

SALINA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Kansas Senate District 24

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Please limit responses to the questions to 200 words per question.

- 1. Why are you seeking this office and what are your qualifications?** I am running for Kansas Senate District 24 because I believe our state needs leaders who will prioritize the well-being of every Kansan, not just the wealthy and powerful. I am committed to ensuring that all Kansans have access to quality healthcare, fully funded public education, and the opportunity to build a better life. My background as an attorney, coupled with my experiences in community organizing has equipped me with the skills to advocate for policies that promote fairness and justice. I've been deeply involved in local efforts to address systemic issues and believe that public service is the best way to create lasting, positive change.
- 2. What is your position on Expanding Medicaid and why? Would you support putting Medicaid Expansion on the ballot?** I fully support expanding Medicaid in Kansas. Medicaid expansion is vital for ensuring healthcare access for thousands of Kansans, reducing mortality rates, and supporting our rural hospitals, many of which are struggling to survive. Kansas is one of the few remaining states that

hasn't expanded Medicaid, and this inaction has resulting in unnecessary suffering and economic strain on our healthcare system, I would absolutely support putting Medicaid expansion on the ballot to let the people decide, through the Kansas Legislature should take immediate action rather than continuing to stall on this issue.

3. How can we be assured that if elected, you will work in the best interests of your constituents versus your personal interests?

My dedication to public service stems from my commitment to helping others, not advancing personal interests. I have spent my career advocating for the rights of individuals and have consistently put people before profit. If elected, I will continue to work with integrity and transparency, listening to my constituents and making decisions based on what's best for our community. I believe in accountability, and my record of community involvement and professional advocacy demonstrates that I prioritize the needs of the people I serve over personal gain.

4. What will you do about the Gun Violence crisis? The gun violence crisis is one of the most pressing public health issues facing our country. I support common-sense gun safety measures, including universal background checks, and red flag laws.. While I respect the Second Amendment, we must take steps to reduce the horrific levels of gun violence that claim thousands of lives each year. I will work to build bipartisan consensus on gun safety reforms, ensuring that we protect both public safety and responsible gun ownership.

