

Kentucky Candidate Information Survey



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70th HOUSE DISTRICT



Robert Conn

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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. Including curriculum that focuses on life skills, soft skills, and trades to make students better prepared for everyday life.”

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

Candidate chose not to participate.

“AGREE. The legislature should close tax loopholes and crafted tax code that is conducive to business, economic development and innovation.”

In Kentucky schools, women should compete against biological women (not biological men who identify as women) in athletic contests.

“AGREE. Generally, biological men have a physical advantage to biological women that could be dangerous in a physically competitive environment.”

Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.

“DISAGREE. Raising minimum wage would hurt small businesses, increase unemployment, drive up prices, and outsource jobs to cheaper labor markets.”

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

“DISAGREE. Global warming is a natural phenomenon; however, the extent of human contribution is not scientifically conclusive. We should pursue a comprehensive energy policy.”

The state should stop U of L’s partnership with Louisville’s oldest abortion clinic.

“STRONGLY AGREE. Taxpayer funds should not pay for abortion services, including the tax funds allocated to U of L.”

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

“DISAGREE. Biological gender is a fact of biology - schools should not be forced to accommodate individuals who are psychologically incongruent with biological fact.”

A tuition tax-credit system should be established for needy students wanting to go to non-public schools.

“AGREE. Students should not be trapped in failing or poorly performing public schools if viable alternatives are available.”

To reduce teen pregnancies, minors should have access to contraception without parental knowledge.

“DISAGREE. Certain contraception, such as hormonal and intrauterine contraceptives require parental knowledge to ensure the medical well-being of the minor child.”

Kentucky should legalize recreational marijuana.

“DISAGREE. Technology to determine impairment, lack of productivity of users and the long-term health imbalance not sufficiently developed/understood at this point.”

The legislature should pass a statewide “Fairness Ordinance.”

“DISAGREE. A fairness ordinance would violate business owners’ First Amendment rights, specifically the Free Exercise clause.”

Churches and religious groups must be protected from state discrimination on the basis of their beliefs about marriage and sexuality.

“STRONGLY AGREE. Such beliefs are protected under the First Amendment. State governments do not have the right to coercively regulate religious doctrines.”

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, June 23!

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**70th HOUSE
DISTRICT**



Republican Candidates

Bracken, Fleming, Mason & Robertson Counties

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The Decision is Yours!

● On **Tuesday, June 23**, voters will go to the polls to vote in the Spring Primary Election. Ballots will include State House and Senate seats, Congressional seats, and a U.S Senate seat, as well as certain judicial races. Note: 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, June 23**.

<p><i>To protect the poor, the state should act to curb exorbitant interest rates charged by payday lending companies.</i></p>		<p>"DISAGREE. Payday loans offer fast cash - often for emergencies - in a way that banks and credit unions don't. Interest rates are high because the risk taken by the lender is high."</p>
<p><i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i></p>	<p>Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>"STRONGLY AGREE. Forcing the production of such goods would be impermissible compelled speech, which is unconstitutional."</p>
<p><i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver's licenses and other government documents.</i></p>		<p>"AGREE. If you are living and working in the country illegally, it's unreasonable for you to be issued licenses to travel freely."</p>
<p><i>Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.</i></p>		<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Restricting gun laws only infringes on the 2nd Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens."</p>
<p><i>Because they leave children sterile for life, transgender surgeries and hormone treatments on minors should be banned.</i></p>		<p>"STRONGLY AGREE. Only consenting adults should be able to undergo such life-altering treatments"</p>
<p><i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i></p>		<p>"AGREE. Students should be made aware of both issues in a neutral, unbiased way, not pressured by instructors or the institution."</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should pass expanded gambling legislation to fund state pensions.</i></p>		<p>"DISAGREE. Expanded gambling would not provide enough funds to maintain the pension system. Pension reform and budget cuts are needed to ensure solvency."</p>
<p><i>University of Kentucky's tuition is now several times higher than in 2002. All state college tuition increases should be limited.</i></p>		<p>"DISAGREE. Forced tuition caps are not the answer; however, the state should incentivize universities to lower tuition costs."</p>
<p><i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i></p>		<p>1. Economic development. 2. Fighting the opioid crisis. 3. Education."</p>

***The decision is yours . . .
Make it wisely!***