

Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey



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40th HOUSE
DISTRICT



Rep. Dennis Horlander



George Demic

<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>"DISAGREE. While its intentions were good, its implementation has proven difficult and problematic."</p>
<p><i>Kentucky leaders have neglected to reform the state's antiquated tax system. This should be a top priority.</i></p>	<p>Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>"AGREE. Our business climate will improve when we address these issues."</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>Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>"DISAGREE. It's a disingenuous form of tax revenue."</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i></p>	<p>Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>"UNDECIDED. Inflation may or may not force the issue. Aside from that, AI is in the process of eliminating many minimum wage jobs."</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</i></p>	<p>Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>"DISAGREE. The General Assembly may acknowledge that the climate is constantly changing. Kentucky's contribution to it is what, currently?"</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>Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>"UNDECIDED. The American public has achieved an uneasy détente on this issue. I doubt further debate will achieve much."</p>
<p><i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their "gender identity."</i></p>	<p>Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Translation: Acquiesce or we will withhold necessary school funding. I don't cotton well to extortion."</p>
<p><i>Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.</i></p>	<p>Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>"AGREE. Parents need alternatives to failing schools within their district."</p>
<p><i>The best way to deal with the state's budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i></p>	<p>Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>"AGREE. Government never has enough money . . ."</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i></p>	<p>Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>"AGREE. More accurately, we should decriminalize it for adults. Other restrictions should apply as well."</p>
<p><i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i></p>	<p>Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>"AGREE."</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>Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>"DISAGREE. Unless the course of study is a debate course, political and religious opinions should be expressed outside the classroom."</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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Jefferson County

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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. A shining example of that which drives up the cost of education."
<i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i>		" STRONGLY AGREE. Why should someone else have the right to tell me how to run my business?"
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</i>		" AGREE. What part of 'illegal' is difficult to understand?"
<i>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</i>		" DISAGREE. A president may issue executive orders when (s)he can't get Congress to agree with him/her."
<i>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</i>		" DISAGREE. "
<i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i>		" AGREE. Students should be familiar with all sides of scientific debates."
<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. However, there are alternatives."
<i>Private companies should be allowed to exercise eminent domain over private property to ensure the successful completion of the Bluegrass Pipeline.</i>		" DISAGREE. Eminent domain is, by definition, a function of government, not private companies."
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>		"1. Tax/Pension Reform. 2. Small business representation. 3. Debt reduction and expenditure regulation. We're \$35 billion in the red."

· 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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