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Q1

Candidate Information

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Party Affiliation	**Republican**

Q2

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Q3

Please list your current occupation.

Financial Advisor and Farmer

Q4

Please briefly describe why you are running for office.

I am running for reelection to continue putting my financial experience to work for Kansas taxpayers. Over the past four years, we have earned hundreds of millions in additional interest, lowered costs for Kansas families, and improved how public funds are managed. I want to build on those results and continue providing the responsible financial leadership Kansans deserve.

Q5

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

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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?

Local government is closest to the people and best equipped to understand and respond to the needs of its communities. I believe decisions should be made at the level of government closest to those affected, where elected officials are directly accountable to the people they serve.

Q9

Provide any additional comments you may have:

As a general principle, I believe decisions are best made at the level of government closest to the people. I oppose unnecessary state interference in matters best handled locally. However, there are circumstances where statewide consistency is appropriate, and each situation should be evaluated on its merits while respecting the authority of local governments.

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Q10

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

Yes

Q11

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

Q12

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?

I understand the burden they place on Kansas families. My focus is on maximizing investment earnings and improving financial efficiency so taxpayer dollars go further while ensuring essential services remain funded.

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Q13

Do you support collaboration between the State of Kansas and local government to identify alternatives?

Yes

Q14

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

Yes

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Q15

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

Yes

Q16

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

Yes

Q17

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

No

Q18

Explain your answer and/or provide any additional comments:

I believe the state should carefully consider the financial impact of its policies on local governments. While these decisions fall outside the Treasurer's authority, my focus remains on responsible financial management and helping taxpayer dollars go further at every level of government.

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Q19

Do you support economic development incentives or programs?

Yes

Q20

Please explain your position on economic development.

I generally support economic development incentives when they are used responsibly and with input from the citizens they affect. Government should create an environment where businesses can succeed, rather than picking winners and losers. Any incentive should provide a clear benefit to taxpayers and be applied fairly.

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Q21

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

Yes

Q22

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

Yes

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Q23

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

Respondent skipped this question

Q24

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?

Respondent skipped this question

Q25

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

Any determination should consider the nature of the services provided, their accessibility to the public and the overall benefit to the community. Decisions should be based on objective, consistent criteria with transparency and input from local taxpayers. Government should ensure businesses are treated fairly without providing an unfair advantage to one over another.

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Q26

Please list your top five priorities coming into office:

Priority #1	**Protect Taxpayer Dollars**
Priority #2	**Maximize Investment Earnings**
Priority #3	**Help Kansas Families Save**
Priority #4	**Improve Government Efficiency**
Priority #5	**Support Local Governments**

Q27

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

A priority will be to review the implementation of the Kansas Collateral Pool program and identify opportunities to strengthen it. As the program continues to develop, I want to work with financial institutions and local governments to ensure it effectively protects public deposits while improving efficiency.

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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.

As State Treasurer, I recognize the important role Kansas cities play in providing essential services and supporting their communities. My responsibility is to help ensure public funds are protected and managed efficiently.

During my first term, we have worked to strengthen public deposit protections and maximize investment earnings. I value the relationships we have built with local governments across Kansas and look forward to continuing that work.

While our responsibilities may differ, we share a common obligation to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and serve the people of Kansas well.