

Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey



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5th SENATE
DISTRICT



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<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>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Common Core has created another layer of bureaucracy on the public school system which detracts from teaching.”</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. A necessary step to create new jobs in Kentucky.”</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>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Minimum wage increases are job killers and a hidden tax on working families.”</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>“DISAGREE. Appropriate alternative for urban communities but could be detrimental for rural communities because of already limited financial resources.”</p>
<p><i>The best way to deal with the state’s budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Best way is cutting spending and creating new jobs.”</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Already too many issues with drug and alcohol abuse without adding another.”</p>
<p><i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i></p>		<p>“UNDECIDED. Would not call for a total ban but viewed on a project by project basis to determine the impact on the environment.”</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>

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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<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 wage is another hidden tax on working families, unnecessarily increasing the cost of constructions projects."</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>"STRONGLY AGREE."</p>
<p>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</p>		<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE. There should absolutely be no infringement on Second Amendment rights."</p>
<p>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</p>		<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Only way Kentucky can compete for jobs equally with other states."</p>
<p>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</p>		<p>"STRONGLY AGREE."</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>"STRONGLY AGREE. Tuition increases are placing post-secondary education out of reach for many working families."</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. Establishes a tremendously bad precedent of taking property from private citizens under the guise of public benefit."</p>
<p>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</p>		<p>"1. Fiscal responsibility. 2. Economic development and workforce development. 3. Repeal of Obamacare."</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**.

For additional information and for more races across the Commonwealth of Kentucky, visit:

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