

Kentucky Candidate Information Survey



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Rep. Derrick Graham



57th HOUSE DISTRICT



Calen Studler

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. We must invest more in vocational and technical training in high school.”

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

Candidate chose not to participate.

“ AGREE. Some progress was made this past session, however more work is needed.”

Expanding casino-style or slot machine-style gambling is a good way for state government to raise revenue.

“STRONGLY AGREE. Indiana makes nearly 600 million annually and has proved to be profitable.”

Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.

“UNDECIDED. As the economy strengthens, this should be looked at accordingly.”

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

“UNDECIDED. We should always monitor emissions and other contributing factors while balancing science with production needs.”

State lawmakers need to continue to implement common sense regulations on abortion in Kentucky.

“STRONGLY AGREE. Abortion should be abolished in Kentucky. People are crossing state lines now for abortion anyway. Should be a state issue.”

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

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. There are 2 genders – simple enough.”

Funding for charter schools should be expedited.

“AGREE. Kentucky still ranks 46 or 47th in educational attainment. Charter schools have a proven track record of success.”

The best way to deal with the state’s budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.

“STRONGLY AGREE. And find additional sources of revenue.”

The General Assembly should vote to legalize medical marijuana.

“STRONGLY AGREE. Prescribed only for certain ailments for smoking. Discretionary for creams, lotions, oils, etc.”

All public school sex-ed courses should encourage sexual experimentation.

“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Should encourage abstinence 1st and classes should not be mandatory for students. All sex ed should be decision of parents.”

Churches and religious groups should be protected from state discrimination regarding their beliefs about marriage and sexuality.

“STRONGLY AGREE. As a conservative Christian, I will always fight for this freedom.”

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, May 22!

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The Decision is Yours!

- On **Tuesday, Nov. 6**, voters will go to the polls to vote in the General Election. Ballots will include candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, the Kentucky Senate (even-numbered districts only) 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. 6**.

State government should do more to encourage alternatives to carbon fuels, such as solar energy.		" AGREE . I agree with solar incentives for homes and business."
Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.		" STRONGLY AGREE . Religious freedom is a civil right in itself and must be protected. Economics will take care of itself."
Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver's licenses and other government documents.		" STRONGLY AGREE . Authorities should be notified if any illegal immigrant attempts to apply for such documents."
Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.		" STRONGLY DISAGREE . We can do better protecting schools without."
Kentucky must protect parental consent & parental rights for those with minor children.		" STRONGLY AGREE . The 4 th and 14 th Amendments protect the rights of parents as the parents are the legal guardians of the children."
Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.		" STRONGLY AGREE . My faith has only been strengthened by open debate and issues such as these should not be taught as fact."
Kentucky should act to regulate self-driving cars.		" UNDECIDED . I don't think there is much need for this in KY; due to accidents further research is necessary."
Tuition at the University of Kentucky is now three times higher than in 2002. All state college tuition increases should be limited.		" STRONGLY AGREE . Capping student loan limits will likely keep prices down. Reduce government backed student loans due to default rate."
List your top three priorities should you be elected.		"1. Increase Frankfort in lieu of tax payment 2. Seek positive economic changes that encourage growth 3. Protect the rights of the unborn."

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