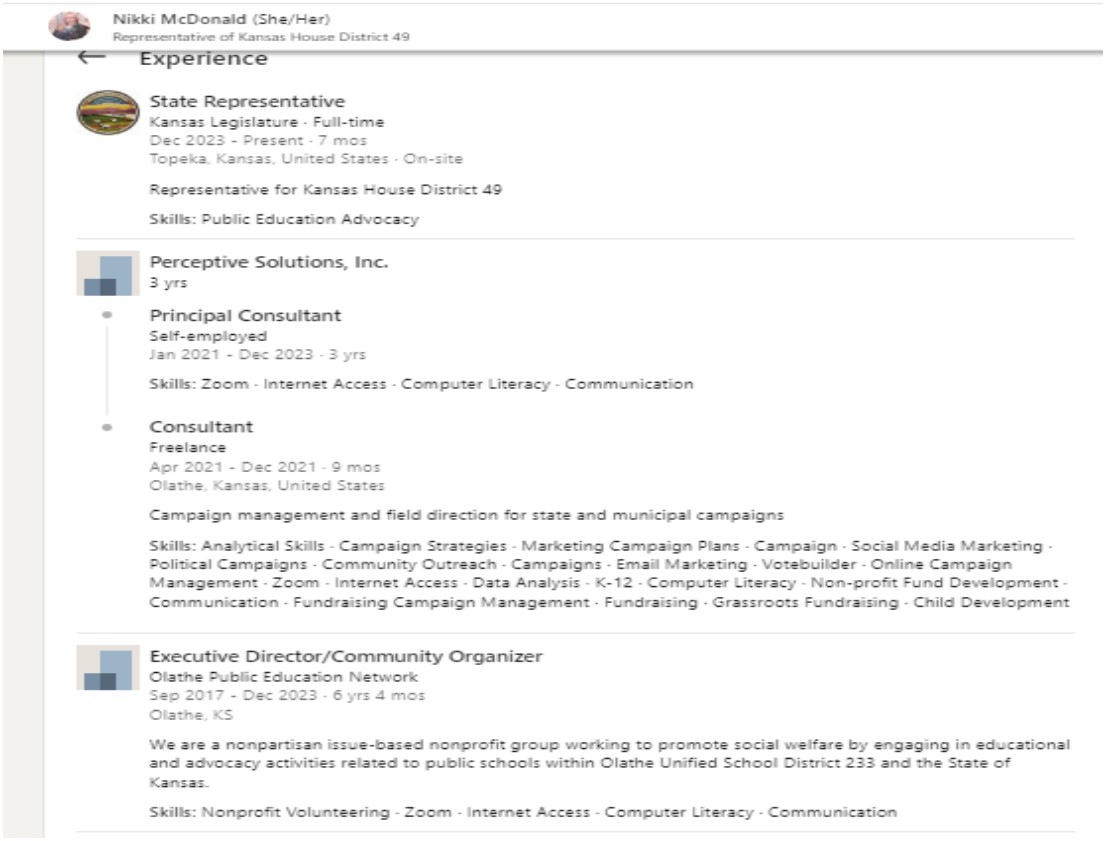
Background

Nikki McDonald's career background, per her LinkedIn profile.

McDonald has served as State Representative for Kansas House District 49 since December 2023. Before that, she worked as a self-employed political consultant through Perceptive Solutions, Inc. (Principal Consultant, Jan. 2021–Dec. 2023) and as a freelance campaign consultant beginning in April 2021, providing campaign management and field direction for state and municipal campaigns. She was Executive Director/Community Organizer of the Olathe Public Education Network from Sept. 2017–Dec. 2023. Earlier in her career she worked in property management, ran a fence-installation business (White Picket Fence, LLC), owned an educational-advocacy consulting business, volunteered as a regional coordinator for Quilts of Valor, and was a public-school teacher (first grade and ELL) in Arkansas.

McDonald's freelance client list includes: Brad Boyd for Kansas House District 49; Shirley Allenbrand for Johnson County Board of Commissioners, District 6; Julie Steele for Olathe School Board; Dean Vakas for Olathe City Council At-Large; Dawn Rattan for Johnson County Community College Board of Trustees; Katie Dixon for Kansas House District 49; and Melanie Haas for Kansas State School Board.

(Source: Nikki McDonald LinkedIn)



Nikki McDonald (She/Her)
Representative of Kansas House District 49

← Experience

State Representative
Kansas Legislature · Full-time
Dec 2023 - Present · 7 mos
Topeka, Kansas, United States · On-site

Representative for Kansas House District 49

Skills: Public Education Advocacy

Perceptive Solutions, Inc.
3 yrs

Principal Consultant
Self-employed
Jan 2021 - Dec 2023 · 3 yrs

Skills: Zoom · Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

Consultant
Freelance
Apr 2021 - Dec 2021 · 9 mos
Olathe, Kansas, United States

Campaign management and field direction for state and municipal campaigns

Skills: Analytical Skills · Campaign Strategies · Marketing Campaign Plans · Campaign · Social Media Marketing · Political Campaigns · Community Outreach · Campaigns · Email Marketing · Votebuilder · Online Campaign Management · Zoom · Internet Access · Data Analysis · K-12 · Computer Literacy · Non-profit Fund Development · Communication · Fundraising Campaign Management · Fundraising · Grassroots Fundraising · Child Development

Executive Director/Community Organizer
Olathe Public Education Network
Sep 2017 - Dec 2023 · 6 yrs 4 mos
Olathe, KS

We are a nonpartisan issue-based nonprofit group working to promote social welfare by engaging in educational and advocacy activities related to public schools within Olathe Unified School District 233 and the State of Kansas.

Skills: Nonprofit Volunteering · Zoom · Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

Consultant
Brad Boyd for Kansas House District 49 · Freelance
Jun 2022 - Nov 2022 · 6 mos
Olathe, Kansas, United States

Skills: Nonprofit Volunteering · Zoom · Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

Social Media Manager
Shirley Allenbrand - Johnson County Board of Commissioners, District 6 · Freelance
Jan 2021 - Jan 2022 · 1 yr 1 mo
Johnson County, Kansas, United States

Skills: Zoom · Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

Campaign Manager
Julie Steele for Olathe School Board · Freelance
May 2021 - Dec 2021 · 8 mos
Olathe, Kansas, United States

Skills: Zoom · Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

Field Director
Dean Vakas for Olathe City Council At Large · Freelance
Dec 2020 - Dec 2021 · 1 yr 1 mo
Olathe, Kansas, United States

Skills: Zoom · Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

Consultant
Dawn Rattan for Johnson County Community College Board of Trustees · Freelance
Aug 2021 - Nov 2021 · 4 mos
Johnson County, Kansas, United States

Skills: Nonprofit Volunteering · Zoom · Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

Campaign Manager
Katie Dixon for Kansas House District 49 · Freelance
Jan 2020 - Jan 2021 · 1 yr 1 mo
Olathe, Kansas, United States

Skills: Nonprofit Volunteering · Zoom · Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

Consultant
Melanie Haas for Kansas State School Board · Freelance
Jun 2020 - Nov 2020 · 6 mos
Johnson County, Kansas, United States

Skills: Nonprofit Volunteering · Zoom · Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

Owner, Marketing Director
Scryer Analytics, LLC
May 2009 - Sep 2017 · 8 yrs 5 mos

Skills: Zoom · Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

Owner, Consultant
Educational Advocacy
Apr 2011 - May 2016 · 5 yrs 2 mos
Overland Park, KS

I specialize in helping parents of children with special needs navigate the choppy waters of the special education process. As a former elementary teacher and a parent with a special needs child, I have a unique perspective with experience on both sides of the special education table. My skills enhance communication between schools and parents to foster an atmosphere of cooperation with the best interests of the child in mind.

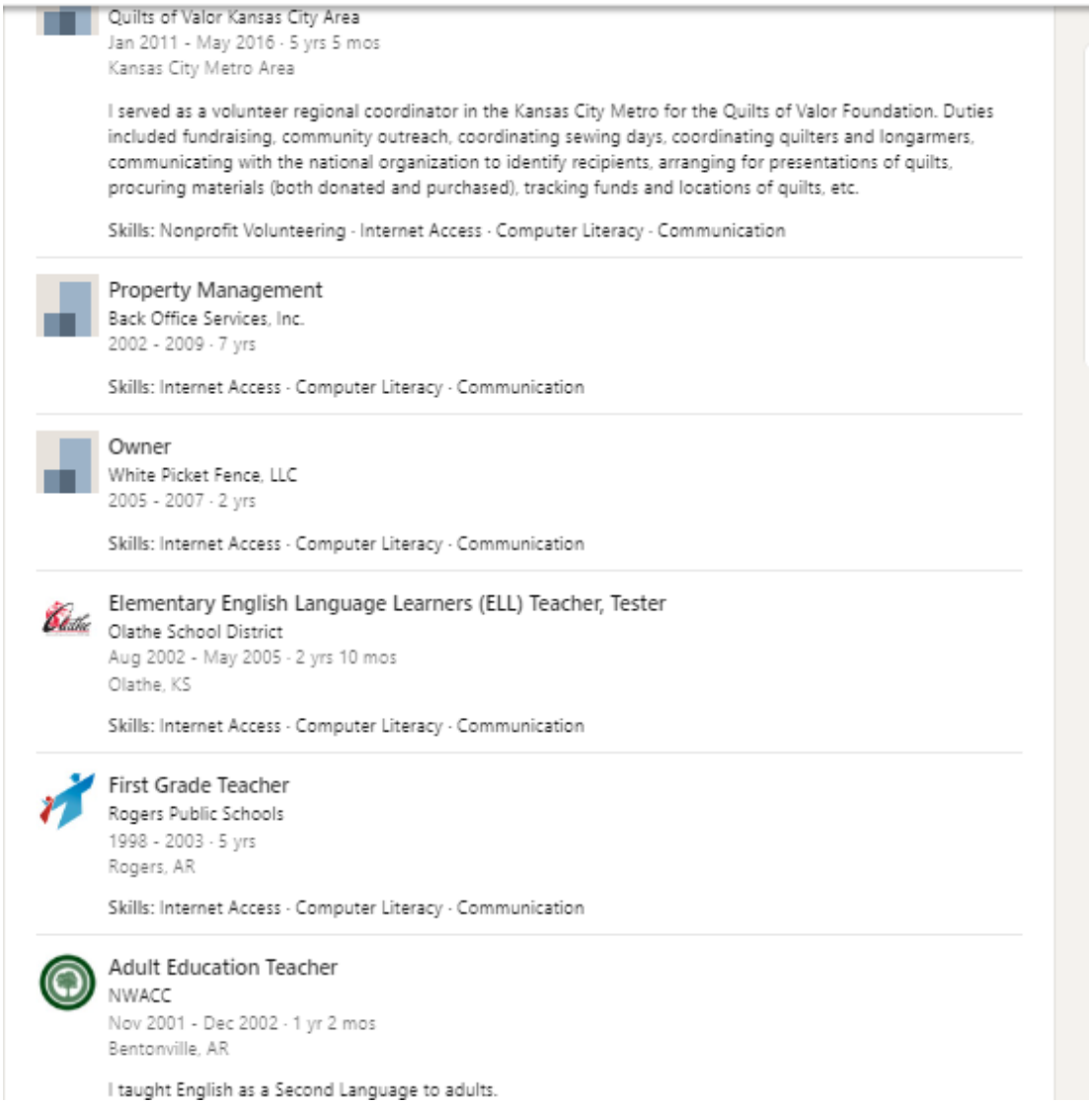
With an emphasis on early childhood development, my areas of expertise include Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, ADD, ADHD, Articulation, Language Delay, Sensory Processing Disorder, OCD, Tourette's Syndrome, Developmental Delay and Learning Disabilities.

