

Candace Landers - Summary

-Has been arrested for DUI at least three times with one DUI conviction. She was arrested for two DUIs within under 3 months.

(Source: Sedgwick County District Court, Case #: 05-TR-5664 & Wichita Police Department Incident: 05C0678)

-Has four tax warrants from the state of Kansas for unpaid taxes.

(Source: Sedgwick County District Court, Cases: 2019-ST-000956, 2018-ST-002181, 2018-ST-006048, 2018-ST-20178)

-Sued by a credit card company for an unpaid bill of nearly \$1,000.

(Source: Sedgwick County District Court, Case #: 12-LM-02182)

-Supports Medicaid Expansion

MESSAGING: Supports a radical \$1.1 billion spending program that will trigger a massive increase on the middle class and not one penny will go schools, law enforcement or roads.

(Source: Candace for Kansas Facebook Page

Source: <https://www.khi.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Issue-Brief-Projected-Costs-and-Enrollment-of-Medicaid-Expansion-in-Kansas.pdf>)

-Favors a local property tax increase.

(Source: KAKE News, June 16, 2026)

Served on the Board of KNEA and Endorsed by the AFL-CIO. So she stands with the liberal groups that want:

(Source: Candace for Kansas Facebook Page & https://bluevoterguide.org/endorser-org/AFL-CIO_Kansas/KS/5248)

-Higher Property Taxes in opposing a lid (Source: AFL-CIO Endorsement)

MESSAGING: Stands shoulder to shoulder with partisan politicians and extreme special interest groups who have pledged to block property tax cuts.

Source: <https://ksaflcio.org/news/2026-ksleg-recap-week2>

-Support Medicare for All which would end private insurance and end Medicare as we know it. (Source: AFL-CIO Endorsement)

MESSAGING: Abolishes private health insurance, even your employer-sponsored plan. \$9,000 in new taxes for the average family. \$32 trillion in new spending for a government-run healthcare system.

Source: AFL-CIO Supports Medicare for all <https://aflcio.org/resolutions/resolution10>; Kansas.com, 9/23/2019; NYTimes.com, 3/23/2019; Time Magazine, 7/30/2018.

Background/Resume

Nothing listed on Landers' 2026 SSI for income. Not much of a current job history.



Candace Landers
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List any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, trust, joint venture and every other business interest, including land used for income, and specific stocks, mutual funds or retirement accounts in which either you or your spouse has owned within the preceding 12 months a legal or equitable interest exceeding \$5,000 or 5%, or your spouse own more than 5% of a business, you must disclose the percentage held. Please insert additional page if necessary to complete this section.

If you have nothing to report in Section C, check here ☐

BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS	TYPE OF BUSINESS	DESCRIPTION OF INTERESTS HELD	PERCENT OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS	HELD BY WHOM

D. GIFTS OR HONORARIA:

List any person or business from whom you or your spouse either individually or collectively, have received gifts or honoraria having an aggregate value of \$500 or more in the preceding 12 months.

If you have nothing to report in Section D, check here ☐

NAME OF PERSON OR BUSINESS FROM WHOM GIFT RECEIVED:	ADDRESS	RECEIVED BY

E. RECEIPT OF COMPENSATION: (Part 1) List all places of employment in the last calendar year, and any other businesses from which you or your spouse received \$2,000 or more in compensation (salary, thing of value, or economic benefit conferred on in return for services rendered, or to be rendered), which was report your federal income tax returns.

1. YOUR PLACE(S) OF EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER BUSINESS IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR. IF SAME AS SECTION "B", CHECK HERE ☒

If you have nothing to report in Section "E"1, check here ☐

NAME OF BUSINESS	ADDRESS	TYPE OF BUSINESS

2. SPOUSE'S PLACE(S) OF EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER BUSINESS IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

If you have nothing to report in Section "E"2, check here ☐

NAME OF BUSINESS	ADDRESS	TYPE OF BUSINESS

F. OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF AN ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS:

List any organization or business in which you or your spouse hold a position of officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor at the time of filing, irrespective of the amount of compensation received for holding such position. Please insert additional page if necessary to complete this section.

If you have nothing to report in Section F, check here ☐

BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS	POSITION HELD	HELD BY WHOM

G. RECEIPT OF FEES AND COMMISSIONS:

List each client or customer who pays fees or commissions to a business or combination of businesses from which fees or commissions you or your spouse received an aggregate of \$2,000 or more in the preceding calendar year. The phrase "client or customer" relates only to businesses or combination of businesses. In the partner's proportionate share of the business, and hence of the fee, which is significant, without regard to expenses of the partnership. An individual who receives a salary as opposed to portions of fees or commissions is generally not required to report under this provision. Please insert additional page if necessary to complete this section.

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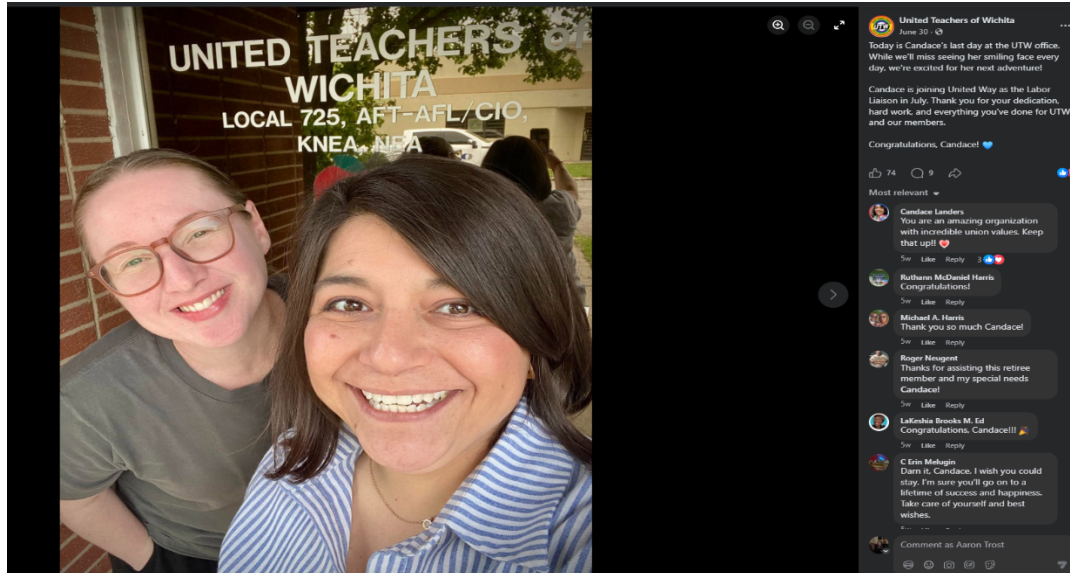
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H. DECLARATION: I declare that this statement of substantial interests (including any accompanying pages and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement of all of my substantial interests and other matters required by law. I understand I file this statement as required by law or intentionally filing a false statement is a class B misdemeanor.

Date Electronically Filed: 6/9/2026 11:28:28 AM
Name of Person Making Statement: Candace Landers

(Source: www.kssos.gov; Candace Landers Statement of Substantial Interests)

According to Landers' Facebook page, she was working at the United Teachers of Wichita until June of 2026 and then joined the United Way as the Labor Liaison in July.



Personal Baggage

Candace Landers has been involved in multiple DUI cases in 2025 and was convicted of one DUI.

