

Kentucky Candidate Information Survey



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83rd HOUSE DISTRICT



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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. Every child deserves the best education we can offer. Our public schools must be strong, thriving citadels of learning.”

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

“STRONGLY AGREE. We must reform our tax system and make adjustments that reflect the current economic climate.”

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

Candidate chose not to participate.

“STRONGLY AGREE. Participation in sports should be based on an individual's gender at birth.”

Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Federal minimum wage laws are in place already. The marketplace should set wages based on need and skill.”

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

“AGREE. We must not ignore the obvious signs that mankind has contributed to the devolution of the planet.”

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

“STRONGLY AGREE. State government should not support abortion in this alliance or any other way.”

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

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Public facilities should be available to both sexes and used by each based on birth identity.”

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

“STRONGLY AGREE. I want all students to have the best options available to them. Current budget issues will prevent aggressive adoption of these policies.”

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

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Parents are the final arbiters of contraception access and availability.”

Kentucky should legalize recreational marijuana.

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Kentucky should not legalize nor encourage recreational use of marijuana.”

The legislature should pass a statewide “Fairness Ordinance.”

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Discrimination should not be encouraged on any level. But fairness ordinances often go too far.”

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

“STRONGLY AGREE. Government should protect the religious liberty of all people.”

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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Republican Candidates -- Clinton, Cumberland,
Pulaski (part) & Russell 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>“STRONGLY AGREE. Government should enact and enforce statutes that protect the economically vulnerable.</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. Individuals should not be forced to violate their conscience to engage in commerce.”</p>
<p><i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver's licenses and other government documents.</i></p>		<p>“DISAGREE. Illegal immigration should be discouraged. But, it may be detrimental to deny driver's licenses when there are millions of illegal immigrants.”</p>
<p><i>Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. There are a multitude of gun laws already. We should aggressively enforce restrictions on felons and the mentally incompetent.”</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. Absent a medically necessary reason, hormone treatments should be avoided and transgender surgery should not be permitted.”</p>
<p><i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. I'm not afraid of information, but in how it is presented.”</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should pass expanded gambling legislation to fund state pensions.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Gambling is not the way to prosperity for either individuals or the Commonwealth.”</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>“STRONGLY AGREE. We should be proactive in restricting the growth of tuition and make affordable education more accessible.”</p>
<p><i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i></p>		<p>“1. Pro-life - Advance a pro-life agenda. 2. Strong education for all KY students. 3. Compassionate conservative values across all areas of State government.”</p>

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