Skills: Nonprofit Volunteering · Zoom · Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

Volunteer Regional Coordinator
Quilts of Valor Kansas City Area
Jan 2011 - May 2016 · 5 yrs 5 mos
Kansas City Metro Area

I served as a volunteer regional coordinator in the Kansas City Metro for the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Duties included fundraising, community outreach, coordinating sewing days, coordinating quilters and longarmers, communicating with the national organization to identify recipients, arranging for presentations of quilts, procuring materials (both donated and purchased), tracking funds and locations of quilts, etc.

Skills: Nonprofit Volunteering · Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication



Quilts of Valor Kansas City Area
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Skills: Nonprofit Volunteering · Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

Property Management
Back Office Services, Inc.
2002 - 2009 · 7 yrs

Skills: Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

Owner
White Picket Fence, LLC
2005 - 2007 · 2 yrs

Skills: Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

Elementary English Language Learners (ELL) Teacher, Tester
Olathe School District
Aug 2002 - May 2005 · 2 yrs 10 mos
Olathe, KS

Skills: Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

First Grade Teacher
Rogers Public Schools
1998 - 2003 · 5 yrs
Rogers, AR

Skills: Internet Access · Computer Literacy · Communication

Adult Education Teacher
NWACC
Nov 2001 - Dec 2002 · 1 yr 2 mos
Bentonville, AR

I taught English as a Second Language to adults.

Financial Problems

McDonald and her first husband filed for joint bankruptcy in 2001, withdrew it amid a divorce, and she then filed alone.

In November 2001, Nikki Johnston (McDonald's previous married name) and her then-husband, Neil Bowman Swartz, filed a joint Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Arkansas (Case #5:01-bk-81682). In January 2002 they moved to dismiss the joint case — it appears they were going through a divorce and decided to file separately — and the case was closed in April 2002.

Western District of Arkansas (Fayetteville)
Bankruptcy Petition #: 5:01-bk-81682

Assigned to: Robert F. Fussell
Chapter 7
Voluntary
No asset

Date filed: 11/06/2001
Date terminated: 04/08/2002
Date dismissed: 03/25/2002
341 meeting: 01/17/2002
Deadline for objecting to discharge: 02/04/2002

Debtor
Neil Bowman Swartz
316 Bogey Drive #203
Lowell, AR 72745
BENTON-AR
SSN / ITIN: xxx-xx-7417

represented by **David G. Nixon**
The Nixon & Alexander Law Firm
213 W. Monroe, Suite D
Lowell, AR 72745
479-582-0020
Fax : 479-582-0030
Email: david@nixonlaw.com

Debtor
Nikki LeAnn Johnston
316 Bogey Drive #203
Lowell, AR 72745
BENTON-AR
SSN / ITIN: xxx-xx-4204
***aka* Nikki LeAnn Lusby**
***aka* Nikki LeAnn Johnston**

represented by **David G. Nixon**
(See above for address)

Trustee
John T. Lee
Chapter 7 Panel Trustee
P.O. Box 1348
Siloam Springs, AR 72761-1348
(479) 524-2337

U.S. Trustee
U.S. Trustee (ust)
Office of U.S. Trustee
200 W Capitol, Ste. 1200
Little Rock, AR 72201
501.324.7357

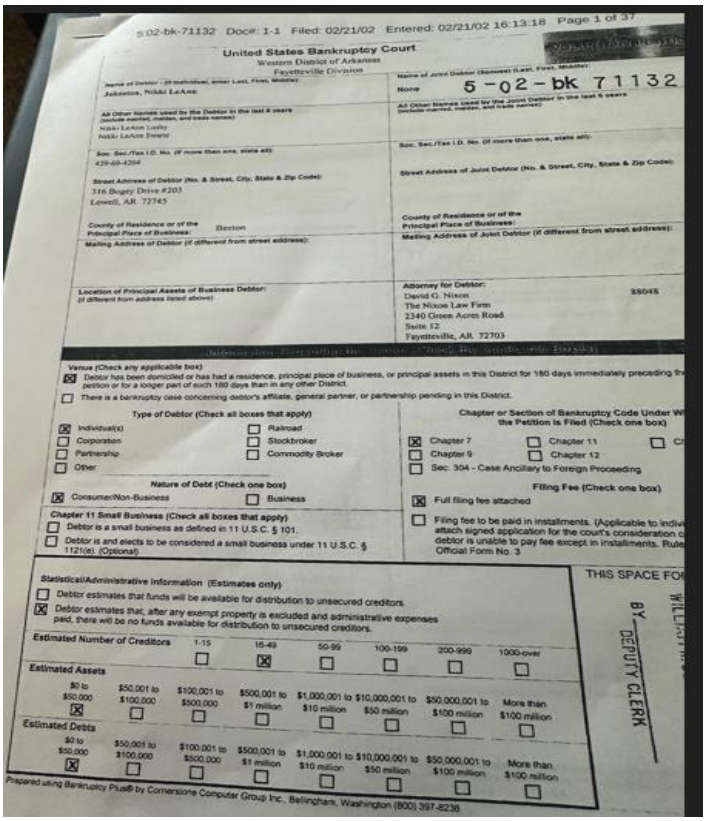
Filing Date	#	Docket Text
11/06/2001	1	Complete voluntary petition [Filing fee $ 200.00 receipt # 90044990] [Armstrong,Lisa] (Entered: 11/07/2001)
11/07/2001	2	Notice of first meeting of creditors Scheduled For 9:00 12/6/01 At Fay. First Meeting Rm 100 Last Day To Oppose Discharge: 2/4/02 [Armstrong,Lisa] (Entered: 11/07/2001)
11/09/2001		Courts BNC certificate of service re: [2-1] First Meeting . # of notices: 43 were sent out. [casemgr] (Entered: 11/09/2001)
12/06/2001	3	Meeting of Creditors Continued. (Armstrong, Lisa) (Entered: 12/21/2001)
12/14/2001		Documents Filed Prior to December 13, 2001 Are In Paper Format On File With the Clerk's Office. (Waldroff, Karen) (Entered: 12/16/2001)
12/21/2001	4	Notice of Continued Meeting of Creditors. 341(a) meeting to be held on 1/17/2002 at 01:00 PM at Fayetteville First Meeting Room. (Armstrong, Lisa) (Entered: 12/21/2001)
12/23/2001	5	BNC Certificate of Mailing Service Date 12/23/01. (Related Doc # 4) (Admin.) (Entered: 12/23/2001)
01/15/2002	6	Motion to Dismiss Case Filed by David G. Nixon on behalf of Neil Bowman Swartz, Nikki LeAnn Swartz. (Roach, Brenda) (Entered: 01/16/2002)
01/17/2002	7	Meeting of Creditors Continued. (Lee, John) (Entered: 01/17/2002)
02/28/2002		Hearing Scheduled Motion to Dismiss Case Filed by David G. Nixon on behalf of Neil Bowman Swartz, Nikki LeAnn Swartz. (related document(s)6). Hearing scheduled for 3/20/2002 at 01:30 PM at Fayetteville Division. (Gunderson, Teri) (Entered: 02/28/2002)
02/28/2002	8	Notice of Opportunity to Object. Certificate of Service. (related document(s)6). (Armstrong, Lisa) (Entered: 03/01/2002)
03/02/2002	9	BNC Certificate of Mailing - Hearing Service Date 03/02/02. (Admin.) (Entered: 03/03/2002)
03/21/2002		Hearing Held granted the Debtors' motion to dismiss their case. Order to be submitted by: David Nixon (related document(s)6). (Morgan, Lisa) (Entered: 03/21/2002)
03/25/2002	10	Order Granting Motion to Dismiss Case (Related Doc # 6) Signed on 3/25/2002. (Armstrong, Lisa) (Entered: 03/25/2002)
03/27/2002	11	BNC Certificate of Mailing Service Date 03/27/02. (Related Doc # 10) (Admin.) (Entered: 03/28/2002)
04/08/2002		Bankruptcy Case Closed. The Trustee Has Performed All Duties Required and is Discharged From and Relieved of His Trust. (Armstrong, Lisa) (Entered: 04/08/2002)

(Source: U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Arkansas, Bankruptcy Petition #5:01-bk-81682)

Nikki Johnston then filed for personal Chapter 7 bankruptcy by herself in February 2002.

She reported 16–49 creditors, total assets of $19,060, and total liabilities of $47,895.51 (Case #5:02-bk-71132).

(Source: U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Arkansas, Bankruptcy Petition #5:02-bk-71132)



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United States Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Arkansas
Fayetteville Division

Name of Debtor - (If individual, enter Last, First, Middle): Johnston, Nikki LeAnn

Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle): None

5-02-bk 71132

All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 6 years (include married, maiden, and trade names): Nikki LeAnn Lusby, Nikki LeAnn Swartz

All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 6 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):

Soc. Sec./Tax I.D. No. (If more than one, state all): 429-69-4204

Soc. Sec./Tax I.D. No. (If more than one, state all):

Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code): 316 Bogey Drive #203, Lowell, AR 72745

Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code):

County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: Benton

County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:

Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address):

Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address):

Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from address listed above):

Attorney for Debtor: David G. Nixon, The Nixon Law Firm, 3340 Green Acres Road, Suite 12, Fayetteville, AR 72703 — 85045

Venue (Check any applicable box)
- [X] Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.
- [ ] There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.

