



2026 Primary Federal Candidates Questionnaire

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In order to provide Kansas voters with more information about Primary Candidates in 2026, Women for Kansas distributed a **short questionnaire to all non-incumbent candidates** (regardless of party affiliation) **running for federal office**.

The incumbents for these federal offices are also running for re-election. Voters can find much more information about these current office holders on their official government websites and in years of local media coverage. Hence, they were not included in this questionnaire.

Incumbents (current office holders) running for re-election (not included in questionnaire):

- Roger Marshall (Republican, US Senate)
- Tracey Mann (Republican, US House District 1)
- Derek Schmidt (Republican, US House District 2)
- Sharice Davids (Democrat, US House District 3)
- Ron Estes (Republican, US House District 4)

We focused this questionnaire on **helping voters learn about non-incumbent candidates**, those who would be new to this elected position. Click on the candidate’s name below to jump to their responses or scroll down to read them all.

All candidates listed below were contacted multiple times through the contact info they provide online. Unfortunately, not all chose to participate; some because they do not have a primary challenger.

Non-Incumbent Candidates running for Federal Office in 2026

	Name	Party	Office (Position Running For)
1	Damon Anderson (<i>no response</i>)	Democrat	US Senate
2	Christy Davis (<i>no response</i>)	Democrat	US Senate
3	Adam Hamilton	Democrat	US Senate
4	Jason Hart	Democrat	US Senate
5	Kevin Latz	Democrat	US Senate
6	Erik Murray	Democrat	US Senate
7	Sandy Spidel Neumann (<i>no response</i>)	Democrat	US Senate
8	Anne Parelkar	Democrat	US Senate
9	Patrick C. Schmidt (<i>no response</i>)	Democrat	US Senate
10	Michael "Mike" Soetaert (<i>no response</i>)	Democrat	US Senate



11	Noah Taylor	Democrat	US Senate
12	Pond Naramore	Republican	US Senate
13	Colin McRoberts	Democrat	US House District 1
14	Lauren Reinhold	Democrat	US House District 1
15	Craig Musser	Republican	US House District 1
16	Don Coover (<i>no response</i>)	Democrat	US House District 2
17	Chad E Young	Republican	US House District 2
18	Sarah Preu	Democrat	US House District 3
19	Eric Jenkins (<i>no response</i>)	Republican	US House District 3
20	Chase LaPorte (<i>no response</i>)	Republican	US House District 3
21	Chris Carmichael	Democrat	US House District 4
22	Cole Epley (<i>no response</i>)	Democrat	US House District 4
23	Ryan Gilbert (<i>no response</i>)	Democrat	US House District 4
24	Katy Tyndell	Democrat	US House District 4
25	Frank A. McCollum	Republican	US House District 4

#3. Adam Hamilton, Democrat, US Senate

Where can voters learn more about you (such as, what is your candidate website, etc.)?

<https://hamiltonforkansas.com/>

Why are you running for this office?

I'm a fifth-generation Kansan. My great-great grandparents settled in Dickinson County 147 years ago, in a town called Hope. I love this state and its people, and I love our country. For 36 years I've led a congregation, listening to people and trying to help close the gap between the world as it is and the world as it should be. But Washington has forgotten too many of the values that make a country work, like kindness, decency, and treating one another as neighbors. The decisions Roger Marshall is making in DC are making life harder for Kansans, not better. That's why I'm running.

What is your experience in public service or elected office?

I bring 38 years of public service of a different kind. My wife LaVon and I started our congregation with four people and a dream; today it's the largest United Methodist church in the country, made up of roughly equal parts Republicans, Democrats, and independents who've learned to work side by side. Over those years we've devoted hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours to the community, such as a mobile food pantry running four days a week, a dental clinic that serves 2,700 kids a year, and a beds ministry for children sleeping on the floor.



I've spent my career listening to people, bringing very different folks together, and building institutions that serve people in practical ways.

What are Kansans telling you is important to them in this election (for example, what are specific concerns of various constituencies you will represent)?

I visited 18 communities across Kansas before I made the decision to run, and the through line of what I heard was affordability. People are struggling to pay for gas, for groceries, and especially for health care. Ordinary families are priced out of insurance, and there is real worry about access to quality and timely care in rural areas.

Farmers and ranchers told me they're worried about losing customers overseas, especially when trade fights and tariffs make Kansas products harder to sell. They're also getting squeezed by the cost of inputs like fertilizer, diesel, equipment, and feed. Folks in the livestock and meatpacking industries worry about their workforce.

But it wasn't only about costs and jobs. Again and again, Kansans told me they're worried about a loss of basic decency, about how we've started turning people into issues and demonizing one another. They want leaders who'll actually listen and who they can trust.

What differentiates you from other candidates in this election?

I'm an independent-minded Democrat and I'm realistic about what it's going to take to win in November. For 36 years, I've led a congregation made up of Republicans, Democrats, and independents, and I've had to bring people together not around slogans, but around service: feeding families, caring for kids, helping neighbors in need. That's how I lead. I listen first, I try to understand people before judging them, and I look for practical ways to solve problems. Kansans deserve a senator who shows up less interested in scoring points, and more interested in serving the people who sent them there.

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#4. Jason Hart, Democrat, US Senate

Where can voters learn more about you (such as, what is your candidate website, etc.)?

HartForSenate.com

Why are you running for this office?

