

Kentucky  
Candidate  
Information  
Survey



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Rep. Jeff Taylor

8<sup>th</sup> HOUSE  
DISTRICT



Walker Thomas

<i>Kentucky should continue its participation in the national Common Core State Standards Initiative.</i>	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE."</b>	<b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</b> Decisions of curriculum should be made at local levels.."
<i>Kentucky leaders have neglected to reform the state's antiquated tax system. This should be a top priority.</i>	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE."</b>	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE."</b> Our antiquated tax system is in need of reform. We need to make it more business friendly to encourage new jobs while not raising taxes."
<i>Kentucky should continue to allow Instant Racing slot machines to operate even though their legality is still in question in the courts.</i>	<b>"DISAGREE."</b>	<b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</b>
<i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i>	<b>"AGREE."</b>	<b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</b> It's an entry level wage."
<i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</i>	<b>"AGREE."</b>	<b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</b> Global warming is not a proven fact; it is still debatable."
<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>	<b>"AGREE."</b>	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE."</b> With the House balance of power shifting, this is the time."
<i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their "gender identity."</i>	<b>"DISAGREE."</b>	<b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</b> This will open up a can of worms in the school systems."
<i>Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.</i>	<b>"DISAGREE."</b>	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE."</b> I believe in school choice, which will strengthen our school systems."
<i>The best way to deal with the state's budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i>	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE."</b>	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE."</b> I am opposed to any tax increases. We need to see where we can trim to honor our commitments."
<i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i>	<b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</b>	<b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</b>
<i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i>	<b>"AGREE."</b>	<b>"UNDECIDED."</b>
<i>Students should be allowed to voluntarily express religious and political opinions and have equal access to public forums in public schools.</i>	<b>"AGREE."</b>	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE."</b>

# Vote Kentucky!

## 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,  
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# 8<sup>th</sup> HOUSE DISTRICT

Daviess, Henderson and Union Counties

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## The Decision is Yours!

· 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](http://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**.

<i>Public schools and universities should pay the higher "prevailing wage" standards for their construction projects.</i>	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</u> If the prevailing wage standard would be relaxed, we could roughly build 5 schools for the cost of 4. It is driving up the cost and the free market should dictate the rates."
<i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i>	" <u>UNDECIDED.</u> "	" <u>AGREE.</u> There is a push across this country to suppress our religious freedoms. I believe that our right to God should outweigh our humanly rights."
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</i>	" <u>DISAGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> We cannot sustain the burden on our services."
<i>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</i>	" <u>DISAGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</u> I oppose any restrictions to the Second Amendment."
<i>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</i>	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</u> Let's make Kentucky the 27 <sup>th</sup> state to do so."
<i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i>	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> "	" <u>UNDECIDED.</u> If evolution is taught, then so should Creationism."
<i>Tuition for Kentucky's two largest universities have increased almost three-fold since 2002. There should be limitations placed on such increases.</i>	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> "	" <u>DISAGREE.</u> I am not for dictating limits on any business. Let competition dictate prices."
<i>Private companies should be allowed to exercise eminent domain over private property to ensure the successful completion of the Bluegrass Pipeline.</i>	" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</u> "	" <u>DISAGREE.</u> "
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>	"1. Education/workforce/jobs. 2. Infrastructure. 3. Tax reform."	"1. Tax reform for the state. 2. Transparency in legislators' pensions. 3. Job creation."

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