Type of Debtor (Check all boxes that apply)
- [X] Individual(s)
- [ ] Corporation
- [ ] Partnership
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Railroad
- [ ] Stockbroker
- [ ] Commodity Broker

Chapter or Section of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box)
- [X] Chapter 7
- [ ] Chapter 11
- [ ] Chapter 9
- [ ] Chapter 12
- [ ] Sec. 304 - Case Ancillary to Foreign Proceeding

Nature of Debt (Check one box)
- [X] Consumer/Non-Business
- [ ] Business

Filing Fee (Check one box)
- [X] Full filing fee attached
- [ ] Filing fee to be paid in installments. (Applicable to individuals only) Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form No. 3

Chapter 11 Small Business (Check all boxes that apply)
- [ ] Debtor is a small business as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101.
- [ ] Debtor is and elects to be considered a small business under 11 U.S.C. § 1121(e) (Optional)

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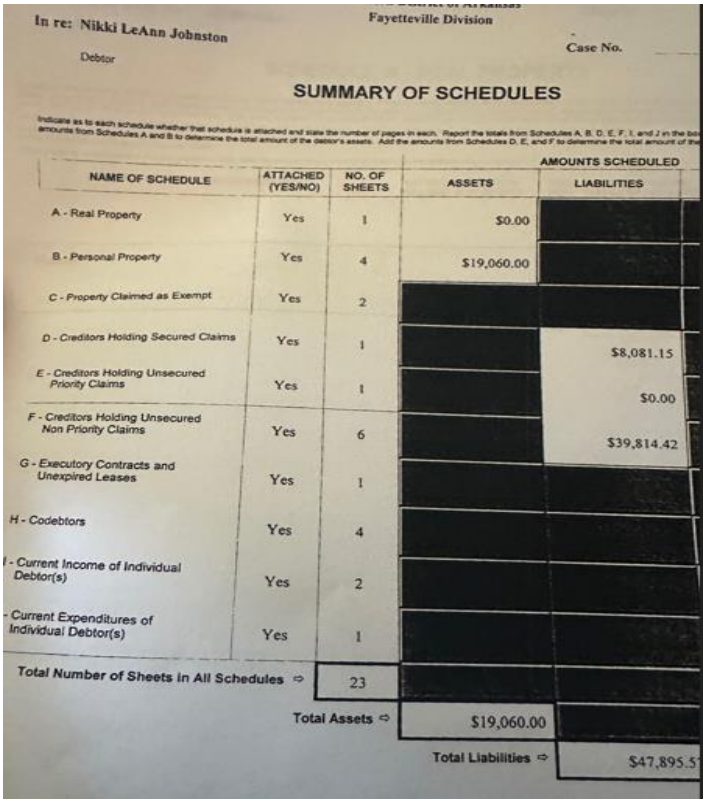
Statistical/Administrative Information (Estimates only)
- [ ] Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.
- [X] Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.

Estimated Number of Creditors	1-15	16-49	50-99	100-199	200-999	1000-over
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Estimated Assets	$0 to $50,000	$50,001 to $100,000	$100,001 to $500,000	$500,001 to $1 million	$1,000,001 to $10 million	$10,000,001 to $50 million	$50,000,001 to $100 million	More than $100 million
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Estimated Debts	$0 to $50,000	$50,001 to $100,000	$100,001 to $500,000	$500,001 to $1 million	$1,000,001 to $10 million	$10,000,001 to $50 million	$50,000,001 to $100 million	More than $100 million
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In re: Nikki LeAnn Johnston
Debtor

Fayetteville Division

Case No.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULES

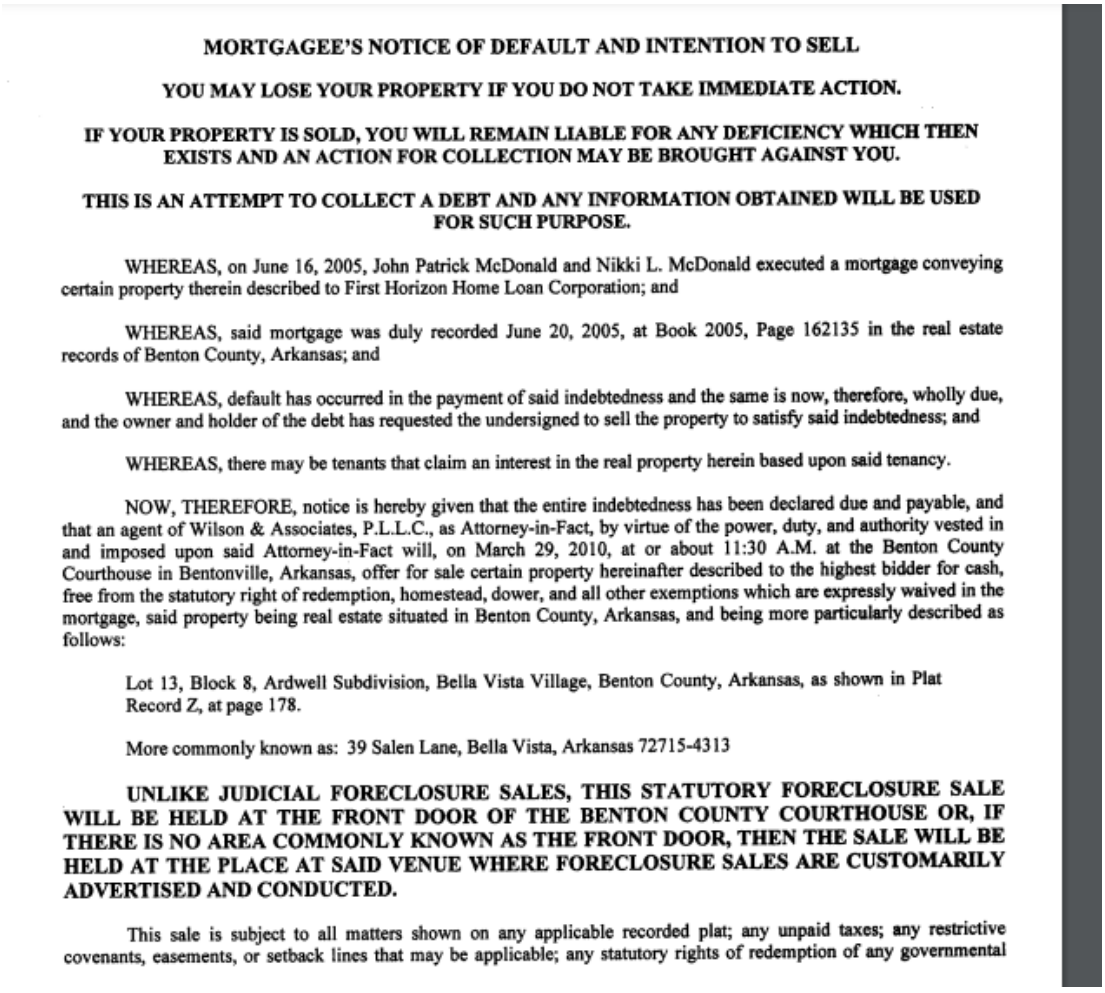
Indicate as to each schedule whether that schedule is attached and state the number of pages in each. Report the totals from Schedules A, B, D, E, F, I, and J in the boxes provided. Add the amounts from Schedules A and B to determine the total amount of the debtor's assets. Add the amounts from Schedules D, E, and F to determine the total amount of the debtor's liabilities.

NAME OF SCHEDULE	ATTACHED (YES/NO)	NO. OF SHEETS	AMOUNTS SCHEDULED ASSETS	AMOUNTS SCHEDULED LIABILITIES
A - Real Property	Yes	1	$0.00	
B - Personal Property	Yes	4	$19,060.00	
C - Property Claimed as Exempt	Yes	2		
D - Creditors Holding Secured Claims	Yes	1		$8,081.15
E - Creditors Holding Unsecured Priority Claims	Yes	1		$0.00
F - Creditors Holding Unsecured Non Priority Claims	Yes	6		$39,814.42
G - Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases	Yes	1		
H - Codebtors	Yes	4		
I - Current Income of Individual Debtor(s)	Yes	2		
J - Current Expenditures of Individual Debtor(s)	Yes	1		
Total Number of Sheets in All Schedules ⇨		23		
Total Assets ⇨			$19,060.00	
Total Liabilities ⇨				$47,895.57

In 2010, McDonald and her current husband defaulted on their mortgage and lost their home to foreclosure.

John Patrick McDonald and Nikki L. McDonald executed a mortgage on their Benton County, Arkansas home (39 Salen Lane, Bella Vista) on June 16, 2005. After they defaulted, the mortgage holder (The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee) foreclosed and the property was sold at a statutory foreclosure sale in 2010; a mortgagee's deed was recorded February 5, 2010.

(Source: Benton County, Arkansas Recorder of Deeds, Assessor Parcel #16-01774-000)



MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND INTENTION TO SELL

YOU MAY LOSE YOUR PROPERTY IF YOU DO NOT TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION.

IF YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD, YOU WILL REMAIN LIABLE FOR ANY DEFICIENCY WHICH THEN EXISTS AND AN ACTION FOR COLLECTION MAY BE BROUGHT AGAINST YOU.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2005, John Patrick McDonald and Nikki L. McDonald executed a mortgage conveying certain property therein described to First Horizon Home Loan Corporation; and

WHEREAS, said mortgage was duly recorded June 20, 2005, at Book 2005, Page 162135 in the real estate records of Benton County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the payment of said indebtedness and the same is now, therefore, wholly due, and the owner and holder of the debt has requested the undersigned to sell the property to satisfy said indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, there may be tenants that claim an interest in the real property herein based upon said tenancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that an agent of Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Attorney-in-Fact, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Attorney-in-Fact will, on March 29, 2010, at or about 11:30 A.M. at the Benton County Courthouse in Bentonville, Arkansas, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder for cash, free from the statutory right of redemption, homestead, dower, and all other exemptions which are expressly waived in the mortgage, said property being real estate situated in Benton County, Arkansas, and being more particularly described as follows:

Lot 13, Block 8, Ardwell Subdivision, Bella Vista Village, Benton County, Arkansas, as shown in Plat Record Z, at page 178.

More commonly known as: 39 Salen Lane, Bella Vista, Arkansas 72715-4313

UNLIKE JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALES, THIS STATUTORY FORECLOSURE SALE WILL BE HELD AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE OR, IF THERE IS NO AREA COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE FRONT DOOR, THEN THE SALE WILL BE HELD AT THE PLACE AT SAID VENUE WHERE FORECLOSURE SALES ARE CUSTOMARILY ADVERTISED AND CONDUCTED.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental

Recorded in the Above
MORTGAGE Book & Page
02/05/2010

Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-9, as holder of the mortgage dated June 16, 2005, executed by John Patrick McDonald and Nikki L. McDonald, and filed for record June 20, 2005, at Book 2005, Page 162135 in the records of the Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder for Benton County, Arkansas, is or may be required or permitted to execute and file for record pursuant to the Arkansas Statutory Foreclosure Act of 1987, as amended (Ark. Code Ann. §18-50-101, *et seq.*).

The Bank of New York Mellon, fka The Bank of New York as Successor in interest to JP Morgan Chase Bank NA as Trustee for Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc. Bear Stearns ALT-A Trust 2005-9, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-9, and its officers and directors, do hereby ratify and confirm everything Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., and its officers, managers, directors, and employees, may lawfully do in the premises by virtue of these presents. All acts, statements, and business made, done, or transacted by means of this Limited Power of Attorney shall be made, done, and transacted in the name of The Bank of New York Mellon, fka The Bank of New York as Successor in interest to JP Morgan Chase Bank NA as Trustee for Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc. Bear Stearns ALT-A Trust 2005-9, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-9.

