

Kentucky Candidate Information Survey



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92nd HOUSE DISTRICT



Rep. John Blanton



Ancel Smith

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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 is an important individual and should be provided a quality education.”

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

“STRONGLY AGREE. Every study that has been conducted on KY’s system states that we must have modern tax reform in order to move KY forward.”

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. Mark 10:6- ‘God made them male and female.’ Male’s should compete against males and females against females.”

Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.

“AGREE. KY is due for an increase in minimum wages. However, it must be sensible with economic impacts taking into consideration that would negate any raise.”

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

“DISAGREE. East KY’s economy has been destroyed due to the over burdensome regulations placed on our coal industry in the so-called fight against global warming.”

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

“STRONGLY AGREE. The state should force U of L to cut all ties with the abortion clinic, if they refuse, then state funding should be withheld from the state university.”

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

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. No public school that is receiving tax dollars should allow children to use any restroom, except for the restroom provided for their birth gender.”

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

“UNDECIDED. Tax credits should only be allowed once public education is fully funded to provide educational needs of all children.”

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

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. No other adults should go behind a parent’s back and provide contraceptives to underage teens.”

Kentucky should legalize recreational marijuana.

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. As a retired KY State Police Trooper, I have seen first-hand the effects marijuana can have on an individual and a family.”

The legislature should pass a statewide “Fairness Ordinance.”

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. This act is nothing more than pandering to certain groups. I do not support anything that God says is sin.”

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

“STRONGLY AGREE. Our religious freedoms must be protected on the beliefs that the Bible teaches us.”

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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**92nd HOUSE
DISTRICT**



Knott, Magoffin and Pike (part) 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**.

<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. These groups target poorer income individuals and is a cycle that continually punish poorer individuals."</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. Part of a capitalist society allows us to run our private businesses and follow our personal religious beliefs in doing so."</p>
<p><i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver's licenses and other government documents.</i></p>		<p>"STRONGLY AGREE. These individuals are committing a crime in our country just by being here. We must not reward them by providing govt essentials for them."</p>
<p><i>Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.</i></p>		<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE. These shootings indicate a breakdown in the family unit. We have to get back to the biblical teachings of how we live our lives."</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. Children are not mentally developed enough to make a life-long decision to receive these types of treatment. It should be illegal to provide it."</p>
<p><i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i></p>		<p>"AGREE. I do not like these teachings, but if they are going to be taught, then creationism and opposition to global warming should be equally taught."</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should pass expanded gambling legislation to fund state pensions.</i></p>		<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Gambling would not provide sufficient funds for our pensions & would create economic devastation & more problems for our families."</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. All state funded universities' tuition should be limited, allowing for educational opportunities for all Kentuckians. "</p>
<p><i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i></p>		<p>1. Tax Reform. 2. Economic Development 3. Education."</p>

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