DUI Case 1: Sedgwick County Sheriff's Case 05S002529 documents a March 11 traffic stop on K-96. The deputy reported that Candace Snowberry:

- Repeatedly weaved and crossed the fog line;
- Had a strong odor of alcohol;
- Had bloodshot and watery eyes;
- Had a six-pack of Blue Moon in the vehicle;
- Admitted drinking wine; and
- Displayed multiple signs of impairment on all three field-sobriety exercises.

She was taken into custody and submitted to an evidentiary breath test, but the result is obscured in the copy.

Sedgwick County District Court journal entry, Case 05TR5664, shows Candace Snowberry pleading guilty on August 30, 2006, to:

- DUI under K.S.A. 8-1567, identified as a Class B offense; and
- Improper driving/failure to maintain a lane under K.S.A. 8-1522.

(Source: Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, Case #: 05S002529 and Sedgwick County District Court, Case #: 05TR5664)

Case 2: September 4, 2005 - DUI-drugs investigation

Wichita Police Case 05C067838 documents another stop after police observed Candace weaving and failing to maintain her lane. The report states:

- Two open Bud Light bottles were in the vehicle;
- She failed all three field-sobriety exercises;
- Her breath-alcohol result was .000;
- She admitted smoking marijuana;
- Police obtained a blood sample;
- Her license was restricted to travel associated with work and school; and
- She was arrested and booked after citations were mailed.

The proposed charges included DUI-drugs, DUI after a previous conviction, violating license restrictions, transporting an open container and failing to maintain a lane.

The municipal DUI-drugs and DUI-second-conviction charges were dismissed. Landers pleaded no contest and was found guilty of violating her license restrictions, transporting an open container and making an unsafe lane change.

Potential 3rd DUI: The September police report states that Candace had a “previous DUI dating 06-29-05.”, which would be a different DUI than her March 11, 2005 incident. The same report contemplated a charge of “DUI after one previous.”

This proves that police records associated Candace with a prior DUI dated June 29, 2005. It does not, by itself, establish:

- Whether June 29 was the date of a separate traffic stop;
- Whether it was a conviction or disposition date connected to another incident; or
- What conduct, test result or final judgment was involved.

Until the underlying June police or court record is obtained, it should be called a referenced prior DUI.

(Source: Wichita Police Report, Case #: 05C067838)

Candace Landers' vulnerable child repeatedly escaped the home and entered or approached a busy roadway.

Sheriff's deputies documented at least four separate incidents involving the Landerses' nonverbal child leaving the property:

- Candace reported the child missing after he left the backyard. She found him approximately three houses away. She told the deputy he had escaped before. (Source: Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office Report, July 22, 2019 - Case #: 19S007003,)
- A passerby found the child near Clark and Greenwich without shoes or an adult present. Jerry said the child climbed over a four-foot fence and had been missing approximately 15 minutes. (Source: Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office Report, May 30, 2022 — Case 22S004741)
- The child was reportedly running in the middle of Greenwich Road before a bystander removed him from the street. Jerry retrieved him before deputies arrived. The report expressly referenced the similar May incident. (Source: Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office Report September 22, 2022 — Case 22S008483)
- Witnesses found the child naked in the roadway, riding a small toy car into traffic and nearly being struck. Jerry estimated the child had been missing 7–10 minutes, but the deputy noted that 28 minutes had elapsed since dispatch and wrote that Jerry could not explain the discrepancy. Jerry acknowledged that the child had escaped more than once previously. (Source: Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office Report, April 16, 2023 — Case 23S003170)

NOTE: Deputies conducted welfare checks and returned the child to the parents.

A neighbor alleged that the Landers children were repeatedly outside naked and unsupervised.

Neighbor Ashley Allison told deputies that the Landers children regularly played outside naked, sometimes entered the street, and were not supervised. She alleged that when she confronted Jerry and Candace, they told her it was “none of her business.”

The deputy did not personally verify the allegations and did not contact Jerry or Candace before completing the report. The neighbor also said she had no reason to believe the

children were in immediate danger. (Source: Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office Report, Case 21S003657, May 1, 2021)

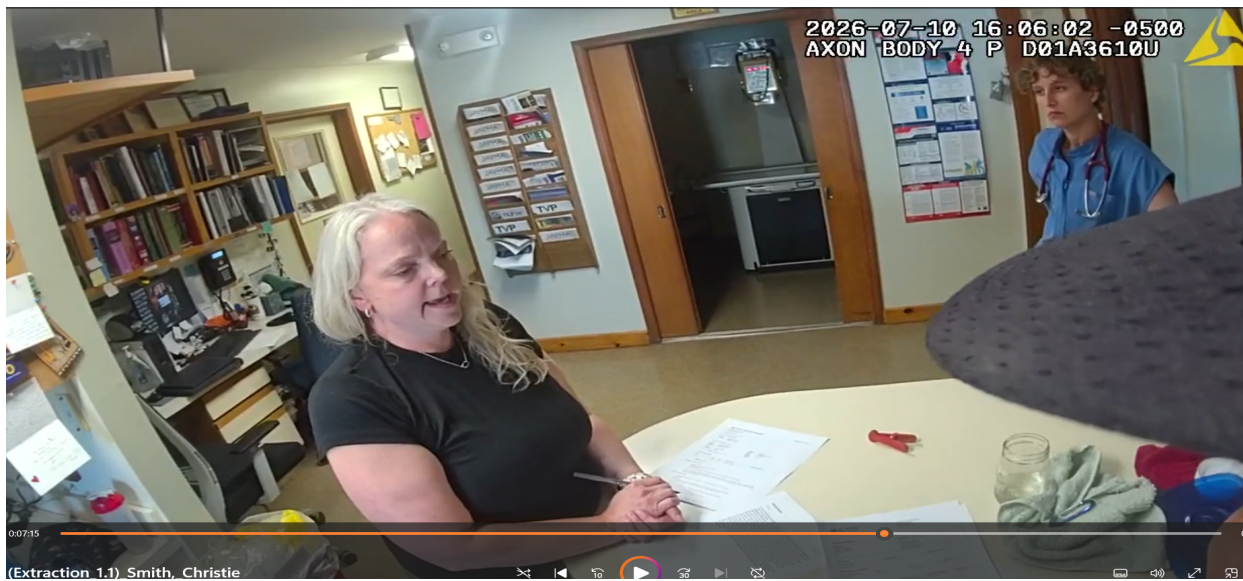
Jerry Landers made a statement that a veterinary employee perceived as potentially threatening. The Landers cat (a cat without a microchip or ID) got neutered by the vet without their permission as it was brought in by a frustrated neighbor that is at odds with them over cats.

A July 10, 2026 sheriff's supplemental report, Incident 2026-00029752, says Jerry entered Blair Doon Veterinary Hospital unannounced after the clinic neutered the family's cat, which a neighbor had presented as a stray. According to employee Christie Smith, Jerry was defensive and accusatory, demanded the identity of the person who brought in the cat, and stated that this "won't be the last time" the clinic heard from him.

Smith did not know what Jerry intended but contacted law enforcement so the incident would be documented. The report does not indicate an arrest, charge, or explicit threat of violence.

(Source: Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, July 10, 2026 Incident 2026-00029752)

Candace Landers and Jerry were mentioned by the vet employee as potentially making an implied threat about a lawsuit and this incident was covered by a Sedgwick County Bodycam. Because the implied threat wasn't clear from the Landers, the police officer had to spend time documenting the incident as a potential physical threat to the vet clinic.



