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Candidate
Information
Survey



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19th SENATE
DISTRICT



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Sen. Morgan McGarvey

Larry West

Kentucky should continue its participation in the national Common Core State Standards Initiative.

Kentucky leaders have neglected to reform the state's antiquated tax system. This should be a top priority.

Kentucky should continue to allow Instant Racing slot machines to operate even though their legality is still in question in the courts.

Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.

The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.

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.

Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their "gender identity."

Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.

The best way to deal with the state's budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.

The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.

The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.

Students should be allowed to voluntarily express religious and political opinions and have equal access to public forums in public schools.

Candidate chose
not to participate.

"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Education isn't an enumerated power of the Federal Government, so by the 10th Amendment, Kentucky should set its own standards."

"STRONGLY AGREE. Kentucky ranks second as highest taxed state for poor people. We need to reduce the tax rates across the board."

"DISAGREE. Any expansion of gambling should be done constitutionally and require approval of neighboring counties also."

"STRONGLY DISAGREE. We should lower taxes on poor people to raise their take-home pay, not tax some employers out of business."

"STRONGLY DISAGREE. I believe man-made global warming was caused by chlorofluorocarbons. (Note ozone hole decrease.) We should wait before future changes."

"STRONGLY AGREE. We should follow the State Constitution – Section 46 allows ANY member to bring any bill to the floor for debate."

"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Unless someone invents a way to prevent heterosexual perverts pretending to be transgendered, it shouldn't be allowed."

"AGREE. State Constitution (Section 5) promotes school choices and options. Competition spurs improvement."

"STRONGLY AGREE. Look at the budget of all other states. If most don't fund something we're funding, we probably shouldn't either."

"STRONGLY AGREE. Medical marijuana, definitely. Glaucoma patients shouldn't go blind because some misuse. Recreational marijuana should be local option, just like alcohol."

"AGREE. If done, it should only be done in targeted areas, such as for I-66, with local approval."

"STRONGLY AGREE. I support ALL of the First Amendment (and the Second, Third, etc.)."

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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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Jefferson County

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<i>Public schools and universities should pay the higher "prevailing wage" standards for their construction projects.</i>	Candidate chose not to participate.	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Look at UofL; all new student housing is being built by private companies. Higher construction costs equal higher tuition."
<i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i>		"STRONGLY AGREE. I support ALL of the First Amendment (and the Second, Third, etc.)."
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</i>		"STRONGLY AGREE. What part of 'illegal' do some people not understand?"
<i>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</i>		"STRONGLY DISAGREE. What part of 'shall not be infringed' do some people not understand?"
<i>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</i>		"STRONGLY DISAGREE. I believe in Freedom of Assembly. However, those not paying union dues should not get union benefits, like collective bargaining."
<i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i>		"STRONGLY AGREE. Students should be taught HOW to think, not WHAT to think."
<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. I supported Sen. Seum's proposed tuition freeze. There should also be roll-backs on high administration salaries and less new construction."
<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. State Constitution only grants railroads eminent domain over other railroads to cross them, not anybody over anything."
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>		"1. Transparency in Government (it's really your money government spends). 2. Frugality in Government (reduce bureaucracy). 3. Less Burdens by Government, More Freedom."

· 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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