

**Kentucky  
Candidate  
Information  
Survey**



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**54<sup>th</sup> HOUSE  
DISTRICT**



**David Sparrow**



**Rep. Mike Harmon**

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Kentucky!**

<p><i>A fiscally responsible budget would contain a "rainy day fund" of at least 1.5% of state revenue.</i></p>	<p><b>"AGREE.</b> This is needed in case of catastrophes and hardships that could impact the Commonwealth."</p>	<p><b>"STRONGLY AGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>Intelligent design is a religious belief and therefore should not be taught in our public schools.</i></p>	<p><b>"AGREE."</b></p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>State employees, including public school teachers, should be allowed to strike as well as collectively bargain for wages and benefits.</i></p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> Educators' and state employees' wages and benefits should be properly funded and is a legislative responsibility."</p>	<p><b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>With funds limited, legislators should tighten the budget rather than expand gambling for more revenue.</i></p>	<p><b>"UNDECIDED.</b> Allow constitutional amendment to go forward and let the voters decide."</p>	<p><b>"STRONGLY AGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>KERA's high stakes testing philosophy places too much pressure on teachers to "teach to the test" rather than to educate.</i></p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> KERA has caused schools to evaluate teaching standards and make needed changes. KERA needs to be fine-tuned."</p>	<p><b>"AGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>Kentucky should ban any medical research that destroys human embryos.</i></p>	<p><b>"UNDECIDED.</b> I'm against cloning a human being but in favor of stem cell research."</p>	<p><b>"STRONGLY AGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>A union's right to collect dues from all workers must be protected.</i></p>	<p><b>"AGREE."</b></p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>To reduce pregnancies, teens should have access to contraception without parental knowledge.</i></p>	<p><b>"AGREE.</b> Age restrictions should be a part of this."</p>	<p><b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> How can we expect to hold parents accountable, if the state continues to undermine their authority?"</p>
<p><i>There should be a statewide ban on nude dancing in public places.</i></p>	<p><b>"AGREE.</b> This is a local decision when handled properly."</p>	<p><b>"STRONGLY AGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>To decrease teen tobacco use, Kentucky should once again increase taxes on cigarettes.</i></p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> The last budgets have shown increases in taxes on cigarettes. We must deal with this issue in educating."</p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>Singles and same-sex couples should be allowed to adopt children through state-licensed adoption agencies.</i></p>	<p><b>"UNDECIDED."</b></p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> Consistent with the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the state's interest is to place a child in an optimal home."</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should ban smoking in all government buildings.</i></p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> This should be a local option decision."</p>	<p><b>"AGREE.</b> Only government buildings."</p>

**About the Kentucky  
Candidate Information  
Survey (KCIS) . . .**

- The purpose of the **KCIS** is to reliably report candidates' views to voters, thereby improving: 1) voter knowledge of the candidates; 2) voter participation; and therefore, 3) the quality of the democratic process.
- The **Survey** 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 18 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 **Survey** is a non-partisan project of the Family Trust Foundation of Kentucky, a non-profit educational organization founded in 1989. The Trust was incorporated in order to encourage and strengthen families and family life in our state. Encouraging responsible citizenship and increasing voter participation are two of its objectives. For more information, call (859) 255-5300.
- For more information on the candidates, visit us on the web:

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**Be sure to take  
time to vote on  
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***The Decision is Yours!***

• On **Tuesday, November 7**, voters will go to the polls to elect candidates for U.S. House of Representatives, Kentucky Senate (even-numbered districts only) and House of Representatives, and the Kentucky Judiciary (in addition to numerous local offices). 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](http://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, November 7**.

<p><i>The General Assembly should pass a constitutional amendment to legalize casinos.</i></p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> Pass a constitutional amendment to allow voters to decide this issue."</p>	<p><b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>State lawmakers should prohibit illegal immigrants from receiving government services.</i></p>	<p><b>"AGREE.</b> Increases pressure on services needed by citizens of the Commonwealth."</p>	<p><b>"AGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>Medical malpractice claims must not be limited by a cap on punitive damages.</i></p>	<p><b>"UNDECIDED."</b></p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> Tort reform is greatly needed in Kentucky."</p>
<p><i>Legislators should ban elective abortions in Kentucky.</i></p>	<p><b>"UNDECIDED."</b></p>	<p><b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> If we fail to value life, why should we be surprised when our nation's children do the same?"</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should vote to limit judicial activism in the state's courts.</i></p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> Courts should be unbiased."</p>	<p><b>"AGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>Private institutions should not receive state funding if they retain morality standards that limit premarital sex and homosexual behavior.</i></p>	<p><b>"UNDECIDED.</b> Private institutions should not receive state funding."</p>	<p><b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>Although some believe unemployment will rise as a result, lawmakers should raise the minimum wage.</i></p>	<p><b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Employees cannot live on the current minimum wage."</p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>Affirmative action guidelines in admissions and hiring are the best way to help minorities and women.</i></p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> Opportunities are growing that eliminate need for guidelines."</p>	<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> We should be color blind and judge people by their skills and the content of their character."</p>
<p><i>List your top three policy priorities should you be elected.</i></p>	<p>"1. Education – needed to move the Commonwealth forward. 2. Health care, including prescription drugs. 3. Agriculture – support farmers in a changing agricultural environment."</p>	<p>"1. Improve the health insurance situation in Kentucky. 2. Improve educational opportunities in Kentucky. 3. Protect innocent unborn."</p>

*For additional information from the candidates in their own words and for more races across the Commonwealth of Kentucky, visit the Kentucky Candidate Information Survey at:*

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