We need a plan for 2027 and 2028, not simply platitudes. As a former federal prosecutor of pedophiles, I bring a unique set of credentials and skills that we need in DC to reclaim our democracy, stop the chaos, and clean out the corruption. We cannot get to affordability without



accountability in 2027 and 2028, so I want to take a page from Watergate and expose the corruption and coverups, leading to impeachments, convictions, and subsequent criminal prosecutions that hold people accountable. I am the candidate most qualified to help root out the corruption, cover-ups and grift to keep our momentum going into 2028.

What is your experience in public service or elected office?

I have served Kansans for 21+ years, as a prosecutor of child abuse, child sexual exploitation, domestic violence, and sex trafficking. Of that, 16 years have been at the federal level, where I prosecuted child pornographers and sex traffickers. My service was statewide, pulling offenders out of communities, from Baxter Springs up to St. Frances and all parts in between. I have been recognized nationally as a Crime Victims Rights Champion in 2014, and in 2018 was selected to serve a 6 year term on the Attorney General's Nationwide Investigations Advisory Committee, providing guidance to all 94 US Attorney's Offices across the country. I have taught at Washburn Law School, at the National Advocacy Center, and at national conferences. I held a Top Secret National Security clearance and worked on those matters for the US Attorneys office, until I quit in March 2026 (to run for office).

What are Kansans telling you is important to them in this election (for example, what are specific concerns of various constituencies you will represent)?

Democrats and Republicans alike tell me they want accountability. Republicans are angry that their party has been hijacked by extremists; Democrats are angry that the Biden administration did nothing, and now we are in a worse mess. While the two top priorities seem to be: 1) fully funded public education (which, with federal special education and Title I dollars, will help reduce local property taxes), and 2) getting universal healthcare or some form of health care relief; there is an understanding that none of that is likely to happen in 2027 because of the presidential veto and the executive branch being full of chaos-makers. So, removing the chaos-makers is the first necessary step.

What differentiates you from other candidates in this election?

I am the human embodiment of the single persistent fracture point between Trump and the Republicans - the Epstein files. I'm a tried and true public servant that has prosecuted, rather than protected, pedophiles. In a General Election, I will make Republicans to choose, or refuse, the prosecutor of pedophiles rather than the absent enabler of the Epstein-class - when faced with that moral question, I give them something to vote FOR. Plus, I am the only candidate with western Kansas roots, and with roughly 1 million Republicans versus 500,000 Democrats, we have to bring western Kansas Republicans and Independents over. Policy has never brought



them over, but this moral choice will, because we've seen how it already split Republicans from Trump.

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#5. Kevin Latz, Democrat, US Senate

Where can voters learn more about you (such as, what is your candidate website, etc.)?

latz4kansas.org

Why are you running for this office?

I began to consider running for the US Senate in the fall of 2024. I entered the race in the spring of 2026 because no one running for the Senate from the Kansas Democratic Party was offering solutions to the difficult problems we face including but not limited to access to quality health care, common sense gun safety, the affordability crisis including but not limited to child care and home ownership, climate change and federal fiscal policy.

I see serving in the US Senate as a continuation of the advocacy for children and families that I have been performing for the last 30 years as a pediatric orthopedic surgeon.

What is your experience in public service or elected office?

I have no prior experience in an elected office. I have been involved in public service in my community as a member of the crime and safety committee and by taking trauma call at a level 1 trauma center, safety-net children's hospital for the past 30 years.

What are Kansans telling you is important to them in this election (for example, what are specific concerns of various constituencies you will represent)?

Many families tell me that they are concerned for their children, specifically the lack of economic opportunity for their children and concern for the safety of their children due to social media and ineffective gun safety regulations. Families also express their concerns about affordability including the cost of housing, groceries, child care and health care.

Women tell me they are concerned about access to reproductive health including abortion.

Rural Kansans express concern about access to health care, lack of educational equity for their children, the (difficult) economics of farming, climate change, and drought.

All Kansans express concerns about the lack of civility in both the legislative and executive branches of the national government and the inability of our leaders in DC to act in a mature manner to solve problems.



What differentiates you from other candidates in this election?

There are a number of quality candidates hoping to serve in the US Senate from the Democratic party in this race. I suspect many of us have similar views on health care, responsible gun ownership, how to support adolescents and young adults, how to help families solve for the affordability crisis and reproductive rights. What differs among the candidates is our life experience, our intellectual rigor, our world view and our priorities. We are similar but not the same.

With the help of my community, government loans and a little luck, I have been fortunate to earn an undergraduate degree, graduate medical school, and train to become an orthopedic surgeon. I recently returned to school to obtain an MBA at Rockhurst University to improve my leadership skills and expand my knowledge base beyond medicine. I understand and appreciate the transformative power of education. This education allowed me to travel from a single parent home with no economic security to where our family is today. I know that journey would be far more difficult if I were born today. I have lived and understand the challenges of growing up without economic security. I will support policies and take action to restore and support the working/middle class.

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#6. Erik Murray, Democrat, US Senate

Where can voters learn more about you (such as, what is your candidate website, etc.)?

<https://www.erikforkansas.com/> ; Instagram - erikforkansas ; Facebook - Erik Murray for Kansas

Why are you running for this office?

I am running to protect our humanity, our decency, and our democracy from the cruelty and corruption we see in Washington and Topeka. As Dr. King said - "we need leaders not in love with money, but in love with justice... not in love with publicity, but in love with humanity!" That exemplifies my life and my leadership style and I'd like to bring less chaos and more solutions to the U.S. Senate. As a father of four, a husband to an amazing nurse, and the son of public educators and public servants - its important for me to stand up and fight for our values, for our future, for our children, for workers, for public education, and for the basic civil and human rights and freedoms that we see being eroded daily by this administration. I feel very fortunate to be in a position, personally and professionally, to do something about it!

