

Kentucky Candidate Information Survey



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17th HOUSE DISTRICT



Steve Sheldon

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

“AGREE. And school safety.”

“AGREE. Yes, it’s very important, but I do think we need to shift some to trade schools/technical. Higher education is not for everyone.”

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

“AGREE. Instead of putting 17 new taxes on working families, they should close corporate loopholes at the top.”

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Let’s lower state taxes, incentivizing businesses to compete with boundary states, and put more money in the wallet of our taxpayers.”

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

“AGREE. And tax them.”

“DISAGREE. Video betting is already defined as another addiction for our youth. Geographically, Kentucky cannot create a model that can succeed.”

Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.

“AGREE. A person cannot live on 7.25 hour.”

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Only hurts small business and hurts jobs. Free market determines wages just fine.”

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

“AGREE.”

“UNDECIDED. I need to research more and gather more information before answering uninformed.”

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

“DISAGREE. I am pro-life except in the case of rape, incest and life of the mother.”

“AGREE. We have regulated abortion more in last year’s session than in previous years but more needs to be done. I am pro-life.”

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

“DISAGREE.”

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Gender is determined by God at birth, we have no right to change God’s divine plan.”

Funding for charter schools should be expedited.

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Public money is for public schools.”

“DISAGREE. I want to concentrate on our leadership in our public school systems and teach them how to build team cultures.”

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

“DISAGREE.”

“STRONGLY AGREE. Raising taxes will only kill the momentum we have currently. We need some backbone and stop overspending.”

The General Assembly should vote to legalize medical marijuana.

“STRONGLY AGREE. Even the Veteran’s Administration is starting to work with this.”

“AGREE. As a Pharmacist, I know we have medicinal needs, however intense regulation must be part of the solution.”

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

“DISAGREE.”

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Absolutely not, that activity is harmful to all involved.”

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

“DISAGREE.”

“STRONGLY AGREE. Our nation was founded on the right to worship freely. Our constitution was clearly written influenced by those religious beliefs.”

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

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.	"DISAGREE. Private business should develop alternatives."	"UNDECIDED. I would want to read and research thoroughly. I do see the advantages of solar energy but we must find a balance."
Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.	"AGREE."	"STRONGLY AGREE. The free market system allows people to do business anywhere. Why should we force any business owner to compromise his values?"
Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver's licenses and other government documents.	"AGREE. Yes, illegal in the word."	"STRONGLY AGREE. Illegal immigrants should become legal to enjoy our freedoms and services."
Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.	"DISAGREE."	"DISAGREE. Mental health treatment and more safety measures in our schools. Taking guns away from law abiding citizens is not the answer."
Kentucky must protect parental consent & parental rights for those with minor children.	"UNDECIDED."	"STRONGLY AGREE. this issue, if combatted can touch many of the issues we face today. Certain exceptions certainly will exist."
Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.	"AGREE."	"AGREE. To be well informed and to be able to make their own decisions, maybe offer as an elective."
Kentucky should act to regulate self-driving cars.	"UNDECIDED."	"AGREE. I do believe we must regulate until we are for sure they are safe. Recent news indicates otherwise."
Tuition at the University of Kentucky is now three times higher than in 2002. All state college tuition increases should be limited.	"DISAGREE. Not as long as KY keeps cutting their budget."	"STRONGLY AGREE. Not as long as KY keeps cutting their budget."
List your top three priorities should you be elected.	"1. Serve the people of KY and not take away the rights they have 2. Work for vets, farmers, state employees, and KY families 3. Repeal/restore the sewer/pension bill."	"1. Public pension 2. Reform taxes and review budget 3. Workforce development within schools, industry and within our government."

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