

**Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey**



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**12th HOUSE
DISTRICT**



Art McLaughlin



Rep. Jim Gooch

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Kentucky!**

<i>The best way to prepare Kentucky students for the modern economy is a strong, content-rich, basic education for every child.</i>	" AGREE. Without legislative interference."	" STRONGLY AGREE. "
<i>Leaders should make reforming Kentucky's antiquated tax system a top priority.</i>	" AGREE. Eliminate school taxes for those 70 years or older."	" STRONGLY AGREE. "
<i>In Kentucky schools, women should compete against biological women (not biological men who identify as women) in athletic contests.</i>	" STRONGLY AGREE. "	" STRONGLY AGREE. "
<i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i>	" AGREE. Not all at once."	" UNDECIDED. It may be time to look at an increase but that is not government's job to set wages."
<i>The state should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</i>	" AGREE. I have always been an advocate for the environment since the 70s."	" STRONGLY DISAGREE. We should provide the most reliable affordable energy for all Kentuckians."
<i>The state should stop U of L's partnership with Louisville's oldest abortion clinic.</i>	" UNDECIDED. "	" AGREE. "
<i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their chosen gender identity.</i>	" DISAGREE. A boy is a boy and a girl is a girl."	" STRONGLY DISAGREE. "
<i>A tuition tax-credit system should be established for needy students wanting to go to non-public schools.</i>	" DISAGREE. "	" AGREE. "
<i>To reduce teen pregnancies, minors should have access to contraception without parental knowledge.</i>	" AGREE. "	" DISAGREE. "
<i>Kentucky should legalize recreational marijuana.</i>	" STRONGLY AGREE. Use the tax money for state retirement system and education."	" STRONGLY DISAGREE. "
<i>The legislature should pass a statewide "Fairness Ordinance."</i>	" UNDECIDED. "	" DISAGREE. "
<i>Churches and religious groups must be protected from state discrimination on the basis of their beliefs about marriage and sexuality.</i>	" AGREE. "	" 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,
Nov. 3!**

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12th HOUSE DISTRICT



Daviess (part), Hopkins (part), McLean and Webster Counties

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The Decision is Yours!

● On **Tuesday, Nov. 3**, voters will go to the polls to vote in the General Election. Ballots will include candidates for President, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, the Kentucky Senate (odd-numbered districts) 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. 3**.

<i>To protect the poor, the state should act to curb exorbitant interest rates charged by payday lending companies.</i>	"AGREE."	"UNDECIDED." We may need limits but there may be the only outlets for some desperate individuals."
<i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i>	"AGREE."	"AGREE."
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver's licenses and other government documents.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE."	"DISAGREE." If they are allowed to stay here, they need driver's licenses and insurance to protect our legal citizens."
<i>Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.</i>	"UNDECIDED."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE."
<i>Because they leave children sterile for life, transgender surgeries and hormone treatments on minors should be banned.</i>	"AGREE."	"STRONGLY AGREE."
<i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i>	"AGREE."	"AGREE."
<i>Kentucky should pass expanded gambling legislation to fund state pensions.</i>	"STRONGLY DISAGREE." See question 10. (Marijuana)"	"AGREE." But not necessarily to fund pensions."
<i>University of Kentucky's tuition is now several times higher than in 2002. All state college tuition increases should be limited.</i>	"AGREE."	"AGREE." We have allowed colleges to burden our students with too much debt while they continue to build buildings."
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>	"1. Reduce income for elected officials. 2. Eliminate school taxes for seniors, 70 years or older. 3. Reduce income for school superintendents."	"1. Pass the second year of our state budget. 2. Maintaining Ky's low cost electricity. 3. Public safety."

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