What is your experience in public service or elected office?



I have never held elected office. I have been in some form of public service - service to my community and promoting public good - most of my life. As a child, my mother - a public school teacher - engrained in me the need to give back to our community, and we completed countless hours of community service projects through organizations like Jack & Jill, Boy Scouts, the NAACP, and others. As a young adult, I continued this spirit of volunteerism through my work for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and as a volunteer Ski Patroller and medic. In my professional life, I specialize in community development specifically to provide community infrastructure, affordable housing, social and public good amenities like childcare and groceries, and clean energy to disinvested communities as a "triple bottom line" ethos around uplifting people, planet, and prosperity for communities on the social, environment, and economic margin - like the one I'm from in Wyandotte County, Kansas.

What are Kansans telling you is important to them in this election (for example, what are specific concerns of various constituencies you will represent)?

Sadly, there are many concerns and issues affecting Kansans that I'm hearing about in every corner of the State. The economic pain of stagnant wages versus rising costs for gas, groceries, and utilities. The literal pain of hospital closures and long drives for medical care - sometimes in "life or death" situations. The emotional and physical pain of women and communities of color losing their healthcare rights, voting rights, and basic human rights. The lack of housing, infrastructure, and amenities that will attract young people back to long disinvested neighborhoods in both urban and rural areas across the state. Seniors concerned about their social security and prescription drug costs. Working families juggling attempts to prioritize whether to forego health insurance and risk bankruptcy in the event of a medical emergency, or how to pay for childcare, or transportation and insurance, or property taxes. Parents of disabled or special needs students fighting to ensure their kids have access to educational resources and support. Sixth generation farmers wondering if there will be a seventh generation of the family farm, whether due to tariffs or bankers or water or corporate greed - or the painful reality that their kids don't want to live in State where our legislature is famous for bathroom bills and billionaire-first policies. Communities worried about data centers, private prisons, taxpayer funded stadiums, and other tax and corporate policies that put greed ahead basics for the betterment of society and humanity. People want government to be held accountable - from getting money out of politics, to ensuring all three branches have an enforceable code of ethics and stop trading stocks with confidential information, to holding everyone in the Epstein files - regardless of party or status - to account. We are hearing so many concerns and have a laid out a thirteen point plan at erikforkansas.com to fight for Kansans to address all of these issues in Washington - and to support candidates up and down the ballot that can address these issues in Topeka, too!



What differentiates you from other candidates in this election?

I love this question, so many things differentiate our campaign - starting with our ethos around competing everywhere and uplifting other candidates too so that we can drive fundamental change in Washington and Topeka this year! We built infrastructure that assists recruiting and supporting Kansas State House candidates, as we understand that no Democrat can win Statewide in Kansas without building a bench up and down the ballot and all over the State. Check it out at join.erikforkansas.com/house - this is among the reasons why there are a record number of candidates this year. While most candidates only worry about their race, some of the best compliments our campaign has gotten is from folks like Christine who said "I love that you're out helping everyone".

We have decided to BE the change we want to SEE in the world - and we're living that ethos on the campaign trail which is why folks also love a few of the other differentiators about us - our energy, our passion for problem solving, our experience using federal policy to benefit disinvested communities (urban and rural!) and build essential infrastructure like affordable housing and workforce development, our work to show up in every corner of the State and do community clean-ups and service projects, and our willingness to meet anywhere even to engage just one or a small handful of voters in less populated counties.

Folks love our unique ability to engage and activate young voters, communities that have felt disenfranchised or left out of the political process, and our willingness to stand ten toes down for our Democratic values in this moment where clarity and strength are needed to fight back against old men in Washington who want to roll back rights, decency, and democracy to the Stone Age.

As the only candidate from Wyandotte County, the unique perspectives of our campaign around the benefits of growing up in the most diverse county in the state, to also understanding the realities of economic segregation and stagnation from disinvestment that has plagued many areas of our State. There seems to be a pushback for the number of Statewide candidates that emerge from Johnson County, and the lived experience of growing up and raising a family in Wyandotte County seems to resonate with communities across this State.

Lastly, as a father of three amazing daughters, the ability to understand, support, uplift, protect, and advocate for Women is vital at a time when Women's rights are under attack, combined with the lived experience of being Black at a time when voting rights and economic opportunities are under attack - provides an extremely unique and valuable perspective that drives my fight to protect and ensure the equal rights of everyone. As a (relatively) young male candidate who is also raising a teenage son, I also understand and work to drive connection with other young men around positive strength in real masculinity - yes, we can be strong and



fearless while also being empathetic and kind - working to overcome the toxic masculinity and the mental health challenges being fed to our boys by social media and algorithms.

Simply, as a lifelong Democrat - this campaign and candidacy is living proof that Democratic values work, and that investing in public education, healthcare, economic opportunity, and ensuring kids and families from every zip code have the resources needed to thrive - is the key to our present and future.

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#8. Anne Parelkar, Democrat, US Senate

Where can voters learn more about you (such as, what is your candidate website, etc.)?

Website:

<https://www.anneforkansas.com/>

Social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/AnneForKansas>

<https://www.instagram.com/anneforkansas>

<https://www.tiktok.com/@anneforkansas>

<https://www.youtube.com/@AnneforKansas>

<https://x.com/AnneforKansas>

<https://bsky.app/profile/anneforkansas.bsky.social>

Why are you running for this office?

