

2018 Candidate Questionnaire

Carl Brewer - Governor

Q1: Contact Information

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Q2: What elected office are you running for? Governor

Q3: Are you an incumbent or a challenger for the seat? Challenger

Q4: What is your party affiliation? Democrat

Q5: Please list your current occupation. Retired

Q6: Please list any education or training (degrees, certificates, etc.)

Friends University Southern University and A&M College. BA in Criminal Justice Kansas Army National Guard Military Training: - Officer Candidate School - Advanced Non-Commission Officer Course - 11B Infantry School

Q7: Please list any previous public offices you have held, including both elected and appointed positions.

Mayor at City of Wichita, KS - Twice elected and served eight years before being term limited out. (2007-2015) District 1 City Council Member at City of Wichita, KS - Twice elected and served six years before being elected mayor (2001-2007)

Q8: Briefly describe why you are running for the Legislature.

I am running governor to get Kansas back on track, because over the past eight years Governors Brownback and Colyer have allowed the great state of Kansas to veer far off track. We need predictable and responsible leadership as opposed to experiments, especially in regards to our budget, economy, K-12 and higher education, equal rights, infrastructure maintenance and expansion, gun safety and gun violence prevention, healthcare access, immigration, local control, public safety, social services, voting rights, and more.

Home Rule and Cities

Q9: Do you support the principle of local control and oppose state preemption of local authority? Yes

Q10: Please explain your answer and philosophy toward local control.

I support local elected officials making decisions for their communities, including local affairs, revenue and tax decisions. Cities power of home rule is spelled out in the Kansas Constitution, Article 12 section 5.

Local Elections

Q11: Do you support allowing local elections to remain non-partisan and separate from state and national elections? Yes

Q12: Please explain why or why not.

The current system is working well, and there is no need for legislative overreach from the capitol on local election matters.

Property Tax Lid

Q13: Do you support a city's ability to set a budget without state restrictions? Yes

Q14: Please explain why or why not.

In my experience the state imposes restriction on municipal budget authority when the legislature has had to raise taxes in a crisis. Most recently in imposing a property tax lid.

Transportation

Q15: Do you support collaboration between the State of Kansas and local governments to identify alternatives? Yes

Q16: Do you oppose the diversion of monies used for transportation infrastructure away from KDOT and into the state general fund? Yes

Q17: Please explain your position on these two questions.

Alternatives will only come from working across jurisdictional lines and with multiple governmental entities. KDOT and TWORKS funding should be preserved exclusively for their intended purposes.

Unfunded Mandates

Q18: Will you oppose the imposition of unfunded mandates on local government? Yes

Q19: If not, under what circumstances would you impose unfunded mandates on cities?

Perhaps only for narrow, and well planned, public safety risk issues.

Property Tax Base and Exemptions

Q20: Do you oppose granting additional, permanent tax exemptions and further eroding the property tax base. Yes

Q21: Please explain why or why not.

Incentives for economic development investment must eventually yield dividends for the people of Kansas. Permanent tax exemptions produce an unfair, corporate welfare relationship.

City Elected Officials and the Legislative Process

Q22: Do you support cities' current ability to participate in the legislative process. No

Q23: Please explain why or why not.

The legislative strictures recently enacted by the legislature should be repealed. In addition, chairs of legislative committees should by rule have to provide courteous opportunity for testimony from its intergovernmental partners.

Q24: What do you believe are the five most important issues in the upcoming legislative session?

Issue #1	Protect the vitality of industry across Kansas and grow our economy throughout the state.
Issue #2	Fully fund K-12 public education, and increase availability and reduce cost for post-secondary education and training programs.
Issue #3	Expand medicaid and make healthcare and prescription treatments accessible to all; this should include medical marijuana.
Issue #4	Provide better public safety, including our current state institutions, and new legislation that decriminalizes and legalizes marijuana, and new gun safety legislation to protect everyone from gun violence.
Issue #5	Protect the rights for every person that calls Kansas home or visits our state equally. To include ensuring the rights of Kansas voters.

Q25: What legislation do you hope to introduce in the upcoming legislative session? If the legislation involves cities and you would like the League to consider supporting, would you share a copy of your legislation with us?

I will support current legislative efforts to fully fund education, rollback the sales tax on food to zero, increase transparency, and expand medicaid. I will work with our legislators to see bills introduced that will end the KanCare privatized health system, legalize marijuana including for medical purposes, and restore previous local home rule authority stripped from our cities and counties. In addition I will see and number of gun violence and safety bills introduced, supported and signed.