(Source: Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office Axon Body Cam Footage, 7-10-2026, Case-2026-00029752)

Candace Landers has had four tax warrants for unpaid sales taxes for \$579.17

Case	Tax periods listed	Warrant
2018-ST-002181	April–June 2017	\$173.39
2018-ST-002178	July–September 2017	\$167.01
2018-ST-006048	September 2018 and October 2017, as written	\$101.86
2019-ST-000956	May–July 2018	\$136.91
Total		<u>\$579.17</u>

The notices state that Candace had previously been advised to settle the accounts, that administrative appeal rights were exhausted and that liens had been filed. KDOR was authorized to seize and sell personal property—and, if necessary, real estate—to satisfy the debts.

For the two May 2018 warrants, KDOR issued levies to a financial institution on May 29, 2018. The records do not state how much money was recovered or whether the warrants were eventually released. The return documents for the later two warrants similarly do not establish final payment.

(Source: Sedgwick County District Court, Case Numbers: 2018-ST-002181, 2018-ST-002178, 2018-ST-006048, 2019-ST-000956)

Capital One collection lawsuit

In Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. v. Candace Snowberry, Case 2012-LM-002182, Capital One alleged that Candace failed to make required credit-card payments. The bank sought:

- **\$979.94 in principal;**
- **\$105.99 in accrued interest through November 18, 2011;**
- **\$146.99 in attorney fees;**
- **Continuing interest and court costs.**

The claimed amount at filing totaled \$1,232.92 before additional interest and costs. Capital One's affidavit listed an account balance of \$1,085.93 before attorney fees.

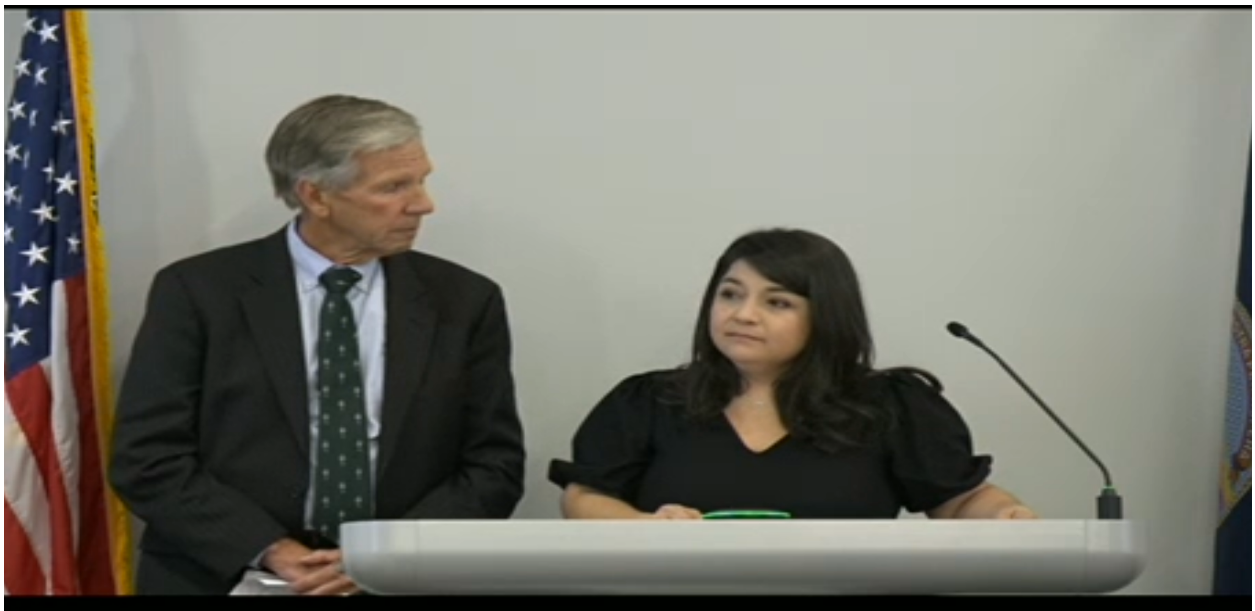
The lawsuit was dismissed without prejudice at Capital One's request because Candace no longer lived in Sedgwick County. Therefore, these files establish that Capital One alleged an unpaid debt, but they do not establish a judgment against Candace or prove that the debt remained unpaid afterward.

Policy

In 2022, Candace Landers defended mask mandates and DEI in the Derby School District Strategic Plan she helped author on a committee. She also defended a principal who showed a woke video in the school that discussed “white privilege”.

“It is concerning that literature with ideals which are clearly anti-public school. Anti-teacher, and anti-union are influencing members of our school board. We saw this influence when teachers fought to remain masks when covid surged, we saw this influence when a beloved principal received a reprimand for facilitating racial empathy, we saw this influence when teachers were called into question afraid they might be teaching CRT, we saw this influence when board members changed the makeup of the steering committee and we are seeing this influence now with the attempt to change the steering committee’s plan.”

1:09:45 to 1:10:35



Goal: PERSONNEL RETENTION, RECRUITMENT, & DEVELOPMENT

BELIEF

We believe positive relationships are essential to student growth.

GOAL

We are committed to retaining, attracting, and developing our team of staff who support our educational community.

TO DO THIS WE WILL...

- Increase employee engagement and satisfaction.
- Provide competitive compensation packages for employees.
- Explore and expand on innovative recruitment practices and initiatives.
- Progress and improve in the areas of diversity, equity and inclusion.

SUCCESS WILL BE MEASURED....

- By June of 2023, develop and administer annual Engagement and Satisfaction surveys to identify ways to improve engagement, morale, support.
- By June of 2023, the district will define "Competitive Compensation" and identify desired improvements and priorities.
- By June of 2023, the district will collect talent acquisition metrics and share with the Board.
- By June of 2024, the district will conduct exit surveys to identify trends and develop and implement plan to address these trends.
- By June of 2024, the district will identify "compensation and benefit" components, develop [and disseminate] materials that showcase our district's and community's benefits are developed, seek to improve affordability of the health insurance benefits.
- By June of 2024, a presentation will be made to the Board assessing our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats related to D, E, I (e.g. unconscious bias, physical barriers, public perceptions) related to our workforce.
- By June of 2025, the district will create a dashboard of key personnel indicators (e.g. turnover, diversity).
- By June of 2026, the district will identify employment gaps and the effectiveness of current processes to fill them. Considering both marketing and innovative approaches.
- By June of 2026, the district will define "diverse" and "inclusive" and establish a data dashboard of metrics for assessing progress toward achieving desired outcomes for D, E, I.
- By June of 2027, the district will engage with higher education and continuing education to enhance and further develop pipelines and pathways to workforce development for both Derby graduates and new-to-Derby prospective employees.

Goal: CULTURE: EQUITY, DIVERSITY, SAFETY, & BELONGING

BELIEF

We believe in embracing diversity and promoting inclusiveness.

GOAL

We are committed to creating a safe, positive culture that fosters respect, inclusion and equity for all educational stakeholders regardless of race, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socio-economic status, age, gender, and thoughts or beliefs.

TO DO THIS WE WILL...

- Establish a diverse School Climate and Culture Advisory Committee by
- The School Climate and Culture Committee will intentionally pursue and regularly report on trends in student and staff diversity.
- Implement a standard diversity and inclusion training plan for staff, students and leadership that teaches students and staff to recognize bullying or harassment and [address] it immediately.
- Establish a report with detailed discipline data and trends.

SUCCESS WILL BE MEASURED....