Last year, after January 20, like a lot of my fellow Kansans and Americans, I spent a lot of time calling my elected officials, emailing, sending postcards, protesting, and trying to make our collective voices heard. No meaningful responses would be had. After I learned that Roger Marshall would be having a town hall in Oakley, Kansas on March 1, I, along with many other Kansans, went to get answers. Marshall could not leave fast enough after confronted with just one question about veterans that wasn't favorable to him or the administration. It was at that Town Hall that I told him I was going to take his job.

I am a Daughter of the American Revolution, wife of a naturalized citizen from Mumbai, India, an immigration attorney, and most importantly, a mother of two children in our public schools. I see the state of our country and I am worried about what kind of world we will leave for our



children. The founding fathers did not create this government of, by, and for the People for Roger Marshall to get elected to serve the tech companies, his donors, and his leader. I decided I was going to do what I could to change the political landscape of Kansas because at that time, no one else was stepping up.

I never wanted to be a politician. I just wanted to be a mom, a lawyer, and a teacher. I've done all that, and it doesn't feel safe for my family in my own country anymore. So I have to do something about it. I am running to restore the Promise of America and get our country back on track to make it what we want it to be for ourselves and our children.

What is your experience in public service or elected office?

I have not held elected office before but I have a long history of serving my community. As an immigration lawyer I have navigated complex federal legal systems while helping families through some of the most difficult times of their lives. I've been a coach, a counselor, and a teacher, and some of the most fulfilling parts of my life have been working with the next generation. I call myself a political outsider, and that is exactly what this country needs right now. People are tired of career politicians. We're all tired of "public servants" who just serve big money and the establishment, not the People they were elected to represent. Kansans just want someone they can trust. I'm not running to advance my political career, I'm running because We the People deserve better than our current elected officials. I will stand with and fight for regular working Kansans because I am one of them.

What are Kansans telling you is important to them in this election (for example, what are specific concerns of various constituencies you will represent)?

Across Kansas, whether urban, rural, or suburban, there are three issues on the minds of the People: 1. Big money and corruption in our government, 2. The cost of living, and 3. The division and misinformation that has a stranglehold on our society and threatens our nation.

Regardless of politics, every Kansans I've spoken to agrees we need public servants who aren't bought and paid for by corporations or foreign interests. We want our government to serve our interests and regulate the big businesses and billionaires that seem to get legislation that benefits them over the rest of the People.

The cost of living is a multi-factor issue. This ranges from healthcare to technology, from food costs to gas prices, and it will take a multi-prong approach to address this. We need to get to universal healthcare. That will be huge for every Kansan. There is no reason the United States of America can't take care of its people. We have a politically viable plan to get there by starting with Medicare for all kids and expanding it up from there.



We also need to enforce our Antitrust laws. This overlaps with the previous issue, as well. But big corporations have way too much power and wealth, and even so the American taxpayers keep having to bail them out so they don't go under. No more corporate welfare, and let's level the playing field for the Entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Banning predatory pricing practices will also go a long way to help the People of Kansas with cost of living.

The last one should concern us all. Throughout history, when the citizenry is divided, that is when the worst things have occurred. Many Kansans are worried that our Democracy is at risk, and we believe it is because of the division caused by the manipulation of information via social media, media, and even our politicians. The more we speak to each other, the more we realize we are not each other's enemies and that we need everyone to stand United if we are to keep our country.

What differentiates you from other candidates in this election?

There are a lot of good candidates in this race, but I am one of the most qualified among them. I could list out my legal resume and how that gives me an advantage in understanding and writing legislation. But I think the thing that sets me apart the most is sincerity. I don't speak in perfectly scripted answers, I just tell it like it is and treat people like regular people, because I am a regular person.

I have lived in urban, rural, and suburban settings in my life.

For some reason, there seems to be a disconnect between these communities, at least according to most of the people I speak with in the political world. And I'll admit they are different, but they all have the same wants and needs. Having lived parts of my life in each different setting, I am able to relate to people from all walks of life. And I genuinely care about the people I meet.

I am only in this race because I needed someone to step up and fight for my family. No one was doing that. I voted like I was supposed to every election. But still I have to worry about my children's futures, and the future of all our children. I can't trust the status quo to fight for the People anymore.

I am both qualified and in this for altruistic reasons, and my allegiance will always be to the People I am elected to serve. That's it.

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#11. Noah Taylor, Democrat, US Senate

Where can voters learn more about you (such as, what is your candidate website, etc.)?

Website: <https://www.noahforkansas.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/noahforkansas>

X/Twitter: <https://x.com/noahforkansas>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/noahforkansas>

Threads: <https://www.threads.com/@noahforkansas>

TikTok: <https://www.tiktok.com/@noahforkansas>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@noahforkansas>

Bluesky: <https://bsky.app/profile/noahforkansas.bsky.social>

Why are you running for this office?

I'm running for the U.S. Senate because our Members of Congress have deserted regular Kansans, while a few at the top profit. I'm running to defeat Senator Roger Marshall, a man so weak that he turned tail and ran out the back door of a town hall when Kansans dared to ask him simple questions.

In the Army, I learned that you don't run out the back door when things get tough; you stand tall and fight. That's how I was raised in El Dorado, and that's how my wife and I are raising our two kids in Kechi now. We see our neighbors getting squeezed by rising grocery bills, tariffs, and health care costs, while powerful corporations and career politicians rig the system for themselves. It's time to fight back against a system that works great for the Roger Marshalls of the world, and not the rest of us. I'm running to make life more affordable, end forever wars, and clean up corruption, so that our kids can build their futures here at home.

What is your experience in public service or elected office?

I have never run for public office before, and frankly, this wasn't something I had ever considered doing at this point in my life - but something has to change.

