

Kentucky  
Candidate  
Information  
Survey



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**Jodie Haydon**

**14<sup>th</sup> SENATE  
DISTRICT**

Marion, Mercer, Nelson,  
Taylor & Washington  
Counties



**Rep. Jimmy Higdon**

**Vote  
Kentucky!**

<i>Affirmative action guidelines in admissions and hiring are the best way to help minorities and women.</i>	"DISAGREE. More jobs will help everyone, including women and minorities. Send a message to both political parties, business as usual is over."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Strongly oppose any affirmative action guidelines for women and minorities."
<i>Discussions of Intelligent Design must be barred from public school classrooms.</i>	"DISAGREE. Being a person of faith, I do not feel it should be banned."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE."
<i>There are too many problems associated with casino-style gambling to bring slots to Kentucky.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE. I opposed allowing casinos. I support saving 100,000 Kentucky jobs on farms, farm suppliers and in the horse industry."	"STRONGLY AGREE. The issue should not be decided by politicians with special interest money. The people should be allowed to vote."
<i>The legislature should require HPV vaccinations for girls before they are allowed to enter middle school.</i>	"DISAGREE. Vaccine is proven to prevent cancer; should be available, covered by health insurance, as a parental decision, not the government."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Should be a parenting decision."
<i>Kentucky needs to devote more resources to limit global warming.</i>	"DISAGREE. We all want a clean environment. Common sense dictates that in tough economic times, we focus on job creation first."	"AGREE. Fund clean coal technology."
<i>Women, by law, should have the opportunity to see their ultrasound before having an abortion.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE. As State Representative, I had a solid Pro-Life voting record. As State Senator, I will protect the sanctity of life."	"STRONGLY AGREE. Have supported this legislation. I am 100% Pro Life."
<i>State employees, including public school teachers, should be allowed to strike as well as collectively bargain.</i>	"DISAGREE. Public employees' contracts should have 'no strike' clauses. I support all employees' right to organize and collectively bargain."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Representation by public employees should be allowed but oppose strikes."
<i>State government should pass a stimulus bill to jump-start the state economy.</i>	"UNDECIDED. We face historic revenue shortfalls. It's time to cut perks, cut spending, hold down taxes and create jobs."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. We can strengthen the economy by cutting taxes."
<i>A law should prohibit any medical research that destroys human embryos.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE. I believe human cloning is immoral and unethical. There are other viable techniques to use in medical research."	"STRONGLY AGREE."
<i>The General Assembly should act to curb exorbitant interest rates in payday lending companies.</i>	"AGREE. Actions of our legislators, while families struggle, defy logic. Let's reform this by placing reasonable caps on interest rates."	"DISAGREE. I support full disclosure of all rates and charges by lenders."
<i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be banned in Kentucky.</i>	"DISAGREE. Having been in the quarry business for many years, there are responsible ways to mine; let's enforce current laws."	"DISAGREE."
<i>After serving their time, convicted felons should have their voting privileges re-instated.</i>	"DISAGREE. Open to determine if this is inappropriate to change on some crimes. My faith is one of second chances."	"DISAGREE. A pardon process is already in place."

**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,  
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# 14<sup>th</sup> SENATE DISTRICT

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## The Choice is Yours!

· On **Tuesday, December 8**, voters in Marion, Mercer, Nelson, Taylor & Washington Counties will go to the polls for a Special Election to elect a State Senator for Senate District 14. This vacancy was created by the nomination of Sen. Dan Kelly to a judgeship.

· For more information on your voter registration status, 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 the candidates for participating in the **Survey** and are grateful for their willingness to step 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, December 8**.

<i>To promote diversity, public schools should include protections in their hiring policies for gays, lesbians and transgendered people.</i>	"DISAGREE."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE."
<i>Because of the high cost of divorce to children, as well as to society, the legislature should consider ways to strengthen marriage.</i>	"AGREE."	"AGREE."
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</i>	"AGREE."	"STRONGLY AGREE."
<i>A union's right to collect dues from all employed workers must remain secure.</i>	"AGREE. I support workers' rights to organize and determine who represents them. In a democracy, majority rule is only fair."	"AGREE."
<i>The General Assembly should focus on government efficiency and cutting costs rather than on new taxes.</i>	"STRONGLY AGREE. Time to cut perks, cut spending, hold down taxes and create jobs. Legislators give themselves perks and bigger budgets. That's wrong."	"STRONGLY AGREE."
<i>Same-sex couples should be allowed to adopt children through state-licensed adoption agencies.</i>	"DISAGREE."	"DISAGREE."
<i>The General Assembly should ban smoking in all government buildings.</i>	"AGREE. It is a basic question of public health."	"AGREE."
<i>To expand gambling, the Constitution must be amended, giving the people the opportunity to ratify or reject.</i>	"DISAGREE. Partisan obstructionism prevented this when it was a viable option. We either save 100,000 horse industry jobs or allow other states to benefit."	"STRONGLY AGREE. Give the people the opportunity to ratify or reject."
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>	"1. Ending the partisan gridlock. 2. Hold down taxes to create jobs. 3. Funding education; it's time to spend on things that matter."	"1. Creating jobs. 2. Affordable health care. 3. Open and honest government."

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