- Prior to December 31, 2022 the Superintendent names the committee members and provides a written Committee charge that outlines the responsibilities of the Committee
- By February of 2023, the Committee convenes to name co-chairs and begin their work.
- By June of 2023, a report will be made to the Board regarding the impact of the diversity training plan for staff, students, and leadership.
- An audit will be held annually beginning in August 2024 with results discussed at the Board meeting and focused on ADA access, student/staff safety, survey of SROs, diversity of hiring and enrollment, and discipline data related to race, gender, ethnicity, and other cultural indicators.
- By June of 2026, the district will identify, reinforce, and celebrate existing positive elements of climate and culture and determine ways to foster and expand existing positive practices across the district.

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(Source: Derby Public Schools Board of Education Meeting Minutes, Agenda and Video, August 8, 2022
<https://derbyks.new.swagit.com/videos/178477>)

Article about the teacher who showed the video about white privilege.

A Kansas high school principal who showed a four-minute video about white privilege to his staff was told to apologize after a teacher complained that the video was offensive.

A school board member told Tim Hamblin, principal at Derby High School, to apologize to his staff after he showed the video during an in-service day last month, KMWU reported.

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The video featured Black author Joy DeGruy discussing an incident in which she was treated differently at a store because of her race.

The Derby High girls basketball team was shown the same video after race-based comments were made to some team members on social media last year.

A teacher told a Derby school board member that the video was offensive and created a hostile work environment. The board member told Hamblin to apologize.

The name of the teacher and the board member were not released.

In an email to the staff, Hamblin said he showed the video so staff would be aware of issues some students were confronting.

"I apologize to anyone that felt the video or its content which reference white privilege made them feel uncomfortable, awkward, harassed, or that it created a hostile work environment," he said in the email.

District spokeswoman Katie Carlson said the school board had not issued any directives regarding "videos or teaching materials of this type."

A conservative majority was elected to the Derby school board in November.

Michael Blankenship, the board president, was one of two parents who sued the Derby district over its mask requirement, which the new board has eliminated.

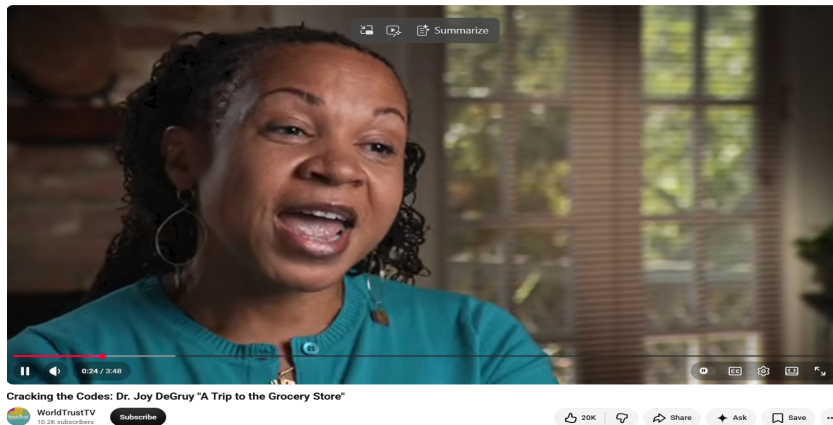
He said in an email that the board supports the views of all staff and students.

Some Derby High School teachers meanwhile circulated a letter supporting Hamblin, saying he did not suggest that staff were bad people or try to shame anyone.

"On the contrary, he provided an outlet to discuss an issue that is at the forefront of our society right now. Derby has a checkered history handling race issues. ... Mr. Hamblin has always done his best to help us recognize that there is a world outside our bubble of white privilege. It is time members of this board do the same," the letter says.

(Source: <https://www.kmbc.com/article/kansas-derby-high-school-principal-told-to-apologize-over-white-privilege-film/39050305>)

This is the video that was shown:



(Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wf9QBnPK6Yg&t=18s>)

Candace Landers supports Medicaid Expansion

What ideas do you have for ensuring access to healthcare across the state?

Healthcare is personal for my family. My husband's disability has shown us how difficult it can be to access mental healthcare and navigate complex systems. I support expanding Medicaid, strengthening rural healthcare, growing the behavioral health workforce, and improving access to preventive care. Mental health deserves the same attention, urgency, and dignity as physical health.

(Source: Wichita Eagle, July 19, 2026; <https://www.kansas.com/news/politics-government/election/article316540881.html>)

Article featuring Landers defending the strategic plan that focused on diversity.

WICHITA, Kansas — The Derby school board has rejected a proposed strategic plan for the district because it calls for diversity and a focus on students' mental health.

Dozens of parents, students, employees and community members developed the plan over the past several months before the board rejected it this week.

"I don't think focusing on diversity is going to (help) ... our kids, academically," board president Michael Blankenship said. "Rather than trying to point out our differences ... we should try to find things that make us unite. We should find similarities."

The board's conservative majority — Blankenship, Jennifer Neel, Andy Watkins and Robyn Pearman — voted against the proposal.

It's not the first time district leaders in Derby, just south of Wichita, have resisted efforts focused on diversity and inclusion.

Earlier this year, some board members [requested an apology](#) from a high school principal who [showed a video about white privilege](#) during an employee meeting.

The district [removed a controversial novel](#) about the Native-American experience from a list of approved classroom materials.

And some board members recently [raised concerns about a textbook publisher](#) for supporting Black Lives Matter and other anti-racism efforts.

The latest controversy involves what is normally a routine practice for school boards. Districts regularly craft strategic plans to outline priorities and set goals. Derby adopted its last five-year plan in 2017.

[The proposal](#) included several mentions of diversity, equity and inclusion, and suggested forming an advisory committee that would report on trends in student and staff diversity.

Neel, the board's vice president, said she opposes any effort to audit the district's discipline data or hiring practices related to race.

"How is that legal? Hiring somebody based off the color of their skin versus their qualifications — I don't understand how this even made it into this document," Neel said.

Becky Moeder, Derby's assistant superintendent for human resources, said the state requires collecting some data related to race and other factors. She said the intent of the plan was to encourage a broader pool of applicants and increase efforts to recruit people of color.

"I didn't realize this was an issue," said Neel, who is white. "That's my concern — that we're discriminating against people when we're hiring them and enrolling them. ... Now we're going to measure it. Now we're going to focus on it, and this seems like discrimination."

Blankenship, the board president, proposed striking the word "diversity" in one part of the plan and replacing it with "unity."

"If we keep going down the road of focusing on everything that makes us different, how are we ever going to unite?" Blankenship said.

Board member Pam Doyle, who voted in favor of the plan, said diversity efforts are common in the business world and should be part of the district's mission.

"Diversity is something to be celebrated," Doyle said. "The more diverse (the) administration, teachers, and staff that we have, the more we're going to learn from each other."

Board member Tina Prunier, who voted in favor of the plan, said she didn't understand why concepts like diversity and equity are controversial.

"These words have been around long before political gain," she said. "I don't understand why it's becoming such a divisive thing."

Some board members opposed parts of the plan focused on mental health and social-emotional well-being.

"Schools are not in the business of mental health," an unidentified board member said in written feedback sent to the steering committee. "Strategic planning should focus on the learning environment and leave the mental health to the medical professionals."

Candace Landers, a Derby teacher who served on the committee, disagreed. During a presentation to board members this week, she said community surveys cited mental health as a top concern, and that social-emotional growth is part of the [state's vision for education](#).

"As a classroom teacher, I cannot recall a single day or scenario when my students' mental health has not been a consideration," Landers said. "I am hard-pressed to fathom how I would begin to separate school and mental health and still be a good teacher."