After joining the Army at 19 years old, I deployed to Afghanistan as an infantry grunt. I saw the cost of war: to my fellow soldiers, the families there, and the families we left behind. After getting out of the Army, I joined the U.S. Army Reserves, where I served as a counterintelligence analyst with a top secret security clearance. I took an oath to defend the Constitution and serve my country, and I view this as an extension of that service.



What are Kansans telling you is important to them in this election (for example, what are specific concerns of various constituencies you will represent)?

The top concerns I hear from Kansans are the cost of living and corruption. Families are scared. Everyday costs like groceries, electricity, and gas are out of control. Far too often, you can't even afford to see a doctor when something is wrong.

It's time to make life more affordable for families. That means a tax cut for the middle class and closing loopholes that let the rich cheat the system. We must make it illegal for corporate CEOs to price-gouge consumers at the grocery store and stop reckless decisions, such as tariffs and conflicts in the Middle East, that have driven up costs.

Every American should also have access to health care they can afford. I'm focused on areas where we can quickly get relief to Kansans who need it, which means actions like extending the Affordable Care Act tax credits, expanding access to prescription drug price caps, and reversing Medicaid cuts, which disproportionately hurt rural Kansas.

What differentiates you from other candidates in this election?

As a 34-year-old raising two kids with my wife, the struggles that Kansas families face aren't abstract policy decisions to me - they are a part of my everyday life. I'm not only scared for my kids' future, but my own. The American Dream feels further out of reach each year, and I am the candidate who can best speak to the anger and frustration voters are feeling at this moment in history. Voters don't want someone to come in and save us; they want someone who is one of them to bring the fight to the corrupt political system in Washington. The military taught me that when confronted with a problem, you dig in and fight. Right now is a moment to stand strong in our values and fight.

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#12. [Arch] Pond Naramore, Republican*, US Senate

*[*On the Secretary of State's website Naramore is listed as a Republican candidate, but when asked in the questionnaire "what is your party affiliation?" this was the candidate's answer: "I'm not a member of any political party I'm a Democrat. Although I'm registered as a Republican"]*

Where can voters learn more about you (such as, what is your candidate website, etc.)?

I'm an independent free spirit no website yet keep tuned in .

Why are you running for this office?



My opponent voted not to impeach trump. He blamed a women helicopter pilot for wreck of plane in DC said it wouldn't have happened if a man was flying helicopter. A doctor who ignored science. Does not have a voice.

What is your experience in public service or elected office?

Drainage district director Douglas County Kaw

Failed county commission candidate

Lost US Senate primary Republican 2004

What are Kansans telling you is important to them in this election (for example, what are specific concerns of various constituencies you will represent)?

Freedom from fear

Freedom of Religion

Freedom from want

Freedom of Speech

What differentiates you from other candidates in this election?

I have a heart

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#13. Colin McRoberts, Democrat, US House District 1

Where can voters learn more about you (such as, what is your candidate website, etc.)?

<https://colinforokansas.com/>, <https://www.facebook.com/colinforokansas>,

<https://www.tiktok.com/@colinforcongress>

Why are you running for this office?

I began my run for office in Roger Marshall's town hall in Oakley. I took the video of Marshall running away from his own event that went viral, and in the aftermath had to explain to national reporters how it was possible for a sitting United States senator to be so contemptuous of his own constituents. The answer was simply that Marshall perceives this to be a safe seat, and did not see any reason to respect voters when he assumed his own re-election was assured.

There were already strong candidates running against Marshall, so I looked for where my talents and strengths would do the most good. Tracey Mann, the incumbent First District



representative, suffers from the same defects as Marshall--contempt for his voters, refusal to work in the best interests of the district, and loyalty to political and personal interests over his neighbors.

The First District has been a safe Republican seat for over a generation. Without any need to compete for the seat, our representatives have become increasingly self-serving and willing to turn a blind eye to bad policy and corruption.

We can only reverse this trend by competing more effectively as Democrats, which means running candidates who are competent, assertive, strategic, and committed. We intend to use the blue wave to build a lasting change in the First District.

What is your experience in public service or elected office?

I have never held elected office. I worked in the judicial branch for several years, and have spent six years teaching business law and negotiation at the University of Kansas School of Business. Prior to that, I worked as a negotiation expert and advisor; I advised negotiators in dozens of countries around the world in businesses, charities, and diplomatic and military teams on how to reach deals under difficult circumstances.

What are Kansans telling you is important to them in this election (for example, what are specific concerns of various constituencies you will represent)?

Affordability, accountability, and progress.

Kansans are struggling to afford the basic necessities at the grocery store and gas pump. We can address that by ending the chaotic and irrational tariffs that Tracey Mann supports. That will end the pointless trade wars his policies have fueled, which will restore foreign markets and increase farm incomes. Not all of the First District farms, but farm profits drive the Kansas economy. Improved international trade will also lower prices for every Kansan, helping make everyday life affordable again.

Accountability means putting Congress back to work as a check and balance on the federal government. Using immigration as an excuse, federal law enforcement has violated Americans' rights across the country; ICE has repeatedly killed innocent Americans, entered homes without warrants, and committed other violations that the executive branch has refused to even investigate. Congress must take action instead, as the Constitution expects. At the same time, Congress must lean in to investigate the appointments and work of incompetent and corrupt federal officials, such as the FEMA executive who believes that he has supernatural teleportation powers (not an exaggeration or a joke) and the border czar who took \$50,000 in cash from undercover federal agents in a bribery sting but was never prosecuted or fired. And



the destruction of USAID fueled the explosion in bankruptcies in Kansas, as food that was purchased here to feed hungry children around the world was left to rot on the docks at the whim of Elon Musk and his enabler, Tracey Mann. The resulting deaths of hundreds of thousands of children due to starvation and preventable diseases is a moral crisis that has angered Kansans, because they do not see Mann or anyone else in the federal government taking responsibility for the crisis at home or abroad.

