

Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey



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**87th HOUSE
DISTRICT**



Rep. Rick Nelson



Chad Shannon

<i>Kentucky should continue its participation in the national Common Core State Standards Initiative.</i>	"AGREE. Local site based councils have say so on curriculum and may add things to it."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Kentucky doesn't need the federal government controlling our schools. I believe in our teachers and parents!"
<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 tax reform that would lower taxes on families and encourage businesses to invest and create more jobs."
<i>Kentucky should continue to allow Instant Racing slot machines to operate even though their legality is still in question in the courts.</i>	"DISAGREE."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Instant Racing is no different than slot machines, which are predatory towards the poor."
<i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i>	"AGREE. Indexing the minimum wage based on the inflation rate might be the best approach."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Minimum wage increase may help some families, but it would eliminate many jobs and would discourage businesses from expanding."
<i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</i>	"DISAGREE."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Our coal mines offer cheap, efficient energy and create good paying jobs for Kentucky families, especially in my region."
<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>	"AGREE. Debate is not barred in the House on any issue."	"STRONGLY AGREE. To advance and protect the rights of the unborn, we must change the leadership of the Kentucky House."
<i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their "gender identity."</i>	"STRONGLY DISAGREE."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. 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. Charter schools take funds from public schools, and I believe public schools do a better job."	"AGREE."
<i>The best way to deal with the state's budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i>	"AGREE."	"STRONGLY AGREE. We must be more responsible and cannot load our debt onto the shoulders of future generations."
<i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i>	"DISAGREE."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE."
<i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i>	"DISAGREE."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE."
<i>Students should be allowed to voluntarily express religious and political opinions and have equal access to public forums in public schools.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE."	"STRONGLY AGREE. The First Amendment protects the freedom to express religious and political beliefs. This shall not 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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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>	"_____. The prevailing wage is set at the local level with input from all interested parties."	" STRONGLY DISAGREE. Repealing."
<i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i>	" STRONGLY AGREE. "	" STRONGLY AGREE. "
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</i>	" AGREE. "	" STRONGLY AGREE. We need to strengthen and enforce border security while reforming immigration law."
<i>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</i>	" DISAGREE. "	" STRONGLY DISAGREE. I fully support the 2 nd Amendment and will fight any effort to weaken it."
<i>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</i>	" AGREE. Right to Work states pay their workers less and have lower standards of living."	" STRONGLY DISAGREE. We must remain competitive with surrounding states or we will continue to lose industry."
<i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i>	" AGREE. "	" AGREE. The best way to strengthen your belief is to understand other views. As a Marine, I studied our enemy daily to understand their thinking."
<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. "	" STRONGLY AGREE. Universities should look to cut spending rather than passing the burden to our students."
<i>Private companies should be allowed to exercise eminent domain over private property to ensure the successful completion of the Bluegrass Pipeline.</i>	" DISAGREE. "	" DISAGREE. I am generally against the use of eminent domain."
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>	"1. Workforce development. 2. Education. 3. Drug education."	"1. Attracting and retaining good paying jobs. 2. Fixing our broken pension system. 3. Pushing back against federal government overreach."

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