

Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey



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53rd HOUSE
DISTRICT



James Sargent



Rep. James Tipton

<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>"AGREE. Schools require appropriate and consistent standards, but curriculum should not indoctrinate students against their personal religious beliefs."</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 support a net zero tax reform policy that will allow our state's economy to grow and increase state revenues."</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."</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i></p>		<p>"DISAGREE."</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</i></p>		<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</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."</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."</p>
<p><i>Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.</i></p>		<p>"UNDECIDED. I support a pilot program in Jefferson and Fayette Counties for charter schools."</p>
<p><i>The best way to deal with the state's budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i></p>		<p>"AGREE."</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i></p>		<p>"DISAGREE."</p>
<p><i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i></p>		<p>"DISAGREE. This is a viable option, but this practice must include appropriate reclamation practices."</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."</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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Anderson, Bullitt and Spencer Counties

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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. Prevailing wages as used increase the cost of public and school projects by 10 to 20%"</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>"AGREE."</p>
<p>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</p>		<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</p>
<p>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</p>		<p>"DISAGREE."</p>
<p>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</p>		<p>"AGREE. Schools should familiarize students to all sides of debates, but they should not indoctrinate students."</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."</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>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</p>
<p>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</p>		<p>"1. Protect the unborn. 2. Prevent excessive government overreach and regulation. 3. Comprehensive tax reform that will allow our economy to grow and prosper."</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**.

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