

Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey



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Rep. Jody Richards



20th HOUSE
DISTRICT



Melinda Hill

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<p><i>Kentucky should continue its participation in the national Common Core State Standards Initiative.</i></p>	<p>Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. The federal government needs to get out of Kentucky’s local schools. Parents and teachers need the power returned.”</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. Kentucky needs comprehensive tax reform that would lower the tax burden on families and encourage business investment and job creation.”</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>“UNDECIDED. I would like to hear the State Supreme Court’s ruling before deciding my stance on this issue.”</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE.”</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky’s contribution to it.</i></p>		<p>“DISAGREE. Our coal mining industry provides inexpensive and efficient energy. Coal mining creates good paying jobs for families.”</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. Leadership in the Kentucky State House must change in order to advance the rights of unborn children.”</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. Sharing locker/bathrooms with people born a different gender shouldn’t be forced on students. I will fight against federal overreach.”</p>
<p><i>Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.</i></p>		<p>“AGREE.”</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. Kentucky’s future generations should not be forced to carry the debts due to bad budgeting practices of overspending.”</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE.”</p>
<p><i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE.”</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. Students are guaranteed the freedom to express religious and political beliefs due to the 1st Amendment.”</p>

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!**



20th HOUSE DISTRICT

Warren County

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The Decision is Yours!

<p>Public schools and universities should pay the higher "prevailing wage" standards for their construction projects.</p>	<p>Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Almost 8% can be saved on construction costs by repealing prevailing wage. More money can then be devoted to students."</p>
<p>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</p>		<p>"STRONGLY AGREE."</p>
<p>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</p>		<p>"STRONGLY AGREE. Immigrations laws need to be reformed. We also need to strengthen and enforce border security."</p>
<p>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</p>		<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE. I will fight any effort to weaken the 2nd Amendment. I fully support the 2nd Amendment."</p>
<p>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</p>		<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</p>
<p>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</p>		<p>"AGREE. All scientific theories should be exposed to our students, but the theories should not be indoctrinated."</p>
<p>Tuition for Kentucky's two largest universities have increased almost three-fold since 2002. There should be limitations placed on such increases.</p>		<p>"AGREE. Increasing costs should not be passed to students until universities have addressed their out-of-the-classroom spending."</p>
<p>Private companies should be allowed to exercise eminent domain over private property to ensure the successful completion of the Bluegrass Pipeline.</p>		<p>"DISAGREE. I am generally not in favor of the use of eminent domain."</p>
<p>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</p>		<p>"1. Retaining and attracting good paying jobs. 2. Fix the broken pension system. 3. Fight against federal government overreach."</p>

· 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**.

For additional information and for more races across the Commonwealth of Kentucky, visit:

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