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Q1

Candidate Information

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Party Affiliation	**Democrat**

Q2

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

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Q3

Please list your current occupation.

CDL Delivery Driver

Q4

Please briefly describe why you are running for the Legislature.

I'm running to protect the rights of everyone in Kansas; to improve the funding and function of our public education system; to improve healthcare access and quality, as well as to reduce the cost thereof; to help make Kansas a happier and healthier state; and to make Kansas an affordable place to live and a place where anyone can thrive.

Q5

If you have held any elected public office previously, what position(s) did you hold?

NA

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Q6 **Yes**

Do you support the principle of local control?

Q7 **Yes**

Do you oppose state preemption of local authority?

Q8

What do you believe is the role of local government?

To make decisions about issues that may be unique/particular to certain locales on matters that do not necessarily/universally apply to the rest of the state.

Q9

Provide any additional comments you may have:

I prefer to abide by the principles of local control, and will defer to local governments whenever possible and conscionable, should I be so fortunate as to serve in the Kansas Legislature this cycle.

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Q10

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

1) Cost of living: Property taxes have gotten awfully high, in large part, because our lawmakers have not adequately funded public schools, forcing school districts to increase local tax rates.

2: Healthcare: 41 of the states in the union have realized that a ~1000% return on investment is good state policy, and have expanded their Medicaid programs. Kansas, in the company of AL, MS, TN, TX, etc. remains among the nine that have not. I would work to get KS over the line, so that we can take advantage of the several-hundred-Million dollars in federal funds that we leave on the table every year. This will save ALL of us Kansans money, create over 20,000 healthcare-industry jobs, and help more than 150,000 of our brothers and sisters around the state access the healthcare they need but do not have. This change is an economic and moral imperative for our state.

Q11

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

I want to foster agricultural practices that make food more nutritious and delicious. I want to protect natural areas around the state and increase public access to the natural beauty of Kansas. I want to make Kansas tax policy work for the working class, so that all Kansans can thrive, not just survive.

Q12

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

I desperately want to see our local governments (municipalities) end parking mandates (minimum parking requirements). The uninitiated may balk at my words, so if you're a layperson, please skip this, but:

The consequences of this antiquated and wrong-headed policy have been (and continue to be) disastrous. We MUST support infill development for a brighter future, and that simply isn't possible when city governments purport to know the business, clientele, and parking needs of/on properties better than their owners.

Rather, cities should be looking at parking MAXIMUMS/CEILINGS, in order to mitigate storm water runoff and urban heat island; traffic congestion, travel distance, and travel speed; and the excessive mileage of infrastructure (pipes, lines, cables, raod surface, etc.) needed to serve our bloated towns.

As KS's population grows, it needs to fill in the empty space and make economic benefit of the dead space in towns before thinking of expanding/annexing outwards, which I generally discourage.

Q13

What do you believe will be the three most important issues of the 2027 Legislative session?

Issue #1	**Rights (think human rights, voting rights, civil liberties)**
Issue #2	**Education (funding and supporting a robust and competitive public education system)**
Issue #3	**Taxes (reforming our tax system to more appropriately tax the wealthy and provide excellent public services to all)**

Q14

Will there be any specific legislation you plan to introduce during the 2027 Legislative session?

I will sponsor legislation that improves public health, protects the environment, and fosters economic opportunity and material security for all.

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Q15 **Yes**

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

Q16 **Yes**

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

Q17

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?

Already addressed in prior answers

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Q18 **Yes**

Do you support placing sunsets on sales tax exemptions so they can be reviewed in future years?

Q19

Do you support a review of all current sales tax exemptions?

Yes

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Q20

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

No

Q21

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

Q22

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

No opinion.

The Comparable Services section in this survey is not one that I feel is top-priority to me. In general, I am opposed to most tax breaks and sponsored incentives for businesses.

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Q23

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

Yes

Q24

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

Yes

Q25

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

No

Q26

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

Yes

Q27

Explain your answer and/or provide any additional comments:

Respondent skipped this question

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Q28

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.

If I'm elected, everything I do will be for the good of everyday Kansans and the world we share. Please reach out to me if you have an insight or opinion to share about a policy issue at the state level. Thank you.