

**Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey**



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Abigail Barnes



**4th HOUSE
DISTRICT**



Rep. Lynn Bechler



**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. Public, private, home-school included."

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

Candidate chose not to participate.

"STRONGLY AGREE. Need to continue moving away from income tax and go to consumption tax."

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

"DISAGREE. Hasn't worked too well for Illinois."

Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.

"DISAGREE."

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

"STRONGLY DISAGREE."

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

"STRONGLY AGREE. Abortion is the murder of the most innocent among us. I am endorsed by KY Right to Life."

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

"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Gender is decided at birth."

Funding for charter schools should be expedited.

"AGREE. We should also eliminate the same mandates for traditional public schools that were removed from charter schools."

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

"AGREE"

The General Assembly should vote to legalize medical marijuana.

"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Need to have scientific peer-reviewed studies."

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

"STRONGLY DISAGREE."

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

"STRONGLY 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

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>UNDECIDED</u> . Encouragement is ok, but not with government dollars."
Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.		" <u>STRONGLY AGREE</u> ."
Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver's licenses and other government documents.		" <u>STRONGLY AGREE</u> . I have filed bills the last 2 years to outlaw sanctuary cities in the Commonwealth."
Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.		" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE</u> ."
Kentucky must protect parental consent & parental rights for those with minor children.		" <u>STRONGLY AGREE</u> ."
Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.		" <u>AGREE</u> ."
Kentucky should act to regulate self-driving cars.		" <u>AGREE</u> ."
Tuition at the University of Kentucky is now three times higher than in 2002. All state college tuition increases should be limited.		" <u>AGREE</u> ."
List your top three priorities should you be elected.		"1. Tax reform 2. Encourage all types of vocations, not just college 3. Fight government intrusion in our lives."

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