Voting Record

Nikki McDonald voted to give data centers special tax breaks.

SB 98, 2025 Session — Data center sales tax exemption

This bill defines equipment in a data center to include servers, routers, hardware, cooling and water management systems, and networking equipment, and requires a qualified business to invest at least $250 million within five years and create at least 20 new jobs within two years. It provides a 100% sales and use tax exemption on qualified data center costs and equipment for up to 20 years.

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/sb98/

McDonald voted against an antisemitism policy in Kansas.

SB 44, 2025 Session — Antisemitism / Public policy

Declaring antisemitism and antisemitic acts to be against public policy and establishing a statutory definition of such terms.

Vote(s): 2025-03-20: Nay (77-41)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/sb44/

McDonald voted against an immigration enforcement bill that created a crime of unlawful approach of a first responder.

HB 2372, 2026 Session — Crime / Immigration enforcement

Senate Substitute for HB 2372 by Committee on Federal and State Affairs - Creating the crime of unlawful approach of a first responder and providing penalties therefore, requiring traffic laws that apply to local and state law enforcement to apply to federal law enforcement; including federal law enforcement in the definitions used in the crime of interference with law enforcement; including buildings owned by the United States in the crime of interference with the conduct of public business of public buildings; including enforcement of federal laws and executive orders in the exceptions from liability in the tort claims act, relating to the enforcement of detainers issued by the United States immigration and customs enforcement by a county sheriff operating a county jail; requiring municipal insurance pools to provide coverage of law enforcement agencies enforcing federal law; requiring the state to pay certain judgements in federal civil actions and provide legal representation by the attorney general, exempting section 287(g) federal immigration agreements from certain provisions of the interlocal cooperation act.

Vote(s): 2026-03-27: Nay (84-39), 2026-04-09: Nay (84-38)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2372/

McDonald voted against a variety of legislation that would help crack down on illegal Immigration

SCR 1602, 2025 Session — Immigration

Encouraging the governor to fully cooperate with federal enforcement of immigration laws.

Vote(s): 2025-03-20: Nay (82-35)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/li/b2025_26/measures/scr1602/

HB 2020, 2025 Session — Immigration / Driver licensing

Requiring a quarterly report from the director of the division of vehicles listing the names, addresses and alien registration numbers of certain noncitizens who have been issued a driver's license during such quarter.

Vote(s): 2025-02-06: Nay (83-34), 2025-03-20: Nay (84-34)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2020/

HB 2491, 2026 Session — Immigration / Public benefits

Requiring state agencies to make quarterly reports to the secretary of state with the names and addresses of noncitizens receiving public benefits.

Vote(s): 2026-02-18: Nay (87-37)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2491/

SB 254, 2026 Session — Immigration / Public benefits

Prohibiting aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States from receiving any state or local public benefit in accordance with applicable federal law.

Vote(s): 2026-02-05: Nay (86-36), 2026-03-19: Nay (77-46)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/sb254/

McDonald voted No on a variety of soft-on-crime bills.

HB 2131, 2025 Session — Crime & criminal justice

Requiring prosecutors to disclose their intent to introduce testimony from a jailhouse witness and to forward related information to the Kansas bureau of investigation.

Vote(s): 2025-03-20: Nay (84-34)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2131/

HB 2444, 2026 Session — Crime & criminal justice

Providing that jail credit when consecutive sentences are imposed shall not apply to more than one case, creating special sentencing rules when a felony is committed by certain offenders while on probation, parole or postrelease supervision for a prior felony and requiring secured minimum bonds for certain defendants who commit a new felony while on probation, parole, postrelease supervision or bond for a prior felony unless the court makes certain findings.

Vote(s): 2026-02-18: Nay (88-36), 2026-03-23: Nay (84-37)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2444/

HB 2610, 2026 Session — Crime & criminal justice

Limiting the use of a summons instead of a warrant for the arrest of a defendant to misdemeanor crimes and requiring that any bond set on a warrant issued after a failure to appear in response to a summons shall not allow release on the defendant's own recognizance.

Vote(s): 2026-02-18: Nay (88-36)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2610/

HB 2651, 2026 Session — Crime & criminal justice

Limiting the use of a summons instead of a warrant for the arrest of a defendant to misdemeanor crimes and requiring that any bond set on a warrant issued after a failure to appear in response to a summons shall not allow release on the defendant's own recognizance.

Vote(s): 2026-03-27: Nay (71-48)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2651/

HB 2183, 2026 Session — Crime & criminal justice / Children & families

Modifying elements in the crimes of sexual exploitation of a child, unlawful transmission of a visual depiction of a child and breach of privacy to prohibit certain acts related to visual depictions in which the person depicted is indistinguishable from a real child, morphed from a real child's image or generated without any actual child involvement, provide an exception for cable services in the crime of breach of privacy and prohibit dissemination of certain items that appear to depict or purport to depict an identifiable person.

Vote(s): 2026-01-22: Nay (83-39)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2183/

SB 157, 2025 Session — Criminal procedure / Child protection

Requiring search warrants to be issued only on the statement of facts sufficient to show probable cause made by a law enforcement officer, warrants issued for failure to appear to be provided to a compensated surety, bond forfeiture to be set aside in certain circumstances and remission if the defendant is returned to custody in certain circumstances and prohibiting a compensated surety from making loans for certain portions of the required minimum appearance bond premium.

Vote(s): 2025-03-19: Nay (88-35)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/sb157/

HB 2329, 2025 Session — Juvenile justice / Behavioral health

Changing the name of juvenile crisis intervention centers to juvenile stabilization centers, modifying the intake criteria for such centers, prohibiting certain rules and regulations for such centers, modifying the treatment and services provided by such centers, increasing the cumulative detention limit for juvenile offenders and criminal penalties for juvenile offenders who use a firearm in the commission of an offense or who are repeat offenders, providing for increased placement of offenders in non-foster home beds in youth residential facilities, requiring the secretary of corrections to pay for the costs associated with such placements, authorizing the secretary to make expenditures from the evidence-based programs account of the state general fund moneys to contract for such beds and transferring moneys from such account of the state general fund to the department for children and families to provide juvenile stabilization services.

Vote(s): 2025-03-13: Nay (106-16), 2026-03-26: Nay (88-32), 2026-04-09: Nay (88-34)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2329/

McDonald voted no on term limits for Congress

HCR 5001, 2025 Session — Government reform

Making application to the congress of the United States to call a convention of the states to establish term limits for members of congress.

Vote(s): 2025-03-19: Nay (81-43)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/li/b2025_26/measures/hcr5001/

HCR 5022, 2026 Session — Government reform

Making application to the congress of the United States to call a convention of the states to establish term limits for members of congress.

Vote(s): 2026-02-04: Nay (78-42)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/li/b2025_26/measures/hcr5022/

Voted against legislation that would make it harder for criminals and people on welfare to rent.

HB 2504, 2026 Session — Housing / Landlord rights

Prohibiting cities and counties from restricting the discretion of landlords not to rent residential or commercial property on grounds including prospective tenants receipt of housing assistance or eviction or criminal history, and permitting cities and counties to prohibit discrimination by landlords on the basis of receipt of veterans benefits.

Vote(s): 2026-02-18: Nay (84-40)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2504/

SB 391, 2026 Session — Housing / Landlord rights

Prohibiting cities and counties from adopting or enforcing any ordinance or resolution that requires landlords to lease housing to tenants receiving financial assistance from or through the housing choice voucher program or any other housing assistance program or that otherwise restricts a landlord's ability to consider the income source of a prospective tenant.

Vote(s): 2026-03-18: Nay (74-49), 2026-03-25: Nay (75-48), 2026-04-10: Nay (84-38)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/sb391/

Voted against open meetings to discuss contingency fees

HB 2228, 2025 Session — Local government / Legal contracts

Senate Substitute for HB 2228 by Committee on Judiciary - Requiring that a political subdivision hold an open meeting to discuss a contingency fee contract for legal services before approving such contract and requiring the attorney general to approve such contracts.

Vote(s): 2025-03-27: Nay (73-52)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2228/

HB 2593, 2026 Session — Local government / Legal contracts

Requiring that a political subdivision hold an open meeting to discuss a contingency fee contract for legal services before approving such contract and requiring the attorney general to approve such contracts.

Vote(s): 2026-02-19: Nay (77-45), 2026-03-26: Nay (78-40), 2026-04-09: Nay (84-38)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2593/

Voted against more work requirements for Medicaid eligibility and welfare benefits.

HB 2731, 2026 Session — Medicaid / Public assistance

Substitute for HB 2731 by Committee on Welfare Reform -Requiring the department of health and environment in coordination with the Kansas department for aging and disability services to seek federal approval to establish continuous medicaid eligibility for certain individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who are receiving services

through a home and community based services waiver, requiring the secretary for children and families and the secretary of health and environment to enter into data-matching agreements with state agencies to verify eligibility for food and medical assistance, directing the department of health and environment to submit certain data to the centers for medicare and medicaid services, prohibiting certain public assistance program waivers or exemptions without legislative approval, prohibiting self-attestation for purposes of determining eligibility for public assistance programs, limiting retroactive enrollment in the medical assistance program, increasing the age limit for able-bodied adults without certain dependents and prohibiting certain exemptions from work requirements under the food assistance program.

Vote(s): 2026-02-19: Nay (85-37), 2026-03-27: Nay (79-43), 2026-04-10: Nay (83-39)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2731/

McDonald voted against reducing regulations on small businesses.

HB 2343, 2025 Session — Small business / Local regulation

Creating the no-impact home-based business fairness act, supporting the development and growth of such businesses by limiting the regulatory power of municipalities.

Vote(s): 2025-02-20: Nay (74-49)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2343/

McDonald has numerous votes for higher taxes or against property tax reform.

HB 2043, 2026 Session — Taxes

Providing a protest petition to contest certain increases in property tax revenues and continuing reimbursements from the taxpayer notification costs fund for an additional five years.

Vote(s): 2026-04-10: Nay (86-35)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2043/

HB 2119, 2025 Session — Taxes

Discontinuing the Kansas affordable housing tax credit for qualified developments receiving a 4% federal tax credit.

Vote(s): 2025-02-20: Nay (85-36)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2119/

HB 2318, 2025 Session — Taxes

Providing that future income and privilege tax rate decreases be contingent on exceeding tax receipt revenues.

Vote(s): 2025-03-20: Nay (84-34)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2318/

HB 2515, 2026 Session — Taxes

Establishing the Kansas legal tender act and providing for an income tax subtraction modification for sales of specie.

Vote(s): 2026-04-10: Nay (75-44)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2515/

HB 2745, 2026 Session — Taxes

Senate Substitute for HB 2745 by Committee on Assessment and Taxation - Providing a protest petition to contest certain increases in property tax revenues and continuing reimbursements from the taxpayer notification costs fund for an additional five years.

