

Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey



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16th HOUSE
DISTRICT



Rep. Martha Jane King



Jason Petrie

<i>Kentucky should continue its participation in the national Common Core State Standards Initiative.</i>	"_____. I support our LOCAL Site Based Decision Making Councils and would implement their recommendations to reform Common Core."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Kentucky should take control of its own education system and return authority to local schools, teachers and parents."
<i>Kentucky leaders have neglected to reform the state's antiquated tax system. This should be a top priority.</i>	"_____. We should modernize the Kentucky tax system, reduce the tax burden, and have a fairer way for all to pay."	"STRONGLY AGREE. I support comprehensive tax reform to lower tax burdens on families and encourage business investment and job creation."
<i>Kentucky should continue to allow Instant Racing slot machines to operate even though their legality is still in question in the courts.</i>	"_____. I voted no on the bill allowing slots and casino gambling, but the courts have the final say in this matter."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Instant racing is a deceptive tax on the poor in the disguise of something other than gambling."
<i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i>	"_____. I support Kentucky's workers and their right to a higher minimum wage, to help reduce the necessity of welfare and food stamp programs."	"DISAGREE. Minimum wage increase may help some, but will eliminate jobs for the young and elderly and discourage businesses from expanding."
<i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</i>	"_____. I support Kentucky coal and common sense ways to protect our environment. I do not support overregulation."	"UNDECIDED. It is not settled whether human activity is a significant cause of global warming."
<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>	"_____. I believe debate is good, and was proud to have negotiated with both sides in passage of the informed consent bill, which was signed into law by the Governor."	"STRONGLY AGREE. To advance the rights of women and the unborn, we must change leadership in the Kentucky State House to allow debate."
<i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their "gender identity."</i>	"_____. I believe all our students deserve their privacy, without exception, and I support the decision of our LOCAL Site Based Decision Making Council."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Obama's transgender bathroom directive is an example of federal overreach I will fight against."
<i>Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.</i>	"_____. I support our public schools and their funding. I don't support additional charter schools without money to pay for them."	"AGREE. Charter schools allow local educators to adjust their school to meet student needs more effectively, and supplement existing traditional schools."
<i>The best way to deal with the state's budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i>	"_____. I support cutting spending, but I believe we need enough tax money to pay for our schools, roads, 911, and other public services."	"AGREE. We cannot continue loading debt onto the shoulders of our children. We must reduce spending and reform the tax system."
<i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i>	"_____. I voted for the Hemp bill and the cannabis oil bill to treat people with seizures and epilepsy. I do not support legalizing marijuana."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE."
<i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i>	"_____. Our energy plan must protect Kentucky coal, but reclamation laws should be followed, and concerns over public health issues should be addressed."	"AGREE. I support responsible surface mining. Coal is a valuable resource to Kentuckians, but mountaintops are irreplaceable."
<i>Students should be allowed to voluntarily express religious and political opinions and have equal access to public forums in public schools.</i>	"_____. Students can pray in schools now, as well as have prayer in public forums, and I will always support their right to do so."	"STRONGLY AGREE. The 1 st Amendment guarantees students the freedom to express religious and political beliefs, not just politically correct ones."

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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.

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**Be sure to take
time to vote on
Tuesday,
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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:

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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>	"_____. Our children deserve well-built schools and these standards assure that skilled labor and quality construction are used."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Prevailing wage standards increase construction costs significantly and reduce money available for 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>	"_____. I voted for the Religious Freedom Bill in 2013, which helps business and individuals protect their rights of conscience."	"STRONGLY AGREE."
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</i>	"_____. Illegals should not receive government or state services, but every driver on our roads have licenses and insurance to protect our families and property."	"STRONGLY AGREE. The illegal act of foreign nationals coming into or remaining in Kentucky without permission cannot be condoned."
<i>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</i>	"_____. I strongly support the 2 nd Amendment, and have my conceal carry license. No president has the authority to enforce an order like this."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. I fully support the 2 nd Amendment and will fight any effort to weaken it."
<i>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</i>	"_____. I support everyone's right to work, and if you receive benefits from representation, wages and insurance, the collection process is fair."	"DISAGREE. I support a worker's right to choose whether to pay union dues and make unions more competitive."
<i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i>	"_____. Let teachers teach! Knowing all sides of an issue helps students better understand, which enables them to make educated decisions."	"STRONGLY AGREE. Students should be exposed to all sides of scientific theories 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>	"_____. I disagree with continued tuition increases and encourage universities to implement other cost saving measures to maintain affordable tuition."	"AGREE. Universities should cut non-classroom spending first before burdening students with higher tuition."
<i>Private companies should be allowed to exercise eminent domain over private property to ensure the successful completion of the Bluegrass Pipeline.</i>	"_____. Private companies should NOT be allowed to condemn using eminent domain over private property. I voted yes on HB31 to stop this."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Private companies should not be elevated to the status of public government to use eminent domain."
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>	"1. Job creation, educated workforce, enact fiscally responsible budgets. 2. Fund and stabilize Teachers' & State Pension Plans. 3. Continue teamwork with local, state and federal officials."	"1. Improve climate for job creation and retention. 2. Push back federal government overreach. 3. Strengthen religious liberty protections."

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