Progress means putting Kansas back on the path to improving our economy, our security, or freedoms, and our daily lives--not just getting back to where we once were. Kansas is blessed with a strong university system that does critical research that improves the lives of our people, but much of that research has been crippled by incompetent political officials (with Tracey Mann's blessing). Research into drought-resistant crops, cancer treatments, and Alzheimer's prevention has suffered as DOGE and other political initiatives shut down scientific programs without understanding them. This has set back the ag community as it has lost progress in the development of dryland crops, just as the destruction of USAID helped bring screwworm and other pests to our shores. Our aging community of seniors may never see the promising drugs that could have been developed had our scientists been allowed to work without political interference. The damage done so far will take decades to repair, and Tracey Mann will not risk the support of Elon Musk or MAGA radicals to do that work.

What differentiates you from other candidates in this election?

My experience, my strategy, and our successes to date.

I am not a career politician or bureaucrat. I am an experienced negotiation expert. For many years, I have worked to create deals in a huge variety of situations. I have been called in to assist businesses creating critical alliances, diplomats harmonizing international agricultural regulations, soldiers building bridges with civilian governments around the world, and public officials repairing relations with indigenous peoples. This is exactly the experience we need in Congress: the knowledge of how to create deals that bring people with different goals and perspectives together.

Our strategy is unique. I have committed to running a strategic campaign with the goal of making the First District competitive. I've chosen a young and dynamic team from across the district, creating a cadre of experienced campaign workers who will be around for decades to work on future campaigns (or run themselves). We're committed to building a campaign that independents can support, and even Republicans who are tired of seeing their party become a cult of personality devoted to one corrupt politician rather than the values and principles it used to stand for. And we aren't compromising on our progressive values.



My experience and our strategy has already had real results. I am the only candidate in my primary to be endorsed, for example by Governor Carlin and the Young Democrats of Douglas County. I am particularly proud of these endorsements because they show the geographic and demographic breadth of our support. The governor heard from me and my primary opponent before offering on his own initiative to endorse me--the only endorsement he's made in the House races. The Young Democrats, like the governor, saw that I was a better candidate to support their values and make a real difference in this race.

One of the things my endorsers appreciate is my commitment to reform. I was recruited shortly after entering the race to join the Balance and Accountability Caucus, a group of anti-incumbent candidates who pledge to get corporate money out of politics, ban stock trading by congresspeople, and end the revolving door between Congress and lobbyists. I was also the first candidate in Kansas to sign the Political Accountability Pledge, foreswearing corporate donations. I urge my fellow candidates to follow my lead.

My team and I have not just raised more money than my primary opponent, we've raised more money than the Democratic candidates in the prior two races combined. Every dollar has come from individual donors who are investing in a more competitive First District--one where candidates compete instead of relying on partisanship. I have the drive, the strategy, the skills, and the team to create that change.

None of these successes would be possible without my incredible campaign team. My all-female leadership team is made of of proven campaign veterans who have worked for Sharice Davids and other Kansas success stories. I am immensely grateful for their support and their faith in our campaign.

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#14. Lauren Reinhold, Democrat, US House District 1

Where can voters learn more about you (such as, what is your candidate website, etc.)?

My website is <https://www.laurenforkansas.com/> and all my social media (Facebook, Instagram, BlueSky, TikTik, and X) handles are @Laurenforkansas. My LinkedIn is <https://www.linkedin.com/in/laurenreinhold/>

Why are you running for this office?

I am in this race to fight to get our government back working for the people NOT corporations. I loved my 16-year career as a public servant for the Social Security Administration. I was horrified when DOGE came into all agencies, gutted them, stole Americans' data, and disrupted



services in violation of the law. I running to be your congresswoman because I refuse to stand by and watch our government abandon Kansans and work for corporate interests.

What is your experience in public service or elected office?

My entire 29-year career has been in public service/public interest. I served 16 years in the federal government as a Human Resources administrator, a disability attorney, union leader and labor investigator, for both large and small agencies, the Social Security Administration and the National Labor Relations Board. Early in my legal career, I worked for non—profit and state legal services organizations. I also had an immigration law practice prior to rejoining the government in 2010.

What are Kansans telling you is important to them in this election (for example, what are specific concerns of various constituencies you will represent)?

As your congresswoman, I promise I will fight for legislation that meets this goal: ALL Americans should be able to have a job that pays all their bills with money leftover to save for the future.

Kansans are concerned with their household economics and their futures. There is a sense that the American Dream is dead now that families are working harder for less while the rich are getting richer. They are concerned with the increasing costs of everything, including healthcare. They are concerned with corporations being enriched more and more while everyday life gets harder and harder for families. They are concerned with tariffs and unnecessary wars driving up costs for everyone especially farmers, who face limited resources due to USDA cuts.

What differentiates you from other candidates in this election?

Unlike the Republican incumbent, I am committed to fighting for the prosperity and safety of all of us. Tracey Mann does nothing but protect the wealthy and corporations, allowing harm to Kansas families

My primary opponent has a platform similar to mine, but our the primary difference is our experience. I am the only candidate with experience in both government administration and advocating for underserved populations.

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#15. Craig Musser, Republican, US House District 1

Where can voters learn more about you (such as, what is your candidate website, etc.)?

musserforuscongress.com There is a link on website to my Facebook page.



Why are you running for this office?

