to further restrict abortion which may include a total ban. (0)

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- B. I oppose the constitutional amendment and I support reproductive rights as currently guaranteed in the Kansas Constitution. (2)

Candidate Answer: I oppose the constitutional amendment and I support reproductive rights as currently guaranteed in the Kansas Constitution.

Candidate Comment: The decision to vote on this amendment in the primary instead of the general election, where traditionally more people vote, is contrary to a Representative Democracy.

Q9. In the most recent state legislative session, there was legislation vetoed regarding the rights of transgender girls to participate in school-sponsored sports. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion? (Available points: 2)

- A. Student athletes should only be allowed to participate in sports with members who are the same assigned sex at birth. (0)
B. Student athletes should be allowed to participate in sports with members of the gender with which they identify. (2)

Candidate Answer: Student athletes should be allowed to participate in sports with members of the gender with which they identify.

Candidate Comment: I believe KSHSAA is probably better suited to make decisions on this topic than the state legislature.

Q10. Which of the following statements best aligns with your opinion on redistricting? *
(Available points: 2)

- A. Manipulating the boundaries of a voting district to favor one party is a legitimate political tool available to the majority party. (0)
B. Manipulating the boundaries of a voting district to favor one party while ignoring communities of interest should be rejected by legislative leaders and the courts. (2)

Candidate Answer: Manipulating the boundaries of a voting district to favor one party while ignoring communities of interest should be rejected by legislative leaders and the courts.

Candidate Comment:

Q11. In the most recent state legislative session, there was legislation referred to as a “parents’ bill of rights” that was vetoed. Do you think it’s appropriate for the state legislature to pass laws dictating district-level school policies and procedures rather than local and state school boards? (Available points: 2)

- A. Yes (0)
B. No (2)

Candidate Answer: No

Candidate Comment:

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Q12. How do you understand the role (the duties, responsibilities, and scope) of the position you are seeking?

Candidate Answer: It is my responsibility to get to know the people in my district so that I can represent them.

It is my job to be an active and informed legislator. It is also my job to keep my constituents informed about issues being decided in the legislature. It is not the responsibility of the legislature to micro-manage everything that is going on in the state.

Q13. From which other organizations have you received endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none)

Candidate Answer: KNEA

Q14. From which other organizations are you seeking endorsements? (Enter "n/a" if none)

Candidate Answer: N/A

Q15. If there's anything else you'd like to add to this survey please do so here.

Candidate Answer:

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