

Kentucky  
Candidate  
Information  
Survey



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**31<sup>st</sup> HOUSE  
DISTRICT**



**Rep. Steve Riggs**



**Sarah Provancher**

**Vote  
Kentucky!**

**Candidate chose  
not to participate.**

<i>Kentucky should continue its participation in the national Common Core State Standards Initiative.</i>	"_____. Common Core idea is from large Republican majority Governor's Association. Much of it is still beneficial to students."	
<i>Kentucky leaders have neglected to reform the state's antiquated tax system. This should be a top priority.</i>	"_____. There is no neglect. What is lacking is consensus or a proposal from the Governor. It needs modernizing."	
<i>Kentucky should continue to allow Instant Racing slot machines to operate even though their legality is still in question in the courts.</i>	"_____. Instant racing is most likely legal and should continue as a voluntary source of revenue to pay our obligations."	
<i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i>	"_____. Current minimum hasn't been raised in many years so it's time to have a new realistic minimum."	
<i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</i>	"_____. To pretend that discharging tons of toxic substances into our atmosphere (which God created), has no negative effect, would be very dishonest."	
<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>	"_____. Debate on bills happens in committee first, which happens regularly. U.S. Supreme Court has the final say."	
<i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their "gender identity."</i>	"_____. Current restroom set-up is fine. If a school principal or council wants a unisex restroom, that's their liberty."	
<i>Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.</i>	"_____. There's too much evidence charter schools make class sizes larger, push down teacher salaries to create profit for owner."	
<i>The best way to deal with the state's budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i>	"_____. I don't favor cutting spending on education like Gov. Bevin proposed to do. I favor cutting wasteful spending."	
<i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i>	"_____. Not enough support for that, but medical marijuana is gaining lots of ground in Kentucky for those ill or sick."	
<i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i>	"_____. Prefer underground mining, but parts of removed mountaintops can be reclaimed successfully if bonds are required."	
<i>Students should be allowed to voluntarily express religious and political opinions and have equal access to public forums in public schools.</i>	"_____. Students already have these rights at the appropriate time in public school. Many prayers before a test!"	

**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!**



# 31<sup>st</sup> HOUSE DISTRICT

Jefferson County

Rep. Steve Riggs  
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## The Decision is Yours!

Candidate chose  
not to participate.

· 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>	"_____. If it is truly prevailing, it is the right amount. Why try to cut workers' pay and benefits?"	Candidate chose not to participate.
<i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i>	"_____. Businesses serving the 'general public' can't deny goods for certain reasons like race, religion, gender or sexual orientation."	
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</i>	"_____. No person that is illegal is eligible to obtain a license, food stamps, or welfare."	
<i>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</i>	"_____. Kentucky's laws on gun safety are adequate as currently written."	
<i>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</i>	"_____. No good reason to want Kentucky workers to get less pay and benefits like 'right to work' advocates demand."	
<i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i>	"_____. Adults and students should learn all sides of any debate and have a better understanding of science."	
<i>Tuition for Kentucky's two largest universities have increased almost three-fold since 2002. There should be limitations placed on such increases.</i>	"_____. Conservatives who cut funding to education are adding the pressure to raise tuition on students and families."	
<i>Private companies should be allowed to exercise eminent domain over private property to ensure the successful completion of the Bluegrass Pipeline.</i>	"_____. I don't like the conservative thought big companies should get more power and political favors to trickle down."	
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>	"1. Economic growth – prosperity. 2. Education innovation and success. 3. Improve rights of crime victims using Marsy's law."	

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