

**Kentucky  
Candidate  
Information  
Survey**



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Mary Renfro



**71<sup>st</sup> HOUSE  
DISTRICT**



Travis Brenda

**Vote  
Kentucky!**

*The best way to prepare Kentucky students for the modern economy is a strong, content-rich, basic education for every child.*

**“STRONGLY AGREE.** Education is top priority. Affordable education, free 2 years of college to all high school graduates in KY.”

**“AGREE.** Students need the basic skills necessary as a foundation for whatever their career choice may be.”

*Leaders should make reforming Kentucky’s antiquated tax system a top priority.*

**“AGREE.”**

**“AGREE.** I am not in favor of continuing to shift the burden to the lower and working classes.”

*Expanding casino-style or slot machine-style gambling is a good way for state government to raise revenue.*

**“STRONGLY AGREE.** Part of revenue from gambling needs to fund pensions, free college, etc.”

**“DISAGREE.”**

*Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.*

**“AGREE.”**

**“DISAGREE.”**

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

**“AGREE.”**

**“STRONGLY DISAGREE.”**

*State lawmakers need to continue to implement common sense regulations on abortion in Kentucky.*

**“AGREE.”**

**“AGREE.”**

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

**“AGREE.”**

**“STRONGLY DISAGREE.”**

*Funding for charter schools should be expedited.*

**“STRONGLY DISAGREE.** I’m against charter schools. There is no funding for it. Improve public schools.”

**“STRONGLY DISAGREE.”**

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

**“DISAGREE.** KY needs new revenue streams. Don’t cut back, we need services. Don’t raise taxes.”

**“NEUTRAL.** There should be a balanced approach taken.”

*The General Assembly should vote to legalize medical marijuana.*

**“STRONGLY AGREE.** KYnew revenue stream, tax it, let public grow it, help fund pensions, free college, solutions for opioid crisis, less jail crowding, less money lawyers make.”

**“DISAGREE.** While there are studies showing benefits, I am not in favor of easier access by young people while their brains are still developing.”

*All public school sex-ed courses should encourage sexual experimentation.*

**“DISAGREE.”**

**“STRONGLY DISAGREE.”**

*Churches and religious groups should be protected from state discrimination regarding their beliefs about marriage and sexuality.*

**“AGREE.”**

**“AGREE.”**

**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,  
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:

[sos.ky.gov/elections](http://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**.

State government should do more to encourage alternatives to carbon fuels, such as solar energy.	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	" <u>UNDECIDED.</u> We should continue to explore other options, but not discourage use of carbon fuels with clean technology."
Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.	" <u>UNDECIDED.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> "
Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver's licenses and other government documents.	" <u>DISAGREE.</u> License them and keep them legal. Tobacco farmers use immigrants in fields – hemp, tobacco, soybeans, corn, etc."	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> "
Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.	" <u>DISAGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</u> "
Kentucky must protect parental consent & parental rights for those with minor children.	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> "
Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.	" <u>UNDECIDED.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> "
Kentucky should act to regulate self-driving cars.	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</u> "
Tuition at the University of Kentucky is now three times higher than in 2002. All state college tuition increases should be limited.	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> Free college tuition for high school grads. In KY."	" <u>UNDECIDED/NEUTRAL.</u> Many factors affect tuition increases. Attempt to identify and reduce wasteful spending."
List your top three priorities should you be elected.	"1. Fund Public education, keep pensions, bring new revenue stream in 2. Remove barriers from foster care, help families keep kids 3. Opioid crisis needs solutions/education."	"1. Education 2. Addressing Opioid Epidemic and the Effects on Families 3. Economic Development, including Infrastructure."

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