District officials said Superintendent Heather Bohaty would work with board members in coming weeks to decide the next step in the strategic plan process. The board hired [Hazard Young Attea & Associates](#), an Illinois-based consulting firm, to help facilitate the steering committee.

"The development of the next five-year strategic plan will continue to be a high priority and should be representative of all stakeholders," district spokeswoman Katie Carlson said in an email.

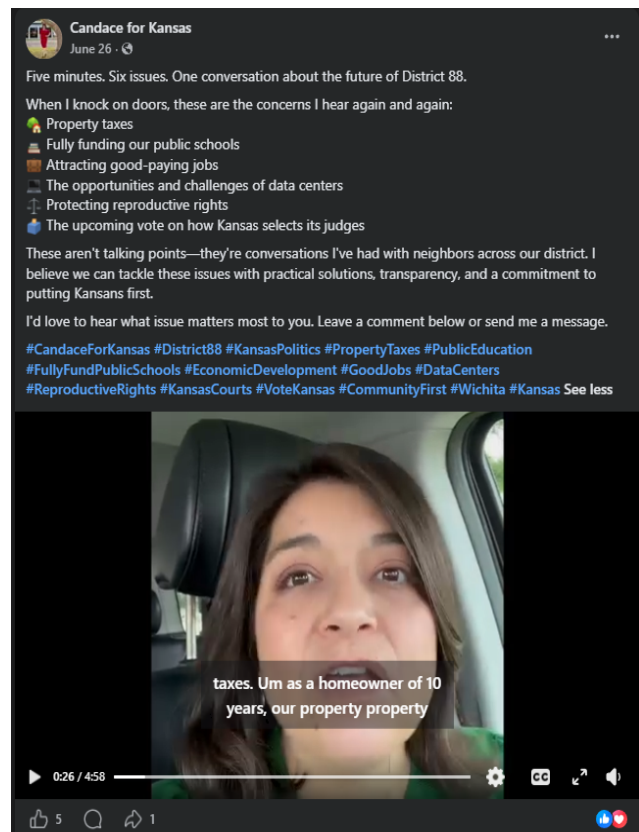
"We appreciate the extensive work the steering committee that developed the proposed strategic plan has put into this point." (Source: KMW News, August 11, 2022; <https://www.kmuw.org/2022-08-11/the-derby-school-board-rejected-a-strategic-plan-because-it-called-for-diversity-and-inclusion>)

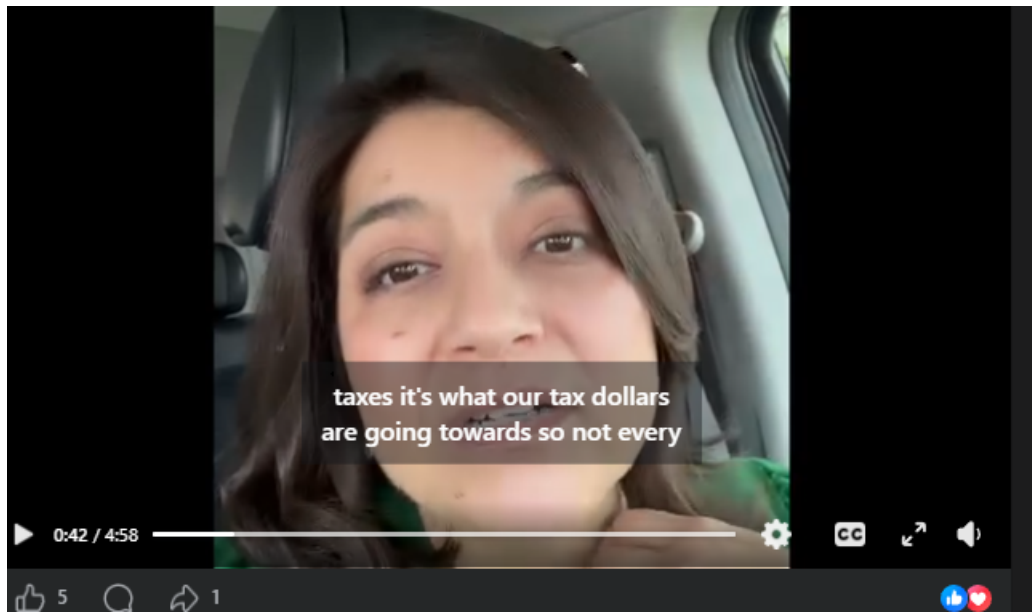
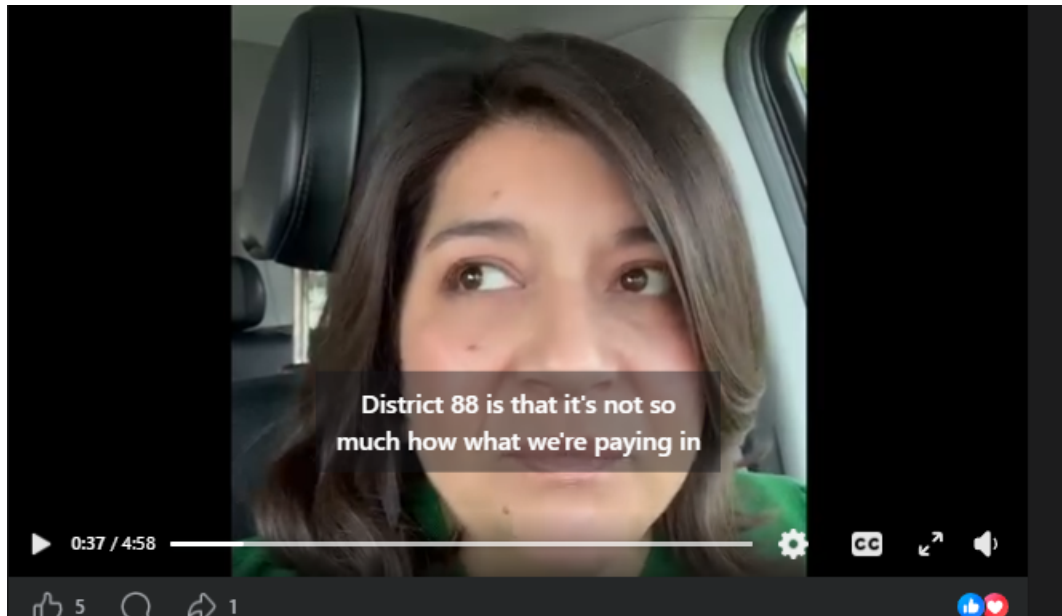
On her Facebook page, Candace Landers supported for the USD 259 City of Wichita Bond Questions that increase property taxes.