Kansans deserve a representative who serves them - not donors, party bosses or Washington insiders. I'm running to be that representative. Central to my platform is a clear, unwavering commitment to honor the independent spirit that runs deep in Kansas. Kansans have never needed the government to tell them how to live. They've always looked out for each other without looking over one another's shoulders. This principle defines his campaign and it's the standard by which he intends to govern.

What is your experience in public service or elected office?

I was elected to a school board and was the president for several years.

What are Kansans telling you is important to them in this election (for example, what are specific concerns of various constituencies you will represent)?

Kansans are telling me the government is interfering with their freedoms to live how they want, particularly women. Farmers and ranchers are very concerned about the disastrous trade and tariff policies along with the monopolies that dominate their industry. Most are concerned about the uncertainty that they feel by the government either not following through or erratically moving from one issue to another without really solving anything. Like healthcare has been talked about with little action. DOGE makes cuts but Congress puts things back without real reform. Inflation was a priority but has not been addressed. America first was the campaign but not enacted.

What differentiates you from other candidates in this election?

An item that differentiates me is the willingness to address people's concerns even when people are upset. An elected person must take the berating along with the platitudes because you represent the people and must speak up for them. Sometimes you must be the point of the arrow for your constituents in fighting for their rights, freedom and economic wellbeing.

Securing the border is a given by this candidate. This candidate is not interested in taking away everyone's guns.

I do believe that women have autonomy over their bodies and the government has an obligation to protect women. Also, families regardless of how they are constituted deserve their rights protected.

Lastly, I would point out that I am for getting the country's finances in order so that America is strong and free. Congress has shown little desire to reign in costs and put America first.

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#17. Chad Young, Republican, US House District 2

Where can voters learn more about you (such as, what is your candidate website, etc.)?

My Facebook Chad E Young

Why are you running for this office?

To change KS for the better and actually hear the concerns of the people and not the big government

What is your experience in public service or elected office?

I have ran a non profit organization for many years serving the community

What are Kansans telling you is important to them in this election (for example, what are specific concerns of various constituencies you will represent)?

Farming, healthcare, small town problems, ie water concerns, wind turbine issues

What differentiates you from other candidates in this election?

I do not take lobbyists money and I will work for the people not myself. I'm not in Congress to get rich. I'm there to serve the people of KS

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#18. Sarah Preu, Democrat, US House District 3

Where can voters learn more about you (such as, what is your candidate website, etc.)?

<https://www.sarahpreu2026.com/>

Why are you running for this office?

While I have been a moderate voter in the past, moderates in Congress have been less moderate in terms of representing corporate donors. They'll vote for extreme policies simply because both sides of the House agree it's best for the corporate donors and for-profit industries they both get major donations from. In the process, they've labeled very popular stances like Anti-war, Pro-Medicare for All, Expanded Corporate taxes as extremist progressive ideas, when indeed, they are the overwhelming will of the people.

What is your experience in public service or elected office?



I've run non-profits with millions in reserves, started my own non-profit, and have served vulnerable people in diverse communities in my off hours from my full-time career as a director of Technology. I've not held office before.

What are Kansans telling you is important to them in this election (for example, what are specific concerns of various constituencies you will represent)?

Data Center moratorium and protective legislation is at the top of the list for unifying issues across the political spectrum and demographics. Rural Kansans and urban Kansans do not want these hyperscale data centers anywhere near them. They are also unified against getting involved with wars on behalf of Israel and using our tax dollars that way.

What differentiates you from other candidates in this election?

I'm a grassroots candidate who is anti-war, doesn't take AIPAC or dark money, anti-ICE in our streets, and will deliver on expanded billionaire (and trillionaire) taxes that will fund the programs regular Americans depend on.

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#21. Chris Carmichael, Democrat, US House District 4

Where can voters learn more about you (such as, what is your candidate website, etc.)?

<https://www.chriscarmichael.org/>, <https://www.facebook.com/chriscarmichael4ks04>,
<https://www.tiktok.com/@chris.carmichaelks04>

Why are you running for this office?

I'm running because I have spent more than 31 years serving this country in the Army and Air Force, and I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution. I never planned to run for office. I was content serving my country and then building a life here in Kansas. But I believe our politics has become too focused on party loyalty instead of public service, and Kansas deserves better.

I couldn't sit back and watch our constitutional system become more divided, more dysfunctional, and less accountable to the people. Throughout my military career, I served under presidents of both parties. My loyalty was never to a political party or an individual. It was to the Constitution and the American people. That belief hasn't changed.

I'm running because I believe public office is about service, not power. We need leaders who are willing to listen, tell the truth, solve problems, and put the people they represent ahead of politics. After a lifetime of leading in some of the most challenging environments imaginable, I



believe I have both the experience and the responsibility to continue serving our country in Congress.

What is your experience in public service or elected office?

While I have not held elected office, public service has been the defining purpose of my life.

I served more than 31 years in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, rising from an enlisted mechanic to a colonel responsible for major logistics and supply chain operations supporting our national defense. During my career, I led thousands of military and civilian personnel, managed multi-billion dollar budgets, and deployed multiple times to Afghanistan. I was honored with the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and numerous other military awards for leadership and service.

Today, I serve as Vice President of Government and Commercial Services for a Kansas aerospace company, where I continue working with government, industry, and the aviation sector to strengthen one of Kansas' most important industries.

My career has taught me how to bring people together, solve complex problems, manage large organizations responsibly, and remain accountable for results. That's exactly the kind of leadership I believe Congress needs today.

What are Kansans telling you is important to them in this election (for example, what are specific concerns of various constituencies you will represent)?

