

**Kentucky Candidate Information Survey**



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Rep. Susan Westrom



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



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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><b>"AGREE."</b></p>	<p>"_____. Kentucky students do need a strong, content-rich education. One that will challenge and grow their minds."</p>
<p><i>Leaders should make reforming Kentucky's antiquated tax system a top priority.</i></p>	<p>"_____. I have been begging our leaders for years to address comprehensive tax reform!"</p>	<p><b>"AGREE.</b> Though we have seen small steps this year, there is much more to do to update Kentucky's tax system."</p>
<p><i>Expanding casino-style or slot machine-style gambling is a good way for state government to raise revenue.</i></p>	<p>"_____. I am still not comfortable with the 'experts' who are out for themselves. No answer until I am comfortable with the information I seek and receive."</p>	<p><b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i></p>	<p><b>"UNDECIDED.</b> No family survives w/o assistance on two min wage jobs! Student debt is now \$1.2T. There is little hope for a future with this level of struggle."</p>	<p><b>"UNDECIDED.</b> I believe if government were to raise the minimum wage, businesses would pass that onto the consumer."</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</i></p>	<p><b>"UNDECIDED.</b> Even I have difficulty knowing who or what to believe. We have made great strides in emissions."</p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> The General Assembly should encourage good stewardship of this state."</p>
<p><i>State lawmakers need to continue to implement common sense regulations on abortion in Kentucky.</i></p>	<p>"_____. There is no common sense when I make medical decisions for people I have never met. Nor would I appreciate you making them for me!"</p>	<p>"_____. Common sense and decency would tell one human not to murder innocent life."</p>
<p><i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their chosen gender identity.</i></p>	<p>"_____. We have far greater issues to tackle regarding school funding, roads, pensions, etc. before there is funding to even discuss the possibilities or necessity."</p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>Funding for charter schools should be expedited.</i></p>	<p>"_____. Not an issue until we properly fund public schools, which means it is time to put on our big boy panties and deal with tax reform."</p>	<p><b>"UNDECIDED."</b></p>
<p><i>The best way to deal with the state's budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i></p>	<p>"_____. In other words, lets not modernize. How well is that working for us now?"</p>	<p><b>"AGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize medical marijuana.</i></p>	<p>"_____. We need full discourse on the topic, including medical experts and other states who have implemented this policy."</p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>All public school sex-ed courses should encourage sexual experimentation.</i></p>	<p>"_____. This is a topic parents should tackle at home or by working with individual school boards."</p>	<p><b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> All public schools should encourage abstinence."</p>
<p><i>Churches and religious groups should be protected from state discrimination regarding their beliefs about marriage and sexuality.</i></p>	<p>"_____. Churches practice politics by telling their people how to vote and won what they wanted in 2016. Let's see how well that works out."</p>	<p><b>"STRONGLY AGREE."</b></p>

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**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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State government should do more to encourage alternatives to carbon fuels, such as solar energy.	“ _____. State government does not have the money for incentives, the feds do. It is always about the money in Frankfort.”	<b>“UNDECIDED.”</b>
Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.	“ _____. If it is so distasteful to deal with sinners in a public business, they should open a church or Religious School to make the perfect consumers.”	<b>“STRONGLY AGREE.”</b>
Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver’s licenses and other government documents.	“ _____. How safe is it to allow illegals to drive illegally and uninsured and put lives in danger?”	<b>“AGREE.”</b>
Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.	“ _____. The cat is out of the hat. Are there enough enforcers to fix the problem?”	<b>“DISAGREE.”</b> In recent Oklahoma news, we saw how legal gun owners saved innocent lives.”
Kentucky must protect parental consent & parental rights for those with minor children.	<b>“AGREE.”</b>	<b>“AGREE.”</b>
Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.	<b>“AGREE.”</b>	<b>“AGREE.”</b> Public schools have taught a one-sided debate for too long, they should open students’ minds to the other research.”
Kentucky should act to regulate self-driving cars.	“ _____. I have never seen one in Ky and believe research continues at the production level. Do we have experts here?”	<b>“UNDECIDED.”</b>
Tuition at the University of Kentucky is now three times higher than in 2002. All state college tuition increases should be limited.	“ _____. Tuition is higher because we have not done our job in FF. Comprehensive tax reform=support for the education system.”	<b>“UNDECIDED.”</b>
List your top three priorities should you be elected.	“1. Tax Reform for what is best for KY 2. Pension funding for teachers/state employees 3. Putting KY on top: Ample funding for primary/secondary Ed.”	“1. Helping build a better, stronger healthcare 2. Updating Kentucky’s tax system 3. Paying off the Kentucky debt, being fiscally responsible.”

***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**.

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