Vote(s): 2026-03-27: Nay (63-58)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2745/

SB 269, 2025 Session — Taxes / Budget

Providing that future income tax and privilege tax rate decreases be contingent on exceeding revenue estimates and retaining a certain amount in the budget stabilization fund.

Vote(s): 2025-03-26: Nay (84-38), 2025-04-10: Nay (87-37)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/sb269/

SB 361, 2026 Session — Taxes / Education

Electing to participate in the federal tax credit for individual contributions to scholarship granting organizations.

Vote(s): 2026-03-27: Nay (86-37), 2026-04-09: Nay (84-38)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/sb361/

SCR 1603, 2026 Session — Taxes / Government reform

Proposing to amend section 1 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas to value residential real property, commercial and industrial real property and mobile homes personal property based on the fair market value or average fair market value and providing

that the legislature may provide by law for the freezing of property tax valuations for owner-occupied residential property of qualifying seniors.

Vote(s): 2026-03-19: Nay (83-40), 2026-04-09: Nay (68-54)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/li/b2025_26/measures/scr1603/

SCR 1616, 2026 Session — Taxes / Government reform

Proposing to amend section 1 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas to limit property tax assessed value increases for real property in any subclass and personal property classified as mobile homes.

Vote(s): 2026-03-12: Yea (36-79), 2026-04-10: Nay (67-53)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/li/b2025_26/measures/scr1616/

SB 368, 2026 Session — Taxes / Health care

Enacting the health care sharing ministries tax deduction act to provide a subtraction modification for qualified health care sharing expenses paid by a qualified individual and certain qualified health care shares received by a qualified individual.

Vote(s): 2026-03-27: Nay (86-37)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/sb368/

Voted to allow international organizations to impose a tax or fee on Kansans.

HB 2204, 2026 Session — State sovereignty / International organizations

Declaring that the world health organization, the United Nations and the world economic forum have no power within the state of Kansas or any political subdivisions thereof to enforce any rule, regulation, fee, tax, policy or mandate.

Vote(s): 2026-01-15: Nay (86-34)

Source: https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/hb2204/

2024 Legislative Votes

HR 6035, 2-7-24 — Affirming state sovereignty and supporting Texas in its efforts to combat illegal immigration (80-40)

- Tough on the border, opposing the Biden administration.

McDonald Voted: No

HB 2499, 2-15-24 — Prohibiting the use of a mobile telephone while operating a vehicle in a school or construction zone or by individuals less than 18 years of age. (86-30)

- Tough on crime.

McDonald Voted: No

HB 2284, 2-20-24 — Mega Tax Bill (81-37)

- Single rate income tax 5.25%
- Eliminate social security tax on income
- Eliminate food sales tax
- Increase property tax residential exemption to $100k

McDonald Voted: No

HB 2783, 2-22-24 — Concerning motor vehicles; prohibiting any state agency, city or county from regulating or restricting the use or sale of motor vehicles based on the energy source used; allowing state agencies and local governments to establish purchase policies regarding the energy source for vehicle (89-30)

- Prevents government bodies from restricting the use or sale of motor vehicles based on fuel source. So Lawrence can't ban gas powered vehicles.
- Vote for standing up to the green new deal and radical climate policy

McDonald Voted: No

SB 233, 3-13-24 — Forbidding abusive childhood transitions act (80-40)

- Prohibits sex changes for children

McDonald Voted: No

HB 2521, 3-14-24 — Requiring the state board of education to authorize teaching licenses for individuals who complete an alternative teacher certification program. (79-43)

- Republicans pursuing solutions to address teacher shortages

McDonald Voted: No

HB 2273, 3-20-24 — Budget (91-32)

- First mega budget to pass the House this year
- If you voted No, you voted against funding everything in it.
- If you voted Yes, you voted to spend a lot of money

McDonald Voted: No

HB 2036, 4-5-24 — Mega Tax Bill Veto Override (104-15)

- Yes vote was a vote to cut all the taxes listed above, no vote was a vote against tax cuts and with Laura Kelly

McDonald Voted: No

HB 2096, 4-30-24 — Tax Conference Report (91-26)

- Veterans Valor Property Tax Relief Act: creates a refundable income tax credit for taxpayer deemed permanently and totally or unemployable under federal disabled veterans provisions
- Homeowners Property Tax Freeze Program
- Government Competition Property tax rebates for businesses that face government competition

McDonald Voted: No

HB 2097, 4-29-24 — Tax Conference Report (102-22)

- Kansas Film tax credit (Handouts for Hollywood?)
- National Guard Employment Credits (encourages Kansas businesses to employ members of the KS National Guard)

McDonald Voted: Yes

HB 2098, 4-5-24 — Tax Conference Report Veto Override (99-20)

- Override of the Gov's veto of bill above

McDonald Voted: No

HB 2105, 4-5-24 — DEI in Higher Education (81-40)

- Prohibits higher ed from taking certain actions concerning diversity, equity, or inclusion (DEI)
- Includes prohibiting diversity statements for employment, admission, or education aid.
- Requires all training materials to be posted for the public
- Sets out a process and penalties for non-compliance

McDonald Voted: No

HB 2460, 3-21-24 — Prohibiting postsecondary educational institutions from taking certain actions regarding admission applicants, applicants for employment and faculty concerning diversity, equity or inclusion, exceptions, providing for civil remedies and penalties, submitting a report to the legislature and posting information on the board of regents website. (81-39)

- Prohibits higher ed from taking certain actions concerning diversity, equity, or inclusion (DEI)
- Includes prohibiting diversity statements for employment, admission, or education aid.
- Requires all training materials to be posted for the public
- Sets out a process and penalties for non-compliance

McDonald Voted: No

HB 2551, 4-30-24 — Omnibus Budget (71-49)

- Similar to mega budget. No vote means you vote against all the funding inside it. Yes vote means you're spending a lot of money.

McDonald Voted: Yes

HB 2583, 4-29-24 — Police dog and horses veto override (105-20)

- Veto override on above bill

McDonald Voted: No

HB 2614, 4-5-24 — Requiring county election officers to record the names of individuals delivering advance voting ballots on behalf of another voter and report violations of the laws governing such delivery and removing the requirement to specify the treasurer of a sponsoring organization in political advertising (75-48)

- Election integrity
- Would have placed further requirements on those delivering advanced ballots

McDonald Voted: No

HB 2618, 4-5-24 — Prohibiting the use of funds provided by the United States government for the conduct of elections and election-related activities unless approved by the legislature and requiring specific intent as an element of the crime of false representation of an election official (83-40)

- Election integrity
- "Biden Bucks" — Prevents federal funds from being used for election conduct or activity without legislative approval

McDonald Voted: No

HB 2618, 4-29-24 — Biden Bucks Veto Override (84-41)

- Veto override of the above bill

McDonald Voted: No

HB 2648, 4-29-24 — REINS Act Veto Override (87-38)

- Veto override of the REINS Act detailed earlier

McDonald Voted: No

SB 14, 4-4-24 — Election Day is Election Day (73-48)

- Election conference report
- Biggest issue is it would have made the cut off for accepting mail advanced ballots 7:00 on election day.

McDonald Voted: No

SB 28, Line Item 1, 4-29-24 — Texas Border Money (84-41)

- Veto override regarding sending support to the border to help Texas
- Tough on the border vote

McDonald Voted: No

SB 37, 3-27-24 — Countries of Concern and Divestment Act (85-38)

- Requires KPERS to divest from countries of concern like China

McDonald Voted: No

SB 172, 3-27-24 — Foreign Land (84-39)

- Kansas Land & Military Installation Act
- Prohibit foreign principals from countries of concern from acquiring an interest in non-residential real property located within 150 miles of the boundary of any military installation located in Kansas or an adjacent state
- Standing up to China vote

McDonald Voted: No

SB 172, 4-5-24 — Foreign Land, Conference Report (84-36)

- Conference report similar to above

McDonald Voted: No

SB 172, 4-29-24 — Foreign Land, Conference Report (86-39)

- Conference report similar to above

McDonald Voted: No

SB 233, 3-27-24 — Forbidding Abusive Childhood Transitions Act, Conference Report (82-39)

- Conference report prohibiting sex changes for children

McDonald Voted: No

SB 233, 3-27-24 — Veto Override (82-43)

- Veto override vote of the conference report above

McDonald Voted: No

SB 271, 3-27-24 — Drone Bill (83-40)

- Prohibits government agencies from purchasing, acquiring, or using drones whose critical components were produced in a country of concern, or whose critical components were produced or owned by a foreign principal
- National security vote. Standing up to China

McDonald Voted: No

SB 271, 4-4-24 — Drone Bill, Conference Report (86-35)

- Conference report similar to above

McDonald Voted: No

SB 271, 4-5-24 — Drone Bill, Second Conference Report (90-30)

- Second conference report similar to above

McDonald Voted: No

SB 287, 3-26-24 — Prohibiting a healthcare provider from administering any drug or diagnostic test or conducting behavioral health treatment to a minor in a school facility without parental consent (85-37)

- Protecting parental rights and requiring their consent before medical treatments or tests are performed on their children, with exceptions for emergency situations.

McDonald Voted: No

SB 394, 4-26-24 — Requiring the use of age-verification technology to permit access to internet websites containing material that is harmful to minors. (92-31)

- Requiring age verification to view porn online
- Bill became law and ran Pornhub out of Kansas

McDonald Voted: No

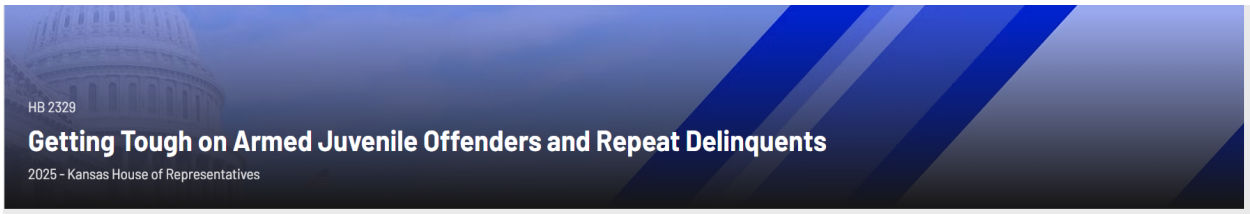
Key ACU Votes

McDonald Voted against requiring more transparency for corporate subsidies.



(Source: https://www.cpac.org/foundation/ratings/bill/ksh2025hb2304)

Voted against tougher penalties against violent offenders who use firearms.

