

Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey



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62nd HOUSE
DISTRICT



Rep. Chuck Tackett



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<i>Kentucky should continue its participation in the national Common Core State Standards Initiative.</i>	“STRONGLY DISAGREE. We should work with teachers, parents and school administration to fix/replace Common Core.”	“AGREE. As a public school teacher’s husband, I support continuity of education between states, but states need flexibility with implementation.”
<i>Kentucky leaders have neglected to reform the state’s antiquated tax system. This should be a top priority.</i>	“AGREE.”	“STRONGLY AGREE. I support comprehensive tax reform that would lower the tax burden on families and encourage business involvement 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>	“AGREE.”	“UNDECIDED. This question is currently before the state Supreme Court. I would like to hear their ruling before deciding.”
<i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i>	“AGREE. Would support a slow, incremental process.”	“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Minimum wage should be set at the federal level so no city, county or state is at an economic disadvantage.”
<i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky’s contribution to it.</i>	“UNDECIDED. Believe the science behind global warming is real but would oppose Kentucky taking unilateral action.”	“DISAGREE. Kentucky’s coal mining industry provides cheap, efficient energy and creates good paying jobs for Kentucky families.”
<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>	“STRONGLY AGREE.”	“STRONGLY AGREE. I agree barring debate on pro-life bills on the House Floor should be reversed. We need new House representation.”
<i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their “gender identity.”</i>	“STRONGLY DISAGREE.”	“STRONGLY DISAGREE. President Obama’s transgender bathroom directive is an example of the sort of unconstitutional federal overreach I will fight against.”
<i>Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.</i>	“DISAGREE. I strongly oppose diverting tax dollars away from public schools to give to private, for-profit charter schools.”	“UNDECIDED. As the husband of a public school teacher, I believe we should evaluate all options to address educational concerns.”
<i>The best way to deal with the state’s budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i>	“STRONGLY AGREE.”	“AGREE. We need to tighten our belts so our debts won’t be passed on to our grandchildren and future generations.”
<i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i>	“STRONGLY DISAGREE. I would make an exception for medical marijuana with a doctor’s prescription.”	“DISAGREE.”
<i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i>	“DISAGREE. I believe this process is necessary to build highways and improve the economy in Eastern Kentucky.”	“DISAGREE.”
<i>Students should be allowed to voluntarily express religious and political opinions and have equal access to public forums in public schools.</i>	“AGREE.”	“STRONGLY AGREE. The 1 st Amendment guarantees students freedom to express religious and political beliefs and shouldn’t be infringed upon.”

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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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Fayette, Owen and Scott Counties

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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:

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**.

<i>Public schools and universities should pay the higher "prevailing wage" standards for their construction projects.</i>	" AGREE. I generally agree with paying the prevailing wage, albeit with reservations."	" STRONGLY AGREE. Repealing prevailing wage will save almost 8% of construction costs, allowing more money to be devoted to student needs."
<i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i>	" AGREE. "	" AGREE. "
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</i>	" STRONGLY AGREE. "	" STRONGLY AGREE. "
<i>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</i>	" STRONGLY DISAGREE. I am a strong supporter of gun owners' rights and protecting our 2 nd Amendment."	" STRONGLY DISAGREE. I fully support the 2 nd Amendment."
<i>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</i>	" STRONGLY AGREE. 'Right-to-Work' is a political strawman created by big business to drive down workers' wages."	" STRONGLY DISAGREE. I support the choice of a worker not to be required to join a union in order to be employed."
<i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i>	" AGREE. To be well-rounded, I believe students should be taught both sides of an issue."	" AGREE. I support students being exposed to all 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>	" STRONGLY AGREE. We should freeze college tuition at current levels and restore funding to Kentucky universities."	" STRONGLY AGREE. I support cutting out-of-the-classroom spending, not passing increasing costs to students."
<i>Private companies should be allowed to exercise eminent domain over private property to ensure the successful completion of the Bluegrass Pipeline.</i>	" STRONGLY DISAGREE. Eminent domain should never be used by private corporations to increase their profits."	" DISAGREE. I am generally against the use of eminent domain."
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>	"1. Fix public pensions/get government spending under control. 2. Improve business climate to create and expand jobs. 3. Improve education – early childhood, K-12 and higher education."	"1. Continue to seek solutions for our pension crisis. 2. Create a better economic environment for job growth. 3. Push back against federal government overreach."

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