

Kentucky Candidate Information Survey



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Shane Baker



85th HOUSE DISTRICT



Wes Hargis, Gregory Ousley and Troy Strunk chose not to participate.

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>“STRONGLY AGREE. Every child needs a quality education to prepare them for their future.”</p>	
<p><i>Leaders should make reforming Kentucky’s antiquated tax system a top priority.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. We should transition to a consumption tax and move away from income tax.”</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Three candidates chose not to participate.</p> </div>
<p><i>In Kentucky schools, women should compete against biological women (not biological men who identify as women) in athletic contests.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. This should be based on the biological sex of the student.”</p>	
<p><i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. The free market should set wages.”</p>	
<p><i>The state should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky’s contribution to it.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE.”</p>	
<p><i>The state should stop U of L’s partnership with Louisville’s oldest abortion clinic.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Taxpayer dollars should never fund abortion.”</p>	
<p><i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their chosen gender identity.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. This should be based on the biological sex of the student.”</p>	
<p><i>A tuition tax-credit system should be established for needy students wanting to go to non-public schools.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. School is not a one-size-fits-all solution. Every child has different needs.”</p>	
<p><i>To reduce teen pregnancies, minors should have access to contraception without parental knowledge.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Parents are the natural teachers of their children. PARENTS should teach their children right from wrong.”</p>	
<p><i>Kentucky should legalize recreational marijuana.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. This would be detrimental to Kentucky families.”</p>	
<p><i>The legislature should pass a statewide “Fairness Ordinance.”</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. This ordinance could infringe on religious freedom.”</p>	
<p><i>Churches and religious groups must be protected from state discrimination on the basis of their beliefs about marriage and sexuality.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. These liberties are recognized in the First Amendment and we must protect the free exercise of religion.”</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, June 23!

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**85th HOUSE
DISTRICT**



Republican Candidates

Laurel (part) and Pulaski (part) County

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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. It’s easy to get trapped in a debt cycle, making it difficult for families to become financially secure.”</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>“STRONGLY AGREE. This should be protected in the First Amendment.”</p>	<p>Three candidates chose not to participate.</p>
<p><i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver’s licenses and other government documents.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. These should be reserved for legal citizens.”</p>	
<p><i>Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. We need more dads in the home. We need more gun safety courses.”</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. These procedures are simply child abuse and must 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>“AGREE. As part of a comprehensive program that includes creation.”</p>	
<p><i>Kentucky should pass expanded gambling legislation to fund state pensions.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. The societal costs outweigh the benefit. We need to keep the promises made, but this is not the solution.”</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>“AGREE. Taxpayer funding inflates the cost of education and healthcare. We help control the cost by limiting funding.”</p>	
<p><i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i></p>	<p>“1. Faith - protect religious freedom. 2. Family - protect life and sanctity of marriage. 3. Freedom - preserve Second Amendment, limit taxes.”</p>	

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