

. The League of Kansas Municipalities would like to know more about you, and your legislative positions on issues that affect cities. This questionnaire asks your perspectives on state issues that impact Kansas cities and their residents. This information will be shared with cities in your district.

Please complete this questionnaire by Monday, July 15, 2024.

The League of Kansas Municipalities mission is to serve as the convener, advocate, and trusted voice for Kansas local governments. It is a membership association that advocates on behalf of cities, offers training and guidance to appointed and elected officials, and has a clear purpose of strengthening our communities. Since 1910, the League has been a resource for cities and served as a body to share ideas, facilitate communication between members and provide information on best practices for city operations.

Our nearly 550 members consist of the largest and smallest cities. The membership also consists of dozens of Kansas counties. The League is governed through a governing body of elected officials and city-appointed staff. If you have inquiries about this questionnaire, contact [Spencer Duncan](#) or 785-354-9565. If you have any technical issues with the survey, contact [Wendi Stark](#) or 785-354-9565.

Thank you for running for office, serving the people of Kansas, and understanding the importance of building relationships between our state government and the local governments of Kansas. We appreciate you taking the time to answer these questions.

Spencer Duncan
Government Affairs Director

Q1. Candidate Information

Angela Martinez
Kansas House of Representatives, District 103
Democratic

Q1.1. Contact Information

Please provide preferred contact information. This will be made available to cities in your district.

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Campaign Website

Q1.2. Please list your current occupation.

Direct Care Youth Counselor

Q1.3. Have you held any elected public office previously?

Yes

No

Q1.3.1. What position(s) did you hold?

State Representative Ks District 103

Q1.4. Please briefly describe why you are running for the Legislature.

There's a myriad of reasons as to why I am running for the Legislature. I'd say the biggest reason is that I see the direction that our country and state are headed and the future is grim. Our democratic values are at risk, our young people are in dire straits. If I can engage folks on a larger scale to support the issues that matter such as healthcare for all, a tax system that is fair for the working class, a superior education system, a competitive job market with wages that afford a quality life, and public safety just to name a few, then that is my contribution to a brighter future for Kansans. My lived experience allows me to relate to the many injustices that have plagued people who have no voice. I am an everyday person who wants to represent everyday people

Q2. Constitutional Home Rule

City home rule was established by the voters in Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution. This reflects citizen's recognition that each city is unique, with differing levels of service, community expectations, and varying geographical and financial circumstances.

Q2.1. Do you support the principle of local control?

Yes

No

Q2.2. Do you oppose state preemption of local authority?

Yes

No

Q2.3. What do you believe is the role of local government?

The role of local government is to govern over localities through boards committees and such. They are closest to these entities and most of the time best equipped to make the decisions in which they are governed.

Q2.4. Provide any additional comments you may have:

I believe state preemption of local authority is in order when it benefits the best interests of particular issues. In my opinion this is a no but yes question

Q3. Supporting Your Efforts

Your vision for Kansas is important, and when in office there will be times cities can support your efforts. The League's members want to make sure we understand your priorities and goals for serving the people of Kansas.

Q3.1. What are the two biggest challenges facing the district you will represent and how would you like to address them?

lack of quality healthcare, low voting I will continue to support efforts to address the above issues and advocate for Medicaid Expansion I continue to educate my district about how voting for candidates that support the issues that impact their lives increase the chances of passing laws that will afford services needed

Q3.2. What ideas do you have for improving quality of life for residents in your district?

I currently have workshops to address the Fentanyl crisis as well as meet with community leaders regarding what they are doing and what is needed to improve the lives of residents

Q3.3. What areas of improvement would you like to see from local governments in your district?

more community engagement about real issues

Q3.4. What do you believe will be the three most important issues of the 2025 Legislative Session?

Issue #1

legalization of marijuana

Issue #2

medicaid expansion

Issue #3

public safety

Q3.5. Will there be any specific legislation you plan to introduce during the 2025 Legislative Session?

In an effort to improve the direction of the lives of children I will be looking at Life Skills in Schools grades K-12

Q4. Property Taxes

City officials are elected to face many community challenges, including maintaining critical infrastructure and public safety. Due to the taxing structure in Kansas and economic realities that differ from community to community, property tax is frequently a primary funding source for local governments. The state also collects property taxes.

Q4.1. Do you believe the state and cities should work together to craft effective property tax policies?

Yes

No

Q4.2. Do you believe when the state passes tax laws it requires local governments to follow, that the same laws should apply to the State?

Yes

No

Q4.3. What strategies do you propose to help lower property taxes for residents, while ensuring the continued funding of essential city services such as roads and public safety?

Legalize and tax recreational marijuana, raise taxes on certain consumptions bad for health

Q5. Sales Tax Exemptions

Each year, the Legislature considers (and adopts) numerous sales tax exemptions. These exemptions apply to both local and state levies. Local sales taxes are voter approved, and often directed not just at essential city services but also specific projects, primarily infrastructure or community development.

Q5.1. Would you support having the exemptions approved by the Legislature apply only to state taxes, while leaving local voter-approved levies intact?

Yes

No

Q5.2. Provide any additional comments you may have:

Q6. Comparable Services

Cities currently work alongside businesses, including providing numerous incentives and taxpayer-funded development programs. Despite these strong relationships and incentives, there are elected officials who believe businesses should be exempt from property taxes if a government entity supports a comparable service. For example, that a childcare provider should be property-tax exempt if a city supports childcare programs for citizens.

Q6.1. Do you believe businesses should not pay property taxes if they consider a city program comparable to its operations?

Yes

No

Q6.2. If a for-profit business no longer pays property taxes because of comparable programs offered by a city, should that business remain eligible to receive other taxpayer incentives and tax breaks?

Yes

No

Q6.3. Please provide suggestions for what criteria you believe should be used to determine if a business and city are providing comparable services.

low income childcare providers and senior care centers

Q7. Collaboration & Cooperation

State laws that directly impact cities, particularly regulatory issues, and tax policies, tend to be developed without input from cities. However, by working together, city and state governments can create a more cohesive, effective, and responsive governance system that better serves the needs of Kansans.

Q7.1. Do you believe city and state governments should collaborate in developing policies?

- Yes
 No

Q7.2. Do you believe collaboration between city and state governments can lead to more efficient use of resources?

- Yes
 No

Q7.3. Do you support state policies that create unfunded mandates for local governments?

- Yes
 No

Q7.4. Are you open to ensuring you hear feedback from cities in your district before you vote on legislation that directly impacts those cities?

- Yes
 No

Q7.5. Explain your answer and/or provide any additional comments:

Q8.1. Final Comments

Please use this final space to provide any comments you would like to add to this questionnaire or add any information you want the cities of Kansas to know about you.

Embedded Data

District: 103

Office: Kansas House of Representatives

Party: Democratic

Ballot City: Wichita

Candidate: Angela Martinez

Location Data

Location: [\(37.7698, -97.4329\)](#)

Source: GeoIP Estimation