I have been traveling across the Fourth District since I entered this race in October of last year, and no matter where I go, I hear many of the same concerns.

Working families are worried about the rising cost of groceries, housing, healthcare, childcare, and utilities. Many are also concerned about the impact of tariffs that are driving up the cost of everyday goods while creating uncertainty for Kansas manufacturers, aviation, and agriculture. Seniors want the peace of mind that Social Security and Medicare will be there for them. Family farmers talk about rising input costs, unpredictable trade policies, and how difficult it has become for the next generation to get started. Business owners and workers want a stable economy, a reliable workforce, and policies they can count on.

In our rural communities, people are deeply concerned about keeping their hospitals open and preserving access to healthcare close to home. Farmers and ranchers consistently raise concerns about protecting the Ogallala Aquifer and ensuring we have enough water for future generations. Across the district, I am also hearing growing concerns about the rapid expansion of AI data centers. Kansans want economic development, but they also want to know these projects won't strain or contaminate our water supplies, overwhelm our electric grid, raise



utility bills, or leave taxpayers footing the bill for private corporations while experiencing decreasing property values. They want growth done responsibly, with local communities having a real voice in the process.

Veterans tell me they want a VA system that works and leaders who understand military service because they've lived it.

Above all, Kansans are tired of political theater. They want elected officials who show up, listen, tell the truth, and solve problems. They want predictable leadership they can trust, and that's exactly what I intend to provide.

What differentiates you from other candidates in this election?

What sets me apart is that I've spent my entire adult life serving something bigger than myself. I served more than 31 years in the U.S. Army and Air Force, rising from an enlisted mechanic to a retired Air Force colonel. I led large organizations, managed complex operations around the world, and made difficult decisions where lives and national security were on the line. Leadership, accountability, and service aren't campaign slogans for me. They're how I've lived my life.

I'm also not a career politician. I don't owe political favors to party leaders or special interests. My loyalty is to the Constitution and to the people of Kansas' Fourth District. If elected, I'll vote based on what's best for Kansans, not on what party leadership tells me to do.

Unlike the other Primary candidates, I can actually win the much needed middle ground independent and Republican voters needed to win in Kansas' 4th District. My senior leader military experience gives them the reason to vote for a Democrat in the General election.

Finally, I'm committed to being present and accessible. I've been traveling across every corner of this district since entering the race because I believe representation starts with listening. I'll continue holding town halls, visiting communities large and small, and making myself available to every constituent. The people of Kansas deserve a representative who shows up, tells the truth, and puts service above politics.

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[#24. Katy Tyndell, Democrat, US House District 4](#)

Where can voters learn more about you (such as, what is your candidate website, etc.)?

katyforkansas.com

Why are you running for this office?



Quite simply, I am running for this office because I was asked to do so. I was told that because of my background, professional experience, and grassroots organizing successes with Leading Kansas over the past year and a half, I was the strongest candidate to take on Rep. Ron Estes in the general election. Whether or not that is true is yet to be determined, but I made my decision to run because there is an urgency about this moment that requires all of us to make sacrifices. I believe now--more than ever--we need leadership rooted in service, integrity, accountability, and the courage to put people over party. I realize what is at stake, and I intend to do everything I can in this moment to try to protect our democratic freedoms for future generations.

What is your experience in public service or elected office?

I have not served in elected office. I worked briefly for the federal government during my early career in Washington, DC, at the U.S. Senate Library, the Office of Tribal Justice (USDOJ), and the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. I also recently served as the chair of the Sedgwick County Fire District One Steering Council.

What are Kansans telling you is important to them in this election (for example, what are specific concerns of various constituencies you will represent)?

Overwhelming, the issues on voters' minds are affordability, bridging the divide, and upholding the Constitution. All three are priorities for me in this campaign. We need to drive down the cost of living by ending the Trump tariffs (lowering prices at the grocery store and giving our farmers their markets back), ending the War in Iran, (reopening the Strait of Hormuz to commerce), and acting to lower the costs of medical care and prescription drugs. When it comes to bridging the divide, we need to do our part to end the era of toxic partisanship, learn to talk (and work) across the aisle again, and rebuild trust. As for the Constitution, it's time for Congress to do the hard work of governing and oversight again and stand up for the Rule of Law. There is no excuse for Congress' complete capitulation time and again to this President, and if we want our democratic republic to survive, Congress is going to have to reestablish its rightful place in our tripartite system of checks and balances.

What differentiates you from other candidates in this election?

I have strong Kansas roots. I am the only woman. I am the only attorney, which has become increasingly important with recent violations of the law by this President and those around him. I am the only individual with experience drafting and passing bipartisan national legislation (the Tribal Law & Order Act of 2010 and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013). I have proven to be a better fundraiser than my opponents, and I am the only one who has built the grassroots organization to win the general election.



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#25. Frank McCollum, Republican, US House District 4

Where can voters learn more about you (such as, what is your candidate website, etc.)?

votefrankmccollum.com and our Facebook page, Vote Frank McCollum

Why are you running for this office?

I am a fourth generation farmer and I worked as a nurse for 20 years. I want to take all the knowledge I've gained in my life to make life affordable for working class Americans again. The increases in ag inputs, healthcare, and food needs to stop.

What is your experience in public service or elected office?

This is the first office I have run for.

What are Kansans telling you is important to them in this election (for example, what are specific concerns of various constituencies you will represent)?

The rising costs associated with farming and the costs of just everyday living.

What differentiates you from other candidates in this election?

I'm not a politician. I want to make changes for people like me. I want to make life better and affordable for all of the average Americans who are struggling to pay their everyday bills.

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