

Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey



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Rep. Brent Yonts



15th HOUSE
DISTRICT



Melinda Prunty

<p><i>Kentucky should continue its participation in the national Common Core State Standards Initiative.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>“UNDECIDED. I need more education on this issue. I’ve heard pros and cons on both sides from people I respect in the field.”</p>
<p><i>Kentucky leaders have neglected to reform the state’s antiquated tax system. This should be a top priority.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. I strongly support easing financial pressures on both families and small businesses; we need jobs!”</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should continue to allow Instant Racing slot machines to operate even though their legality is still in question in the courts.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Because it is a way to usurp the people of Kentucky’s voice who voted it down (legalized gambling).”</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i></p>		<p>“DISAGREE. It would eliminate many entry level jobs and hurt small businesses.”</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky’s contribution to it.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. All of the EPA regulations have decimated coal and coal jobs and we can’t produce enough energy without it!”</p>
<p><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></p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. House Leadership has controlled this issue for years! We need a change in leadership to get our moral house in order.”</p>
<p><i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their “gender identity.”</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. While I feel for students struggling with the issue, I also have to consider all other students as well to be fair.”</p>
<p><i>Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.</i></p>		<p>“AGREE. Freedom of choice is important, particularly for students with particular needs and/or gifts.”</p>
<p><i>The best way to deal with the state’s budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. We cannot continue to burden future generations with our debt.”</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. I believe marijuana is a gateway drug. I would be open to medical marijuana rightly dispersed if that could be worked out.”</p>
<p><i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i></p>		<p>“DISAGREE. It is a part of coal mining; restoration should be required.”</p>
<p><i>Students should be allowed to voluntarily express religious and political opinions and have equal access to public forums in public schools.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. This is a 1st Amendment right that I feel is being infringed upon for Christian students.”</p>

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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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Hardin and Muhlenberg Counties

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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>	Candidate chose not to participate.	" DISAGREE. Repealing prevailing wage will save close to 8% in costs, allowing more monies to go to students and scholarships."
<i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i>		" STRONGLY AGREE. Freedom issue."
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</i>		" AGREE. We need to strengthen and enforce border security while simultaneously reforming immigration laws that need to be reformed."
<i>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</i>		" STRONGLY DISAGREE. I fully support the 2 nd Amendment."
<i>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</i>		" UNDECIDED. I grew up the daughter of a union pipe fitter. I have turned someone into a professional board of peers."
<i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i>		" AGREE. Students should be educated to all scientific theories and why, but indoctrinated into none."
<i>Tuition for Kentucky's two largest universities have increased almost three-fold since 2002. There should be limitations placed on such increases.</i>		" AGREE. Too many students graduate with excessive debt that takes forever to pay off."
<i>Private companies should be allowed to exercise eminent domain over private property to ensure the successful completion of the Bluegrass Pipeline.</i>		" DISAGREE. I am generally against eminent domain. It would need to be done on a case-by-case basis with fair compensation."
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>		"1. Fight for coal and jobs. 2. Fight for long overdue pro-life legislation. 3. Fight to protect 1 st and 2 nd Amendment rights."

· 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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