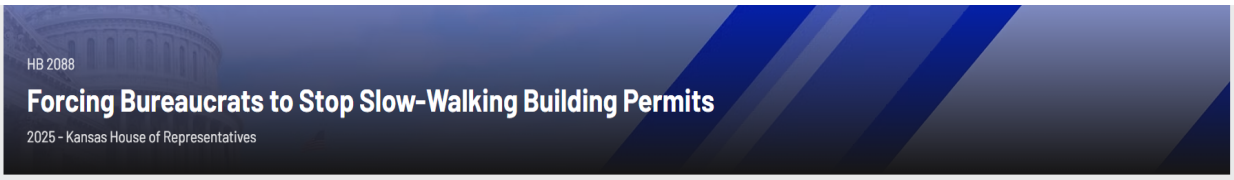


SUPPORT FAILED

This bill increases detention limits and penalties for juvenile offenders who use firearms or repeatedly offend, expands use of non-foster home beds in youth residential facilities, and authorizes the corrections secretary to fund such placements from existing evidence-based program accounts. It rebalances juvenile justice away from leniency and toward accountability and public safety. CPAC supports stricter consequences for violent and repeat juvenile offenders and targeted use of existing funds to protect communities and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on 2025-03-13 by a vote of 106-16. The bill did not become law.

(Source: https://www.cpac.org/foundation/ratings/bill/ksh2025hb2329)

Voted against reducing regulations that drive up the cost of a home.



SUPPORT PASSED

This bill sets firm deadlines for local governments to issue building permits and requires the health and environment department to respond within 45 days to stormwater discharge notices for construction. It curbs bureaucratic delays that drive up housing and project costs. CPAC supports streamlining permitting to unleash private development and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on 2025-02-20 by a vote of 82-39. The bill later became law.

(Source: https://www.cpac.org/foundation/ratings/bill/ksh2025hb2088)

News Articles/Policy Positions

McDonald supports fully funding special education, which likely would trigger tax increase of over $1 Billion per year.

Everyone knows that a budget is a reflection of priorities. I have made it one of my top priorities to make sure special education is fully funded in Kansas. In the coming weeks, our committee will begin working on bills to finalize our education budget. You can count on me to be an effective voice advocating for our amazing Johnson County schools.

(Source: Johnson County Post, 3-8-24; https://johnsoncountypost.com/2024/03/08/capitol-update-rep-nikki-mcdonald-special-education-228822/)

McDonald supports Medicaid Expansion, a $1.1 billion spending plan which would trigger huge tax hikes and not one penny would go to roads, schools or police.

Like 70% of Kansans, I am in favor of Medicaid expansion. Expansion of Medicaid is an economically prudent decision. I was one of the 5 YES votes in the House Health and Human Services Committee, yet the tight grip of the extreme Republican leadership compelled each of my Republican colleagues on the committee to vote NO, which ultimately prevented the bill from being debated on the House floor. This is typical partisan political bullying, while ignoring the will of the people, which Republicans are known for.

(Source: Johnson County Post, 10-18-24; https://johnsoncountypost.com/2024/10/18/kansas-house-district-49-candidates-on-the-issues-medicaid-expansion-245118/)

Nikki McDonald spoke out against legislation that would protect ICE agents and implement a law that would prohibit the unlawful approach of a first responder.

A bill on the brink of becoming law in Kansas would incentivize local cooperation with federal immigration authorities and make it a crime to come within 25 feet of a first responder - including an ICE agent - after being ordered to back up.

The bill that lawmakers sent to Gov. Laura Kelly's desk last week would remove the requirement that sheriff's offices obtain county commission approval before entering into agreements with ICE .

That provision was bundled with another piece of legislation that First Amendment advocates warn would give law enforcement officers broad, subjective power to arrest people whom they deem to be distracting them from carrying out their duties.

ICE agents themselves would not be allowed to arrest people simply for approaching them. Only state and local law enforcement officers could enforce the buffer zone. But the legislation is careful to identify federal officers of any agency as first responders - a definition that would be a first in Kansas law.

"The advantage to this is that if we have a situation like what's happening up in Minnesota, for example, and you have people interfering with federal officers, then local officers can step in and deal with those people creating that interference because it's now covered under state law," said Ed Klumpp, a lobbyist for various Kansas law enforcement groups, during a March hearing.

The unlawful approach bill was introduced by Senate President Ty Masterson, an Andover Republican and gubernatorial candidate, a week after a second Minneapolis resident, Alex Pretti, was gunned down by federal immigration officers. Pretti and former Kansas City resident Renée Good were both killed in January.

There haven't been any notable clashes between federal immigration officers and residents across the broader Kansas City region since the Trump administration embarked on its sweeping immigration crackdown.

Emily Bradbury, executive director of the Kansas Press Association, told lawmakers that the bill presents "a serious threat to First Amendment rights" - both for journalists and bystanders who have a right to film first responders in action.

"Journalists are often within that (25-foot) range while covering events and are often on scene before a perimeter is established. For them, and the public's right to know, distance matters," said Bradbury, who criticized the lack of clear, objective enforcement standards in the bill.

"Only the officer decides what's necessary for safety, what counts as a distraction and even when someone has been told not to approach," said Bradbury, who pointed out that Kansas already has laws against interfering with and assaulting officers.

Unlawful approach of a first responder

The bundled law enforcement bill passed the Republican-controlled Senate on a party-line 30-9 vote and was approved by the House 85-39 despite some GOP defections. It cleared the House with one more than the 84 votes that would be necessary to override a veto by Kelly.

The bill would make the unlawful approach of a first responder a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of up to $1,000 and up to six months in jail.

The legislation is modeled after similar laws in Florida and Indiana that create buffer zones for first responders. The U.S. Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ban on the Indiana law as written last year, ruling it to be "unconstitutionally vague" and "susceptible to arbitrary enforcement."

Under the Kansas version, someone could be arrested if their presence distracted a first responder from their duties and if the first responder had reason to believe that 25 feet of separation was "necessary for the safety of any person or property."

The bill says someone could only be arrested after receiving "a visual or audible signal not to approach or remain within 25 feet" of an officer or another first responder. During the House floor debate, Rep. Nikki McDonald, an Olathe Democrat, questioned how that standard would be applied to blind and hearing-impaired people.

"Does the fix outweigh the loss of the freedoms that we're enjoying?" McDonald asked from the well.

Rep. Bradley Barrett, an Osage City Republican who also works in the Shawnee County district attorney's office, pushed back against opponents' suggestion that the bill would be used to prevent people from filming law enforcement activities.

"That person one hundred percent has a right to record, twenty-five foot away. Twenty-five foot is not that far of a distance," Barrett said, suggesting that police body cam footage could be helpful for determining in court whether a bystander was actually within 25 feet of a first responder when arrested. **(Source: The Wichita Eagle, April 1, 2026)**

Nikki McDonald voted against legislation that would require app store owners to verify minors and have consent of an adult before downloading an app.

The Kansas House rebuffed legislation easily approved by the Kansas Senate on Wednesday that would require app store providers to verify the age of Kansas customers and confirm minors had consent of an adult before purchasing or downloading an app.

The House's opposition to House Bill 2422 was fervent enough to approve a rare motion sending it back to the six-member Senate and House negotiating committee for possible further deliberation. The Senate vote was 34-6 in favor of the bill. On the House floor, representatives voted 69-55 to hit the brakes. Fate of the bill was uncertain, but one key advocate was skeptical it could survive closing days of the 2026 annual session.....

.....Rep. Nikki McDonald, D-Olathe, said she'd received negative feedback from constituents. She said all legislators wanted to shield children from harm, but "I have real concerns about privacy and implementation. Unintended consequences are a real issue."

(Source: Independence Daily Reporter, March 26, 2026)

Nikki McDonald participated in a 50501-movement protest.

Thousands of protestors came to the Kansas Statehouse to protest the actions of the Trump administration, organized by a handful of civic organizations.

The protest, dubbed the People's Veto Day, hosted eight speakers who spoke about state and national politics. Though the protest is largely against Republican actions at the federal level, Christie Peterson, an organizer with the 50501 movement, said the issues aren't partisan.

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"You are welcome if you agree to these things: You want to end executive overreach. You want us to have people who uphold the Constitution in our government. You believe in the three equal branches of government, and that you believe that people are all created equal, and we should all have the same rights. And finally, you believe in non-violent action here to fight with people," Peterson said.

Speakers at the makeshift podium on the Capitol lawn included elected such representatives as House Rep. Tobias Schlingensiepen, D-Topeka, and Rep. Nikki McDonald, D-Olathe, such candidates for office as Olathe Democrat Sherry Giebler, who ran for the Kansas Senate, and Anne Parelkar, who intends to run against U.S. Sen. Roger Marshall, R-Kansas.

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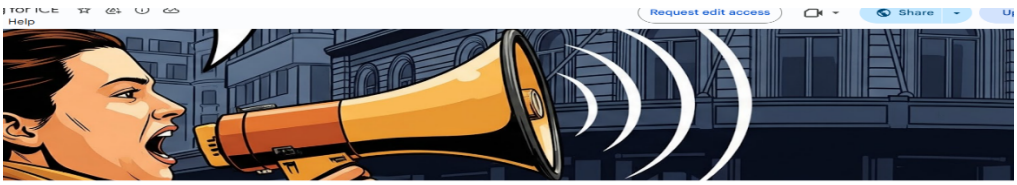
"This is the most dangerous moment in modern American history," Schlingensiepen said. "The enemies are not outside of our nation. They're inside our nation, and they're staging the largest bank robbery this nation has ever seen."

Several activists also took the podium, including two representatives with Equality Kansas, a LGBTQ rights organization, a Haskell Indian Nations Student and a representative from the National 50501 movement spoke.

The 50501 Movement stands for 50 protests in 50 state capitals on one day. The organization has already had a handful of rallies in Kansas, and the April 5 protest was part of a national movement. Indivisible, the Women's March and other advocacy groups also contributed with organizing and sponsoring the event. **(Source: The Topeka Capital-Journal Online, April 5, 2025)**

The 50501 Official Website is supporting efforts to ban food and housing to ICE agents.

<u>This could be portrayed as standing with radicals who are trying to ban food and housing to law enforcement</u>.



Toolkit: NO Housing for ICE

Is ICE Occupying your city? Here's a hyper-local way to help put pressure on local pressure on hotel franchise owners to stop housing ICE.

This toolkit provides strategies and resources for advocates seeking to persuade Hotel franchise owners to refuse lodging to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents and contractors.

I. Identifying Franchises

The first step is identifying the specific entity who owns the franchise/hotel that ICE is staying at. This toolkit is intended for people in cities who are being occupied - so these hotels should be able to be identified on the ground or through social media reports.



(Source: https://www.fiftyfifty.one/organizer-resources)

Nikki McDonald fought against a bill that prevent transgender surgery for minors.

*Identical bills in the **Kansas** House and Senate are attempting to ban gender-affirming care for minors in a renewed effort from Republicans to clamp down on transgender youths' health care.*

Senate and House health committees Tuesday heard testimony in jam-packed committee rooms from transgender youths and their parents, transgender men and women, teachers, health care professionals, a clergyman, religious advocates and national activists.

The bills ban medical procedures recommended or performed in response to gender dysphoria, the psychological distress that arises when a person's biological sex and gender identity differ. They would also create the opportunity for civil penalties for doctors who violate the proposed 'help not harm act.'

