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Candidate
Information
Survey**



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**69th HOUSE
DISTRICT**



Rep. Adam Koenig

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<p><i>The best way to prepare Kentucky students for the modern economy is a strong, content-rich, basic education for every child.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Education is the most important service government provides; it leads to a larger, more qualitative life and workforce preparation.”</p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE.”</p>
<p><i>Leaders should make reforming Kentucky’s antiquated tax system a top priority.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. We have a structural deficit. We need graduated income tax where wealthy contribute more, and elimination of unjustified loopholes, etc.”</p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Tax reform should make Kentucky more competitive, not just be used as an excuse to raise taxes.”</p>
<p><i>Expanding casino-style or slot machine-style gambling is a good way for state government to raise revenue.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Better late than never. Kentucky dollars going out of state.”</p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE.”</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Minimum wage is 60% of poverty level. Work must pay more. Non-working poor get more from government than their employers.”</p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE.”</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky’s contribution to it.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Global warming is biggest threat to all on the globe. We should do everything possible to diminish our contribution.”</p>	<p>“DISAGREE. I support using all types of energy generation to satisfy energy needs.”</p>
<p><i>State lawmakers need to continue to implement common sense regulations on abortion in Kentucky.</i></p>	<p>“DISAGREE. No agreement on ‘common sense’ regulation. <i>Roe v. Wade</i> struck the balance between liberty and life rights. Leave it alone.”</p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE.”</p>
<p><i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their chosen gender identity.</i></p>	<p>“AGREE. Public understanding of transgenderism is slow to progress. It is real and should be respected.”</p>	<p>“UNDECIDED. I believe this is best handled at the local district level.”</p>
<p><i>Funding for charter schools should be expedited.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Charter schools take \$ from public schools that is already inadequate. If people want charter schools, they should invest their \$ in them.”</p>	<p>“AGREE.”</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 DISAGREE. (See #2 above.) We need a tax structure that produces the revenue necessary to pay for our critical investments.”</p>	<p>“AGREE.”</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize medical marijuana.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. The time has come. Research, experience and public opinion all support.”</p>	<p>“DISAGREE.”</p>
<p><i>All public school sex-ed courses should encourage sexual experimentation.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. They should provide information, with an understanding of adolescent behavior.”</p>	<p>“DISAGREE. ‘Sexual experimentation’ is a very broad standard.”</p>
<p><i>Churches and religious groups should be protected from state discrimination regarding their beliefs about marriage and sexuality.</i></p>	<p>“AGREE. As private groups that exist to transmit beliefs, they can behave in conjunction with them. If they don’t recognize gay marriage, they don’t have to perform it.”</p>	<p>“UNDECIDED. Again very broad. When it comes to housing no, when it comes to baking a cake, yes.”</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.

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

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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:

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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**.

State government should do more to encourage alternatives to carbon fuels, such as solar energy.	"STRONGLY AGREE. This is self-evident. The days of fossil fuels are numbered. We need renewable energy sources."	"UNDECIDED. I support alternative energy generation. State government shouldn't mandate its use."
Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Businesses are different from churches. When they open doors to serve the public, they can't pick & choose - 1950s lunch counter."	"AGREE."
Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver's licenses and other government documents.	"AGREE. Government has the right to limit its benefits to citizens in most circumstances."	"AGREE."
Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.	"STRONGLY AGREE. Need universal background checks, end gun show loophole, ban assault rifles. When ban in effect instances decreased."	"DISAGREE."
Kentucky must protect parental consent & parental rights for those with minor children.	"AGREE. This way vary with circumstances."	"AGREE."
Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.	"AGREE. There is no scientific case for creationism, so it is not clear what the scientific debate would be about. Global warming, yes."	"AGREE."
Kentucky should act to regulate self-driving cars.	"STRONGLY AGREE. Some level(s) of government act as this becomes a widespread reality."	"AGREE. Autonomous cars are coming and Kentucky needs to be ready for it."
Tuition at the University of Kentucky is now three times higher than in 2002. All state college tuition increases should be limited.	"STRONGLY AGREE. Higher education must be more affordable. This goes back to reforming our tax structure to produce needed revenue."	"DISAGREE. Again 'limited' is very broad."
List your top three priorities should you be elected.	"1. Education – adequate funding, secure defined benefit pensions 2. Maintain Medicaid expansion 3. Increased wages for work."	"1. Fixing pension crisis 2. Eliminating regulations and making Kentucky business friendly 3. Expanded gambling."

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