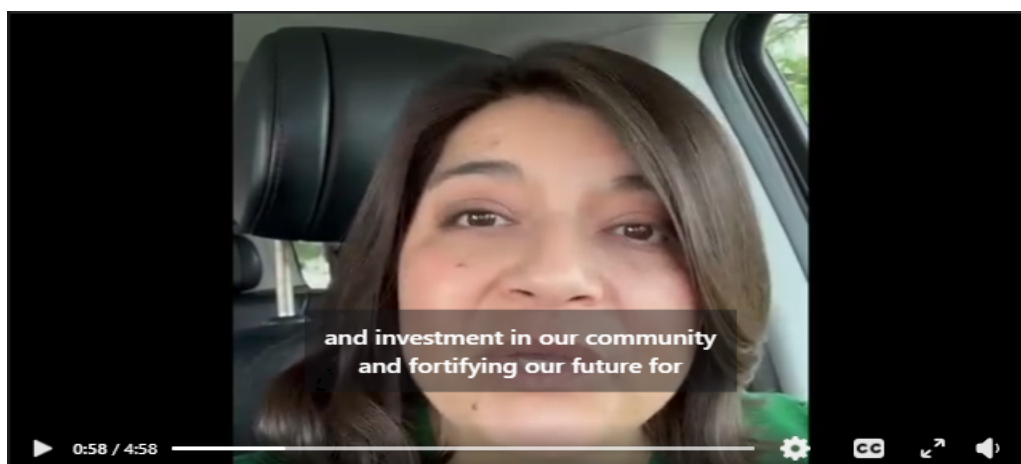
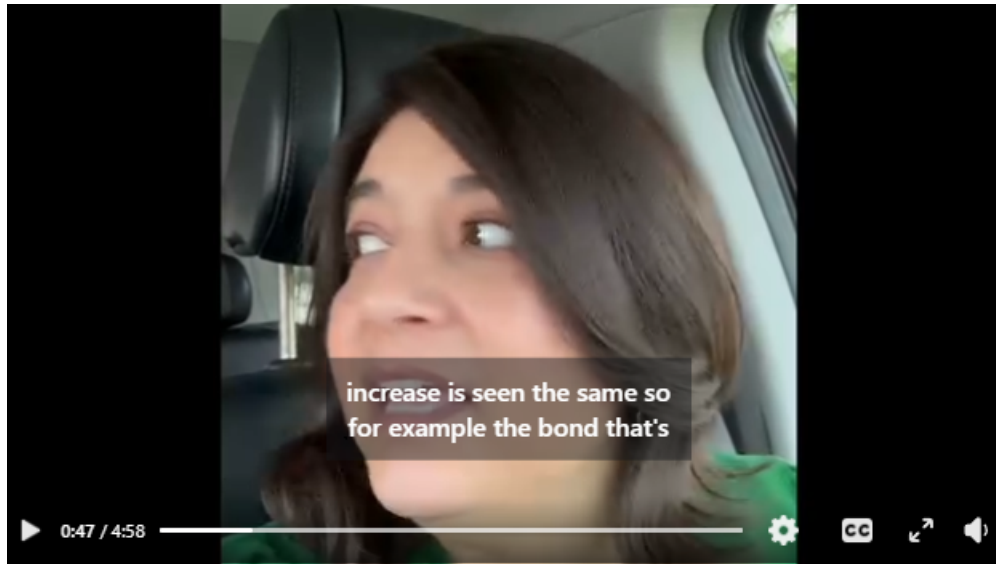
If both bonds pass, the average homeowner will see \$175 in higher property taxes per year.

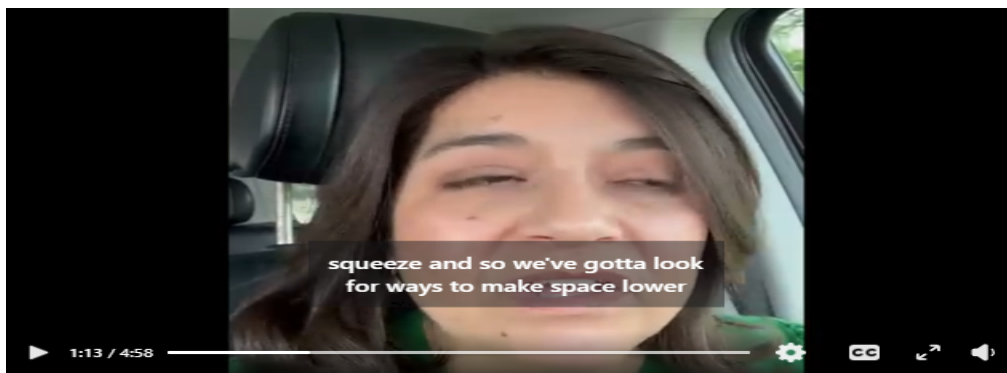
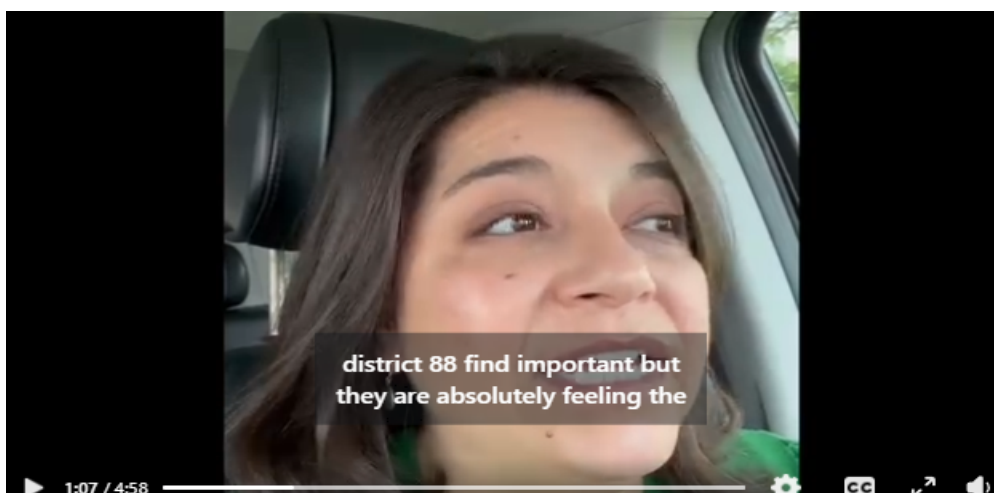
-If question 1 fails, then the average homeowner will see a property tax cut of \$125.

-If Question 2 passes, the average homeowner will see a \$50 per year property tax increase.









In June 2026, Candace Landers went on KAKE News to endorse the school bond property tax hike.

Candace for Kansas
June 16 · 🌐

The conversation about Wichita's future is happening now.

I was grateful for the opportunity to discuss the USD 259 bond issue and the importance of investing in our students while maintaining transparency and accountability to taxpayers.

As an educator, labor leader, special needs parent, and candidate for Kansas House District 88, I believe the best solutions come from listening to our community and bringing people together around shared goals.

Take a look and let me know what you think.

Thank you for the reporting of [Kate Devine KAKE](#) and team!

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10:05 Severe Thunderstorm Warning Barber County until 10:15 PM

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Wichita Public Schools launches Tour Tuesdays ahead of November bond vote

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Addie Zipper
I wouldn't consider 55 degrees or 95 degrees "good condition". 🤔

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Candace for Kansas
It was so hot in the building.

