Kentucky Candidate Information Survey

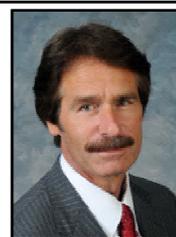## 45th HOUSE DISTRICT

Josh Hicks — D   R — **Rep. Stan Lee**

Vote Kentucky!

Assertion	Josh Hicks (D)	Rep. Stan Lee (R)
The best way to prepare Kentucky students for the modern economy is a strong, content-rich, basic education for every child.		"**AGREE**."
Leaders should make reforming Kentucky's antiquated tax system a top priority.	*Candidate chose not to participate.*	"**AGREE**. But only if we continue to cut excessive spending, reduce borrowing, and oppose needless tax increases."
Expanding casino-style or slot machine-style gambling is a good way for state government to raise revenue.		"**STRONGLY DISAGREE**. Expanded gambling will only lead to more crime, more bankruptcies, more broken homes and more gambling addicts."
Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.		"**DISAGREE**. The government mandating an artificially higher minimum wage will only result in lost jobs."
The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.		"**DISAGREE**. Despite naysayers, the 'science' is not settled. I've stood for protecting KY's energy industry & jobs, including coal, which we need for economic growth."
State lawmakers need to continue to implement common sense regulations on abortion in Kentucky.		"**STRONGLY AGREE**. I have sponsored and co-sponsored many pro-life bills in my career, a number of which have become law. I am proud to stand for life."
Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their chosen gender identity.		"**STRONGLY DISAGREE**. This is one of the silliest, and perhaps most dangerous ideas being pushed by the left."
Funding for charter schools should be expedited.		"**AGREE**. It is funding for a different type of public school. These are NOT 'private for profit schools' as dishonestly argued by the left."
The best way to deal with the state's budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.		"**STRONGLY AGREE**. General Fund revenues have increased every year for the past 10 years. We don't have a revenue problem, we have an excessive spending problem."
The General Assembly should vote to legalize medical marijuana.		"_____. I support the medical use of certain extracts from these plants, including oils. I do not support legalizing the smoking of marijuana."
All public school sex-ed courses should encourage sexual experimentation.		"**STRONGLY DISAGREE**. I do support teaching about abstinence and proudly voted for SB 71 in the 2018 Session."
Churches and religious groups should be protected from state discrimination regarding their beliefs about marriage and sexuality.		"**STRONGLY AGREE**. I've sponsored many religious liberty bills in the past. If the 1st Amendment means anything, then Freedom of Religion must be protected."

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:

www.votekentucky.us

Be sure to take time to vote on Tuesday, May 22!

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45th HOUSE DISTRICT
Fayette County

	Josh Hicks	Rep. Stan Lee
State government should do more to encourage alternatives to carbon fuels, such as solar energy.		"_____. I believe all forms of energy should be treated equally, including solar."
Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.		"**STRONGLY AGREE**. I was a proud co-sponsor of the Kentucky Religious Liberty Bill."
Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver's licenses and other government documents.		"**AGREE**. We cannot keep rewarding illegal behavior with more government benefits. We cannot afford it, and it is not fair to those who come here legally."
Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.		"**DISAGREE**. More restrictive gun laws will not stop criminals from getting guns. We must harden school security & add more armed safety resource officers in schools."
Kentucky must protect parental consent & parental rights for those with minor children.		"**STRONGLY AGREE**. Too often the rights of parents are not even considered. That is wrong."
Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.		"**AGREE**. As along as ALL sides are presented, including Creation and intelligent design."
Kentucky should act to regulate self-driving cars.		"**AGREE**. Based on media reports, it is clear that the technology has not been perfected and therefore, these vehicles are not safe."
Tuition at the University of Kentucky is now three times higher than in 2002. All state college tuition increases should be limited.		"**AGREE**. I am afraid I now have to agree. These tuition increases have outpaced inflation, making it almost impossible to afford."
List your top three priorities should you be elected.		"1. Cut excessive spending, reduce borrowing, oppose needless tax increases 2. Continue work to support KY's now growing economy 3. Protect true conservative values."

The Decision is Yours!

● On **Tuesday, Nov. 6,** voters will go to the polls to vote in the General Election. Ballots will include candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, the Kentucky Senate (even-numbered districts only) and the Kentucky 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, Nov. 6.**

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