

Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey



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3rd HOUSE
DISTRICT



Rep. Gerald Watkins



Joni Hogancamp

<i>Kentucky should continue its participation in the national Common Core State Standards Initiative.</i>	"AGREE. I support a more challenging curriculum. I would like to see it moral based. We need to reduce testing."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. I believe the local schools, parents and teachers need to choose curriculum, not the federal government."
<i>Kentucky leaders have neglected to reform the state's antiquated tax system. This should be a top priority.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE. We need to revise the Kentucky tax code to make it more business friendly and conducive to investment."	"STRONGLY AGREE. I support comprehensive tax reform to help families and encourage businesses to locate here and with good paying jobs."
<i>Kentucky should continue to allow Instant Racing slot machines to operate even though their legality is still in question in the courts.</i>	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. I oppose expanding gaming. We need to encourage wealth creation through the job market."	"UNDECIDED. The Kentucky Supreme Court is reviewing and I will decide after they have made a ruling."
<i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE. Over 50% of those earning minimum wage are over 25 and over 70% are women. We are creating a small wealthy class and a large poor class."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE."
<i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</i>	"AGREE. We should use a cost/benefit analysis before implementing any EPA rules. I oppose the new rules for the coal industry."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Kentucky's coal mining industry provides cheap, efficient energy and provides good jobs for our families."
<i>With one exception in the last 10 years, House Leadership has barred debate on pro-life bills on the House Floor. It should reverse this practice.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE. We passed a pro-life bill in the House in 2016. The House Democrats got burned in 2006 by KRL. One problem."	"STRONGLY AGREE. We have to change leadership of the Kentucky State House to discuss and advance rights of unborn."
<i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their "gender identity."</i>	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Gender at birth should determine which restroom one uses. Other accommodations can be made."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Obama's transgender bathroom decree is an example of the unconstitutional federal overreach that must be stopped."
<i>Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.</i>	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. The record for charter schools is questionable. We need to correct the problems in public schools."	"AGREE."
<i>The best way to deal with the state's budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE. Gov. Beshear cut spending \$1.6 billion while governor. I supported that. We have \$900 million in additional revenue. No need to raise taxes."	"STRONGLY AGREE. We will fight against continuing to create debt and push it off to our children."
<i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i>	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. I support the legalization of medicinal marijuana. I oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE."
<i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i>	"UNDECIDED. If it is ever used, it should be restored as much as possible. I support the coal industry."	"DISAGREE."
<i>Students should be allowed to voluntarily express religious and political opinions and have equal access to public forums in public schools.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE. I sponsored legislation for Freedom to Religious Expression. I support voluntary prayer, Bible reading and Ten Commandments in public schools."	"STRONGLY AGREE. The 1 st Amendment guarantees all citizens the freedom to express religious and political beliefs without censorship."

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About the Kentucky Candidate Information Survey (KCIS) . . .

• The purpose of the **KCIS** is to reliably report candidates' views to voters in order to improve:

- 1) voter knowledge of the candidates;
- 2) voter participation; and
- 3) the quality of the democratic process.

• The **KCIS** is designed to neutrally, yet concisely, report the candidates' views in their own words on a broad range of issues. Each candidate was asked to respond to the assertions listed and was given 20 words to qualify his or her response. This issues-only, head-to-head approach avoids pushing a particular agenda, but at the same time, cuts through the political rhetoric often found in campaign literature.

• The **KCIS** is a non-partisan project of the Family Trust Foundation of Kentucky, a non-profit educational organization incorporated in order to encourage and strengthen families in our state. Encouraging responsible citizenship and increasing voter participation are two of its objectives.

• For more information on the **KCIS**, call (859) 255-5300; or for more information on the candidates, visit:

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**Be sure to take
time to vote on
Tuesday,
November 8!**



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The Decision is Yours!

<i>Public schools and universities should pay the higher "prevailing wage" standards for their construction projects.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE. All construction projects should pay 'prevailing wage.' Cheap wages will get you less skilled, inferior work."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. I think the market should decide the wage not be dictated. The saved money can be used on the students."
<i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i>	"AGREE. However, this should not be a license to discriminate against anyone."	"STRONGLY AGREE."
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE. We need to secure the southern border."	"STRONGLY AGREE. We need to strengthen our borders and reform our immigration laws to protect our citizens."
<i>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</i>	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. I am a member of the NRA and have an A+ rating. I disagree with President Obama's gun views."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. I totally support our 2 nd Amendment rights and will fight to keep them."
<i>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE. Unions built the middle class of America. We are becoming a nation of a small wealthy class and a large poor class."	"UNDECIDED."
<i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE. Students should be taught both sides of the debate."	"AGREE. I believe students should be introduced to all sides of science but not be pushed to one side."
<i>Tuition for Kentucky's two largest universities have increased almost three-fold since 2002. There should be limitations placed on such increases.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE. The Kentucky General Assembly and Governor need to increase the financial support for higher education."	"STRONGLY AGREE. Before increasing tuition repeatedly, universities need to look at efficacy of programs and costs."
<i>Private companies should be allowed to exercise eminent domain over private property to ensure the successful completion of the Bluegrass Pipeline.</i>	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Eminent domain is the power of the government to take private property for public purposes with just compensation."	"UNDECIDED. In most cases, I am against the use of eminent domain."
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>	"1. Pass my bill to lift the nuclear moratorium. 2. Pass my cell phone bill. 3. Pass my attempted murder of a peace officer bill."	"1. Repeal crushing government regulation. 2. Fund current pension system and reform for new hires. 3. Attract new business and retain good paying jobs."

· On **Tuesday, November 8**, voters will go to the polls to vote in the Fall Election. Ballots will include candidates for President, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Kentucky Senate (odd-numbered districts only) and House of Representatives. Please note that not all districts have a contested race.

· For more information on your voter registration status or to find out what district you live in, please contact your county clerk or visit the Secretary of State's Voter Information Center:

sos.ky.gov/elections

Special Thanks to the Candidates . . .

We want to thank all the candidates who participated in the **Survey** and all those who considered our invitation but chose not to respond. We are grateful to everyone who stepped forward to offer their leadership by running for office in our great Commonwealth.

To Kentucky citizens . . .

We trust that you as a citizen of Kentucky have been served by this endeavor and that you will in turn serve your community by voting your conscience on **Tuesday, November 8**.

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