

Kentucky  
Candidate  
Information  
Survey



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79<sup>th</sup> HOUSE  
DISTRICT



Rep. Susan Westrom



Ken Kearns

Vote  
Kentucky!

<i>Kentucky should continue its participation in the national Common Core State Standards Initiative.</i>	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	<b>Candidate chose not to participate.</b>
<i>Kentucky leaders have neglected to reform the state's antiquated tax system. This should be a top priority.</i>	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> "	
<i>Kentucky should continue to allow Instant Racing slot machines to operate even though their legality is still in question in the courts.</i>	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	
<i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i>	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	
<i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</i>	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	
<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>	" <u>DISAGREE.</u> "	
<i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their "gender identity."</i>	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	
<i>Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.</i>	"_____. There currently are specialty state charter schools!"	
<i>The best way to deal with the state's budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i>	"_____. Tax reform!"	
<i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i>	" <u>DISAGREE.</u> Not at this time. Discuss medical marijuana and educate legislators regarding the facts and other state outcomes."	
<i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i>	"_____. Why remove mountaintops if there is no coal mining?"	
<i>Students should be allowed to voluntarily express religious and political opinions and have equal access to public forums in public schools.</i>	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	

**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,  
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***The Decision is Yours!***

**Candidate chose  
not to participate.**

*Public schools and universities should pay the higher "prevailing wage" standards for their construction projects.*

"AGREE."

*Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.*

"UNDECIDED."

*Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.*

"UNDECIDED. They must have access to some form of I.D."

*Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.*

"DISAGREE."

*Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.*

"AGREE."

*Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.*

"AGREE."

*Tuition for Kentucky's two largest universities have increased almost three-fold since 2002. There should be limitations placed on such increases.*

"AGREE."

*Private companies should be allowed to exercise eminent domain over private property to ensure the successful completion of the Bluegrass Pipeline.*

"DISAGREE."

*List your top three priorities should you be elected.*

"1. Tax reform!  
2. Transparency in government."

· 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](http://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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