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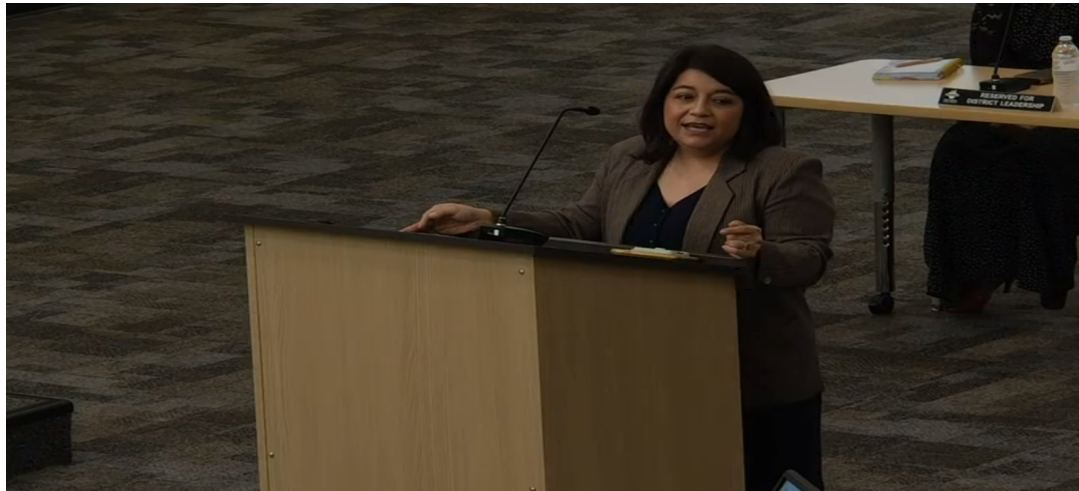
[Footage of Landers on KAKE supporting the bond.](#)



10:05 Severe Thunderstorm Warning Barber County until 10:15 PM

(Source: KAKE News, June 16, 2026; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laJnk0iWtaU>)

In May, Candace Landers interviewed for the USD 259 School Board of Education vacancy and stated that she supported the bond issues.



(Source: USD 259 Wichita Board of Education Meeting Video, May 15, 2026;
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsTNasnFqLM&list=PLM17efy4thkEkprv3wwxnBjCQZEpvDRnU&index=4&t=2892s>)

Candace Landers is endorsed by the AFL-CIO and the KNEA.



(Source: <https://www.candaceforkansas.com/>)

The KNEA opposed comprehensive income tax relief, as well as eliminating the state tax on social security and groceries.

“Providing an income tax rate of 4.95% for individuals and decreasing the normal tax for corporations, increasing the income limit for the income tax subtraction modification for social security income and providing that all social security income qualifies for the subtraction modification commencing in tax year 2026, increasing the Kansas standard deduction for individuals and further increasing the standard deduction by a cost-of-living adjustment, discontinuing the food sales tax credit, decreasing the privilege tax surtax, establishing a 0% state rate for sales and use taxes for food and food ingredients on July 1, 2023, and increasing the extent of property tax exemption for residential property from the statewide school levy.”

*“Timothy Graham, Kansas National Education Association, testified as an opponent for **HB2457** stating changes in tax policy should not only consider the impact on the average Kansas citizen but also the impact on the Kansas budget. KNEA opposes any tax policy that would impact the stability of the state budget and/or prevent the constitutional funding of Kansas schools and create an imbalanced tax structure that unfairly burdens low-income families. ([Attachment 10](#)) Mr. Graham stood for questions from Committee members.”*

(Source: https://www.kslegislature.gov/li/b2023_24/measures/minutes/agenda_item_2023031540029946861)

The KNEA opposed a flat income tax and opposed pro-business tax relief measures such removing the 3% state surtax on corporations and cutting the surtax on banking and financial services by 50%.

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Timothy R. Graham
Director of Government Relations & Coalitions
Oral Testimony – Opponent
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee
Senate Bill 169
February 15, 2023

Chairperson Tyson, members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to SB 169.

KNEA believes that changes in tax policy should not only consider the impact on the average Kansas citizen but also the overall impact of the Kansas budget.

KNEA opposes any tax policy that would impact the stability of the state budget and/or prevent the constitutional funding of Kansas schools. We also oppose the creation of an imbalanced tax structure that unfairly burdens low-income Kansans.

Based on this, KNEA opposes this legislation on two grounds.

- Fairness
- Feasibility

Fairness

Senate Bill 169 essentially creates a flat tax system. In short, flat income tax proposals are regressive in nature and create a higher burden on the wage earner at the lower end of the spectrum. In the case of SB 169 an educator, or other wage earner, that has a minimum taxable income of \$15,001 would be subject to the same tax rate of a millionaire.

A similar bill on the House side removes the 3% state surtax on corporations making over \$50,000 yearly. The bill also cuts state surtax rates on banking and financial institutions by over 50%. We do appreciate that these provisions aren't included in this legislation, but we are extremely concerned that the process will yield a bill that includes them.

If this were to happen, One typical scenario that shows the irony and unfairness of this type of proposal is that educators, parents, and students, spend hundreds of thousands of Kansas dollars every year in preparation for the school year only to know that the yearly windfall that the wealthy corporations receive from this rush for supplies is taxed at the same level as the hard-earned wages of the consumers.

(Letter from KNEA Opposing Tax Relief in SB 169:

https://www.kslegislature.gov/li/b2023_24/committees/ctte_s_assess_tax_1/documents/testimony/20230215_22.pdf)

(Source: <https://imvotingunion.com/slate>)

The Kansas AFL-CIO opposes the 3% cap on property tax increases.

Property Tax Cap Advances — But It's Not What It Seems SCR 1616, the constitutional amendment to cap property tax increases, passed out of the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee. Proponents call it property tax relief, but make no mistake: this is a tax break for the wealthy disguised as help for working families. A 3% cap saves a little for a family with a modest home — but saves ten times as much for owners of million-dollar properties. Meanwhile, it would devastate local school funding. Real property tax relief targets those who need it most. This does the opposite.

(Source: <https://ksaflcio.org/news/2026-ksleg-recap-week2>)

AFL-CIO Statement Endorsing Medicare for All.

Our goal is to move toward a single-payer system, like Medicare for All, that provides universal coverage using a social insurance model while retaining the critical role of workers' health plans. Any such system must guarantee everyone can get the health services they need without exclusions or financial barriers to care, and with access to high-quality doctors, hospitals and other health care providers; not diminish the hard-fought benefits union members have won for themselves and all working people; include long-term care for all; retain the Department of Veterans Affairs health care system as the primary direct provider of fully integrated care to veterans; provide multiemployer and other worker health plans the opportunity to administer core health benefits and to provide supplemental benefits, each on a fully tax advantaged basis; and keep a strong federal role without shifting costs to states. We will support legislation, like Medicare for All, that guarantees health care as a human right through a single-payer system, which we will judge according to the above core values.

To transition to a single-payer system, we resolve to strengthen worker health plans; address chronic inequities; drive down pharmaceutical prices; improve Medicare's benefits and lower the eligibility age to 50; and create a public health insurance option that builds on Medicare or Medicaid as an alternative to for-profit insurance companies.

(Source: <https://aflcio.org/resolutions/resolution10>)

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(Source: <https://aflcio.org/resolutions/resolution-8-we-want-healthy-lives-and-safe-workplaces>)

AFL-CIO favored the Biden student loan bailout.

“We call on the Biden administration to do its part to assist borrowers hampered by crippling debt. Organized labor was built on the foundation of creating a pathway to the middle class for everyone, but skyrocketing student loan debt has become an insurmountable obstacle to achieving this goal. The Biden administration’s decision to continue to pause student debt has made a tremendous difference in the lives of so many borrowers, but these borrowers still live with the uncertainty of not knowing when they will need to drastically alter their finances in order to begin repaying their loans. After all that we have endured in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot ask working people to make further sacrifices. Now is the time to cancel, not collect, student debt.”

(Source: <https://aflcio.org/press/releases/afl-cio-calls-student-loan-forgiveness>)

AFL-CIO favored giving amnesty to illegal aliens.

“America’s unions laud House passage of the American Dream and Promise Act, and urge lawmakers to use it as a catalyst for broader immigration reforms that are long overdue. The Senate must now step up and take action to provide a well-earned path to citizenship to working people who help to build, feed, serve, educate and care for our nation. Throughout the country, working people of all backgrounds are organizing and winning. We will continue to mobilize to support legislation like the Dream and Promise Act that uplifts workers’ rights and protects our right to organize.”