*A similar bill passed both chambers in 2024, but Gov. Laura Kelly halted it with a veto that the Legislature failed to override. But the 2025 Legislature has a different makeup and expanded Republican supermajorities.....Olathe Democratic Rep. **Nikki McDonald** asked Carly Choi, a legislative staff member who helps write and describe proposed bills, whether any other instances exist in which 'the law is weaponized to penalize medical providers for working with their scope of practice with threats of losing their license, threats of civil penalties for more than a decade, threats of withholding the ability to be covered by medical malpractice insurance.'*

'Can you think of another instance where the law is weaponized this way?' McDonald asked.

Choi responded: 'No, representative.'

*D.C. Hiegert, a legal fellow with the ACLU of **Kansas** who is trans, told legislators in both the House and Senate committees that the bills could be unconstitutional. They run the risk of violating Kansas' right to personal autonomy, as affirmed by the Kansas Supreme Court.* **(Source: Kansas Reflector, January 28, 2025)**

McDonald spoke in favor of a Johnson County budget that exceeded the revenue-neutral property tax rate.

At an August 2023 public hearing, Johnson County commissioners voted 5-2 to allow the county's FY budget to exceed the state-mandated "revenue neutral" rate, meaning that despite a quarter-mill rollback in the rate, rising property values would still let spending increase. Most speakers at the hearing opposed the higher rate, but small-business owner Nikki McDonald of Olathe spoke in support.

> *"I am happy to pay my part so I can continue to live in a safe community that prioritizes safety and quality of life."*

(Source: Shawnee Mission Post, August 25, 2023)

Full transcript of McDonald's remarks praising the 2023 Johnson County budget.

> *"My name is Nikki McDonald and I'm a 20 year resident of Olathe. My husband and I are small business owners with two children in Olathe public schools. Many tonight are here seemingly to complain about the taxes they pay but I am happy to pay my part so that we can continue to live in a safe community that prioritizes safety and quality of life. Johnson county's most recently recorded medium household income was $96,059. That amounts to nearly $25,000 more than the national average. Census data from 2020 named Johnson County as the county's 80th wealthiest county. I would like to remind the commissions and others here in attendance that a budget is a reflection of an organization's priorities. I am appreciative that this budget takes a proactive approach in prioritizing the most vulnerable among us…I am proud to see your budget reflecting these priorities tonight."*

(Source: Johnson County Commission, Public Hearing and Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate, August 21, 2023; youtube.com/watch?v=Qzq6PYDf5jw)

McDonald voiced support for tax incentives for big business.

15. What types of economic development policies do you support to encourage job growth and business expansion in Kansas?

I support economic development policies that attract investment, create quality jobs, and strengthen Kansas communities. In recent years, I have supported tools such as STAR Bonds, including the Chiefs Deal, regulatory sandbox initiatives, and economic development programs that encourage innovation and business expansion. I believe government should be a proactive partner helping to create a strong business climate by investing in infrastructure, workforce development, and high quality public education. I support targeted, accountable incentives that deliver a return on investment for taxpayers and help Kansas remain competitive in attracting employers, growing existing businesses, and creating opportunities for workers.

(Source: https://opchamberorg-my.sharepoint.com/personal/wullmann_opchamber_org/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2Fwullmann%5Fopchamber%5Forg%2FDocuments%2FVote%20JoCo%20Surveys%202026%2FKansas%20House%2FKS049%2FMcDonald%2Epdf&parent=%2Fpersonal%2Fwullmann%5Fopchamber%5Forg%2FDocuments%2FVote%20JoCo%20Surveys%202026%2FKansas%20House%2FKS049&ga=1**)**

Social Media/Video Content

Video footage of McDonald defending her data center vote



(Source: https://www.facebook.com/share/v/18vGYENSNM/**)**



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Footage Defending Property Taxes



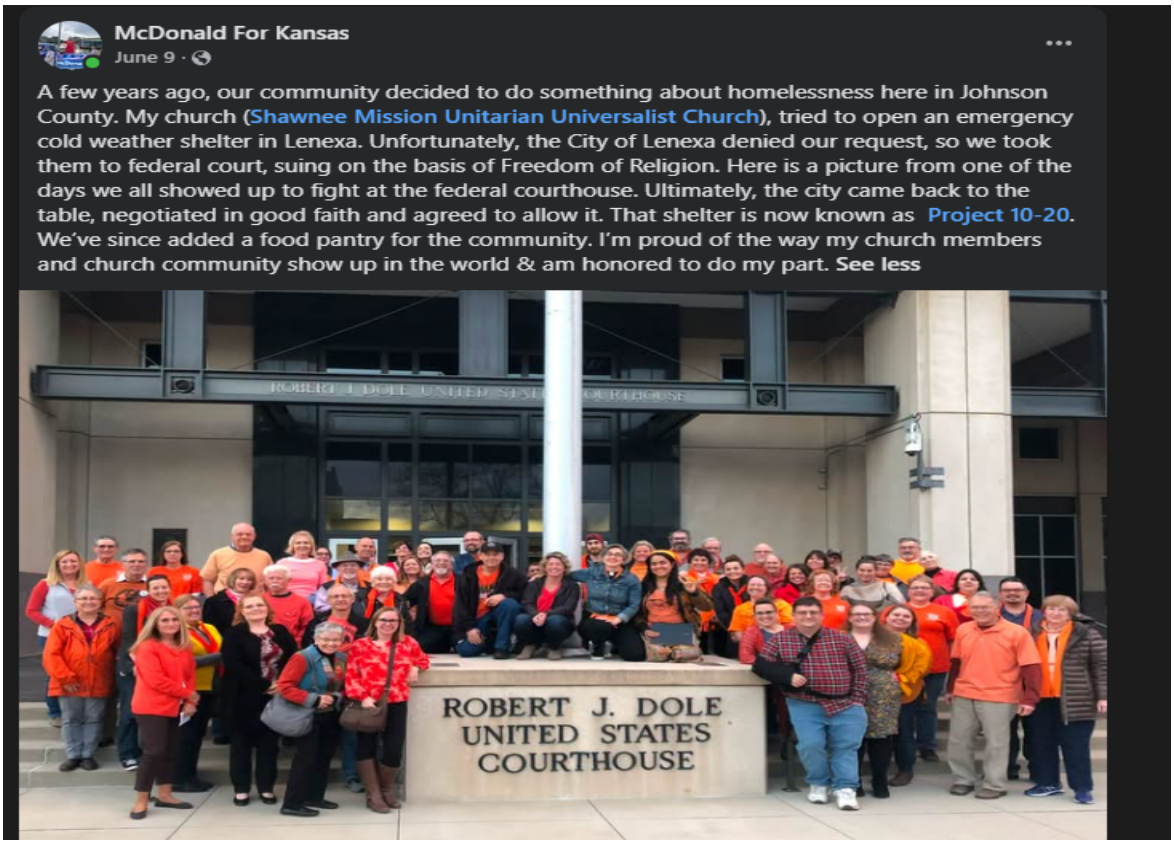
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Defended her stance against Term Limits.

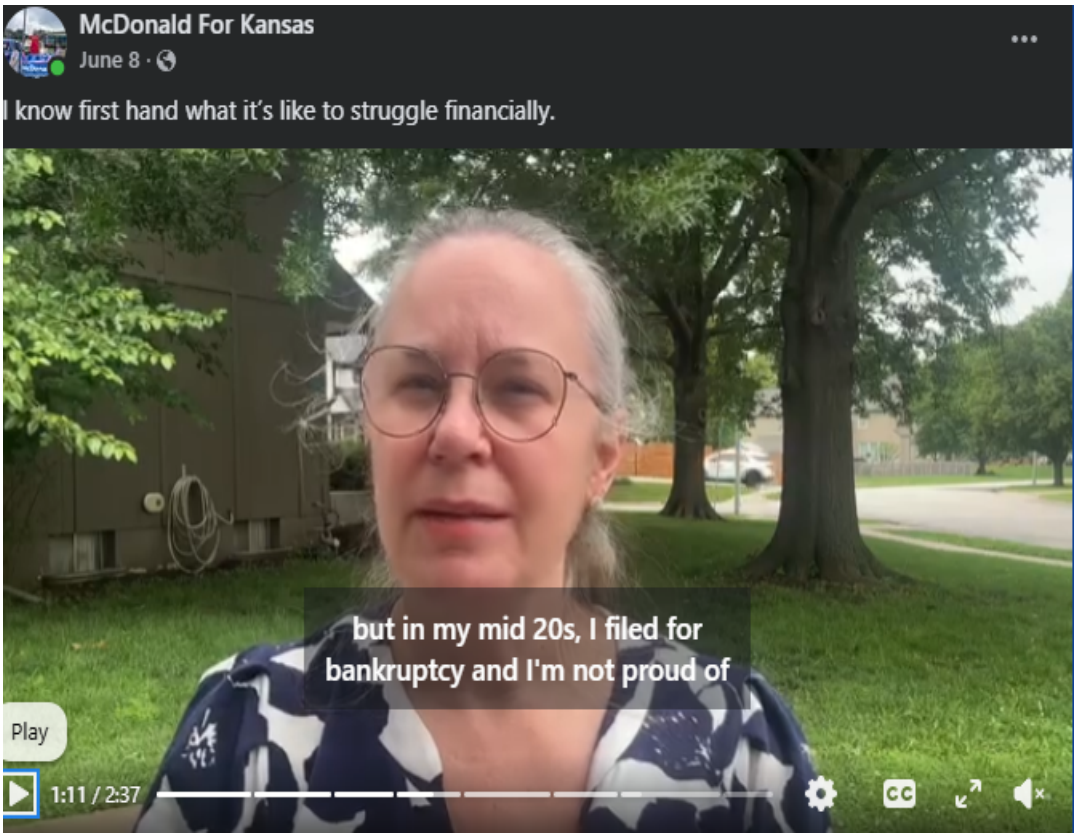


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Post about suing to have a homeless shelter in Johnson County.



