

**Kentucky Candidate Information Survey**



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Jesse Parks



**60<sup>th</sup> HOUSE DISTRICT**



Rep. Sal Santoro

**Vote Kentucky!**

<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><b>“STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Public education is the number one priority of a great state.”</p>	
<p><i>Leaders should make reforming Kentucky’s antiquated tax system a top priority.</i></p>	<p><b>“STRONGLY AGREE.</b> In order to fully fund education and other priorities, we have to modernize our tax code.”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Candidate chose not to participate.</b></p>
<p><i>Expanding casino-style or slot machine-style gambling is a good way for state government to raise revenue.</i></p>	<p><b>“AGREE.</b> Why not compete for tax money by having gambling? Sports betting could be a great way to raise money.”</p>	
<p><i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i></p>	<p><b>“AGREE.</b> Especially for ‘tip’ employees. But everyone that works 40 hours should be able to provide for their family.”</p>	
<p><i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky’s contribution to it.</i></p>	<p><b>“STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Global warming is real! Kentucky is so beautiful. We need to protect it from environmental damage.”</p>	
<p><i>State lawmakers need to continue to implement common sense regulations on abortion in Kentucky.</i></p>	<p><b>“DISAGREE.</b> KY has many laws already to deal with this issue. It’s time to focus on current problems like schools, jobs, roads, etc.”</p>	
<p><i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their chosen gender identity.</i></p>	<p><b>“UNDECIDED.</b> While I fully support folks who are born with an alternate gender identity, I believe we have more pressing issues.”</p>	
<p><i>Funding for charter schools should be expedited.</i></p>	<p><b>“STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> Address public schools. Privatizing public schools is bad for Kentucky. No on charter schools. Yes on public education.”</p>	
<p><i>The best way to deal with the state’s budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i></p>	<p><b>“DISAGREE.</b> Best way is to limit giveaways to big business and modernize our tax code. More folks working would help.”</p>	
<p><i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize medical marijuana.</i></p>	<p><b>“STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Another great way to raise funds. Fight opioid addiction. Help veterans stay off heavy pain medications.”</p>	
<p><i>All public school sex-ed courses should encourage sexual experimentation.</i></p>	<p><b>“STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> Sex-ed is about safe sex, not experimentation. Education about how to not spread STDs and pregnancy.”</p>	
<p><i>Churches and religious groups should be protected from state discrimination regarding their beliefs about marriage and sexuality.</i></p>	<p><b>“DISAGREE.</b> State laws apply to everyone.”</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.

• 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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<p>State government should do more to encourage alternatives to carbon fuels, such as solar energy.</p>	<p><b>“STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Kentucky should take the lead on alternative sources of energy to re-tool, retrain, and save jobs lost from coal.”</p>	
<p>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</p>	<p><b>“UNDECIDED.</b> Businesses should be good members of society.”</p>	
<p>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver’s licenses and other government documents.</p>	<p><b>“STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> Public safety is of utmost importance. Making immigrants get licenses and documents is the best way to keep Kentucky safe.”</p>	
<p>Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.</p>	<p><b>“UNDECIDED.</b> Better use of technology to background check with various sources of information to determine if someone should be buying a gun is needed.”</p>	
<p>Kentucky must protect parental consent &amp; parental rights for those with minor children.</p>	<p><b>“UNDECIDED.</b> Depends on what issue we are talking about.”</p>	
<p>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</p>	<p><b>“STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> There is no side other than science. Schools teach science.”</p>	
<p>Kentucky should act to regulate self-driving cars.</p>	<p><b>“STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Public safety comes first. New technology requires new laws to keep KY safe.”</p>	
<p>Tuition at the University of Kentucky is now three times higher than in 2002. All state college tuition increases should be limited.</p>	<p><b>“AGREE.</b> Kentucky needs affordable higher education. There are many ways to achieve this.”</p>	
<p>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</p>	<p>“1. Find new ways to fund public education 2. Make working families a priority again 3. Help build Kentucky into a place where folks want to move to.”</p>	

• 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**.

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