(Source: <https://aflcio.org/press/releases/immigrant-rights-areworkers-rights>)

Social Media



unitedwayplains Join us in welcoming Candace Landers to the team as our new Labor Liaison! 🎉

In this role, Candace will build on more than 85 years of partnership with local unions to strengthen community conditions for all through United Way. 📦 🧰 🛠️

We're excited to have her on board. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome! 💙 💛 💜 #TeamUnited

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nikithaadhiki Congratulations and Welcome to the team, Candace ! 🥳



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cole.schnieders We're glad to have you, Candace!



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pete_najera Wichita's Force for Good just got stronger! Welcome aboard, Candace.



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12 likes

July 16



Candace for Kansas

July 29 at 4:14 PM · 🌐

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All endorsements are objective. What matters are the doors I've knocked, the calls I've made, the conversations I've had and those all happen one voter at a time.

Someone wise told me, endorsements aren't printed on the ballot. All the same, validation means something too.

Thank you to 6 Degrees of Activism for this support! ❤️🌱 See less

2026 Sedgwick County Primary Election Voter Guide with Recommended Candidates

Aug 4
Election Day

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

EVERYONE should vote in the primary

Why vote in a primary? Your opportunity to choose the party candidate who best reflects your values to move on to the general election in November. **USE YOUR VOICE!!**

Democrat / Republican Voters

vote their respective ballot **AND** for non-partisan issues/races.

Unaffiliated Voters vote for non-partisan issues/races **AND** can vote a D or R ballot by registering with that party at the polls.

Use myvoteinfo.voteks.org to check your party affiliation **AND** review your sample ballot to see which races below will be on your specific ballot.

Recommend voting the Republican ballot to advance Vicki Schmidt to Nov; only reasonable R Gov candidate.

On All Ballots

Supreme Court
Amendment
* **VOTE NO** *

Maintain fair & impartial courts; keep money & politics out of KS courts; learn more at kulc.org.

Republican Ballot

(contested races only)

U.S. Senate No recommendation	U.S. Rep 4th Dist Frank McCollum
Governor Vicki Schmidt	KS Rep 72 Michael Stavola
KS Rep 85 Ronald Neagle	KS Rep 100 J.C. Moore
KS Rep 101 No Rec	No recommendation = neither candidate is ideal.
District Judges races not evaluated	

- Doing your own research is always recommended.
- Inclusion on the primary voter guide does not guarantee recommendation in the general.

Democratic Ballot

(contested races only)

U.S. Senate Adam Hamilton	U.S. Rep 4th Dist Katy Tyndell
Secretary of State Jennifer Day	Governor all good candidates Ethan Corson Cindy Holscher Curt Skoog
Kansas Rep 81 Kayden Bennett	Kansas Rep 89 Carol Brewer
Kansas Rep 83 Henry Helgeson	Kansas Rep 96 No Rec - not enough info to evaluate
Kansas Rep 84 Ford Carr	
Kansas Rep 88 Candace Landers	

See QR Code for help

Candidates were evaluated on their alignment with issues such as public education, voting rights, reproductive rights, affordable/quality healthcare, and fiscal responsibility. Where no candidate aligned perfectly, the recommendation went to whoever aligned most closely. Where several aligned well, the recommendation went to the candidate believed to be best positioned to win in November.

Scan for Election Resources

- Sample Ballot link & Election Day polling place
- Early voting times/locations
- Mail ballot resources, tips, and deadlines
- Supreme Court Amendment more in depth
- U.S. Senate Race recommendation details
- Democratic Governor Primary resources



bit.ly/26pvgresource

Guides for other counties: bit.ly/26PrimVG

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Candace for Kansas

May 30 · 🌐

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Elected by write-in, I'm proud to serve on the Sunswept Highlands Improvement District Board, working alongside neighbors to support infrastructure, community improvements, and responsible stewardship of district resources. Strong neighborhoods are built through collaboration, transparency, and a commitment to serving residents.

P.S. I think a lot about the twelve neighbors who took the time to write my name on their ballots. Twelve people seems unremarkable, but as I look at some of the margins our local primary elections are won and lost by, I'm reminded every vote counts. Thank you to the Sunswept Dozen for changing the trajectory of my political path! [See less](#)





Candace for Kansas

May 30 · 🌐

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Serving on the KNEA Board of Directors provided the opportunity to advocate for public education, educators, and the students we serve. I am grateful to work with dedicated leaders from across Kansas who are committed to ensuring strong schools and a bright future for every community.
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Candace for Kansas

July 10 at 9:26 PM · 🌐

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Tonight at the Dollar Twenty-Five Store, the woman in front of me at the register was having trouble completing her purchase. She had to use multiple forms of payment and apologized to everyone for holding up the line. She quietly said, "It's been a struggle lately."

I slipped out of line and caught up with her at the door. I introduced myself, told her I was Candace Landers, and that I'm running for the Kansas House because too many Kansans are working hard and still falling further behind. We talked about the kinds of policies that would give her a little breathing room and make everyday life more affordable.

Before we parted, I took the campaign button off my shirt and handed it to her. I asked her to look me up and reach out if she ever had questions.

As I walked away, she turned to everyone in the store and shouted, "Vote for Candace Landers! Vote for Candace Landers, everyone!"

On my drive home, I stopped at a light where a woman stood holding a sign that read, "Anything helps." When I can, I give. It's something I learned from my husband. I make eye contact because I want people to know they are seen. I don't ask what they're going to use the money for. That's not my place. The gift is in the giving.

I think about neighbors like these, and I see the encampments growing across our community. I think about how the biggest difference between many people experiencing homelessness and the people I love is access to advocacy, resources, and support.

Mental health has come up again and again while knocking doors. It touches nearly every family in one way or another. As more of our neighbors struggle with housing insecurity, it becomes an issue that affects all of us.

If I'm elected to represent District 88, my work will be informed by every neighbor I meet—not just those who have the loudest voices or the deepest pockets. Everyone deserves to be seen, heard, and represented.

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Riley Scott

I love you 🥰 and this! Omg I miss working with you soooo much but this makes me
soooo happy!



Candace for Kansas

July 5 · 🌐



91 degree canvass days like this have me thankful for my childhood in Arizona where desert survival was part of the elementary curriculum. ... [See more](#)



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Candace for Kansas

June 26 · 🌐

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It's gotta start somewhere.

You can also see me this weekend at the [Wichita Pride](#) Parade on Saturday morning, out canvassing Saturday evening, and manning the Candace Landers Campaign table at Kansas Aviation Museum's Block Party on Sunday from 3 PM - 6 PM.

One way, or another District 88!!

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Candace for Kansas's Post



Candace for Kansas

July 31 at 12:08 PM · 🌐

Last night, I was fortunate enough to be invited to attend the AFL-CIO Convention; the event that brings together labor from across the state to shape the landscape of union households in the years to come.

The reception was an amazing opportunity to network and ask questions. I met Steven who recently took part in the July 6th nurses strike and he shared there's still more work to be done to ensure the safety of hospital staff and patients. I told him as a former educator, I understand exactly what it means to feel unsafe at work. We agreed that business have an obligation to uphold the safety of their employees. Stories like his are exactly why I'm in this race and I am proud to continue organizing around workplace safety.

Thank you to labor leadership and union members for such a warm reception! I look forward to working with you!

#CandaceforKansas #District88 #UnionStrong #solidarity #Bipartisanship #StrongerTogether