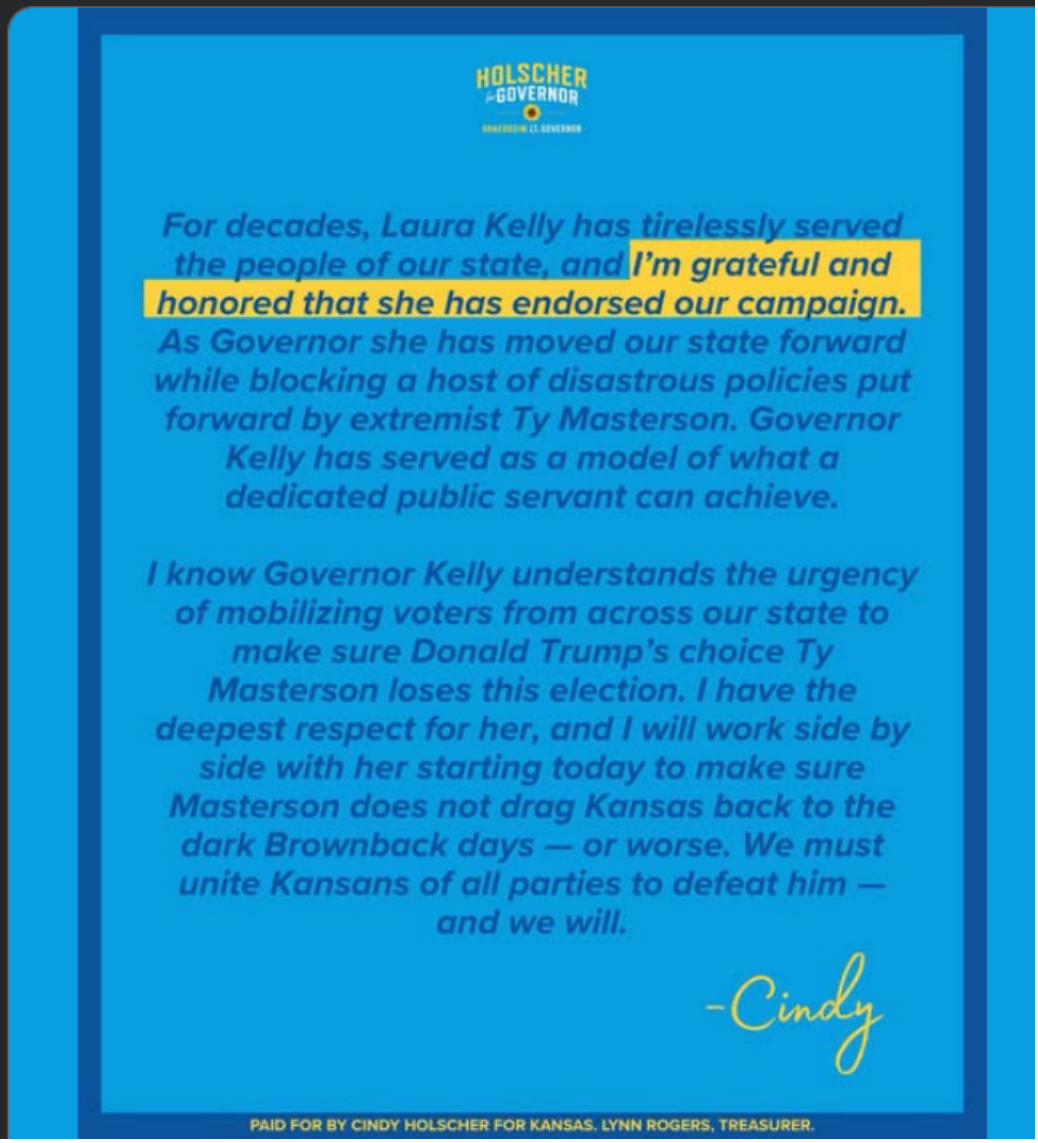
Video footage of her admitting she filed for bankruptcy.



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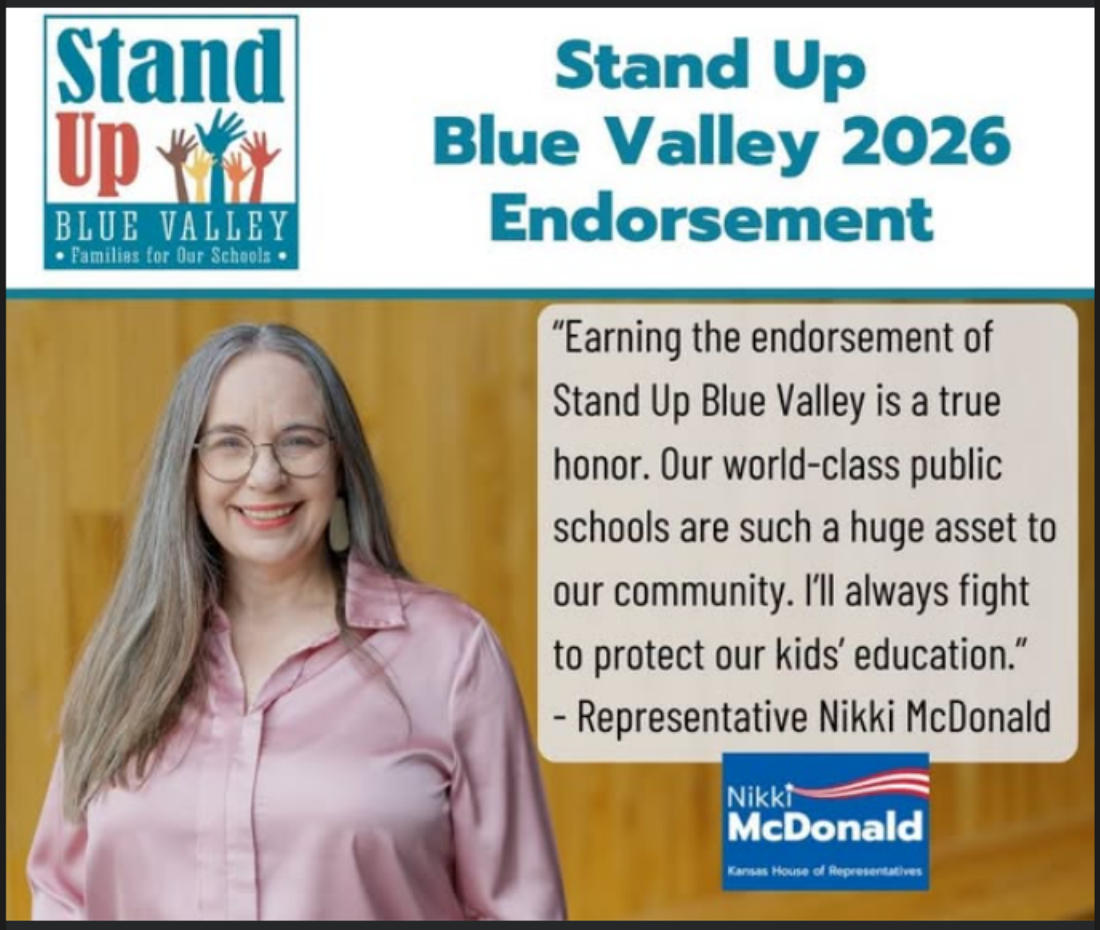
McDonald For Kansas
August 5 ·

I stand behind Cindy Holscher, as well. Looking forward to continuing to work together for the betterment of Kansans.



McDonald For Kansas
August 29 at 9:35 AM ·

Very grateful for the support!



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McDonald For Kansas
May 21 at 12:05 PM ·

I stand in opposition to the death penalty for a variety of reasons: ethically, fiscally and because it risks irreversible mistakes within an imperfect justice system.

> **ABC News**
> May 21 at 11:11 AM ·
>
> A divided Supreme Court dismissed Alabama's bid to be allowed to execute a convicted murder who was found by lower courts to be intellectually disabled.



ABCNEWS.COM

Supreme Court dismisses bid to execute inmate with borderline intellectual disability

McDonald For Kansas
May 14 at 8:28 PM ·

I'm so happy to see that my friend Teresa is running for County Commissioner. Although I am not in her district, I am positive she is the right person for the job. Her impressive background is really second to none. Give her page a follow! **See less**



Teresa Erb is with **Melissa Bradshaw** and **8 others**.
May 14 at 8:07 AM ·

Hello Friends! As many of you know, I've been involved in public service for a long time and have been toying with running for office for many years. When I learned my... **See more**

McDonald For Kansas
May 12 at 7:09 AM ·

Yesterday I was invited to Washburn to listen to a presentation on the Chiefs STAR Bonds deal. These students worked all semester researching and interviewing individuals who were a part of the deal, as well as economists. They watched public hearings and compared our deal with other similar deals for NFL stadiums. I appreciate the opportunity to see their presentation and I am optimistic about this STAR Bond project. **See less**



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John Hope
Again thanks for taking time to educate yourself from a trusted source

3w Like Reply

McDonald For Kansas
April 16 ·

Have you ever considered this? Period products are necessary hygienic products. They are as necessary as toilet paper and soap. Let's change the way we think about this & act accordingly by making these products readily available for everyone. **See less**

Aunt Flow · Follow
Apr 16 ·



🎉 While most public restrooms offer complimentary paper towels, soap, and toilet paper, they usually write off other basic amenities like tampons or p... See more

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James Hanrahan
What do you mean? How?
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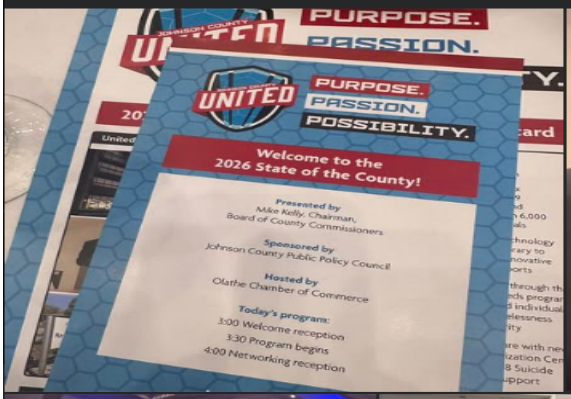
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McDonald For Kansas
Some government agencies have prioritized access to these products by providing them discretely in the restroom. We budget for toilet paper and soap and paper towels, which are necessary for good hygiene. Tampons and/or menstrual pads are equally essential for hygiene. It will require a shift in our thinking, but it can be done, if prioritized.
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McDonald For Kansas
April 15 ·

At yesterday's State of the County Address, I ran into friends at every turn.

People want to live here because of the great schools, safe neighborhoods and economic opportunities.

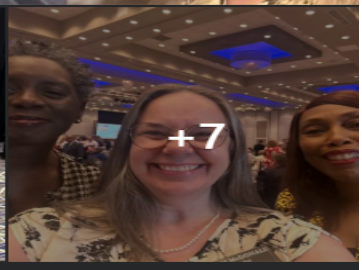
I'm proud to be a Johnson Countian.











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McDonald For Kansas
April 14 ·

If you care to know why property tax relief didn't happen this session, read this explanation from the Republican chair of the House Tax Committee, Adam Smith, who has had to endure unjust and ridiculous criticism from Senate President Ty Masterson, who is the real reason the legislature didn't deliver on property tax relief. Remember that when you think about who to choose as your next Governor.



Representative Adam Smith
April 13 ·

Weskan, KS – State Representative Adam Smith, honored to serve as the House Taxation Committee chairman, issued the following statement in response to the press release and personal attack from Senate President Ty Masterson... but not until traveling home from Topeka on Saturday to spend time with his family and respectfully putting politics on the back-burner on

McDonald For Kansas
April 14 ·

Congrats to Dr. James Steele! He will be the next Kansas Education Commissioner! **See less**



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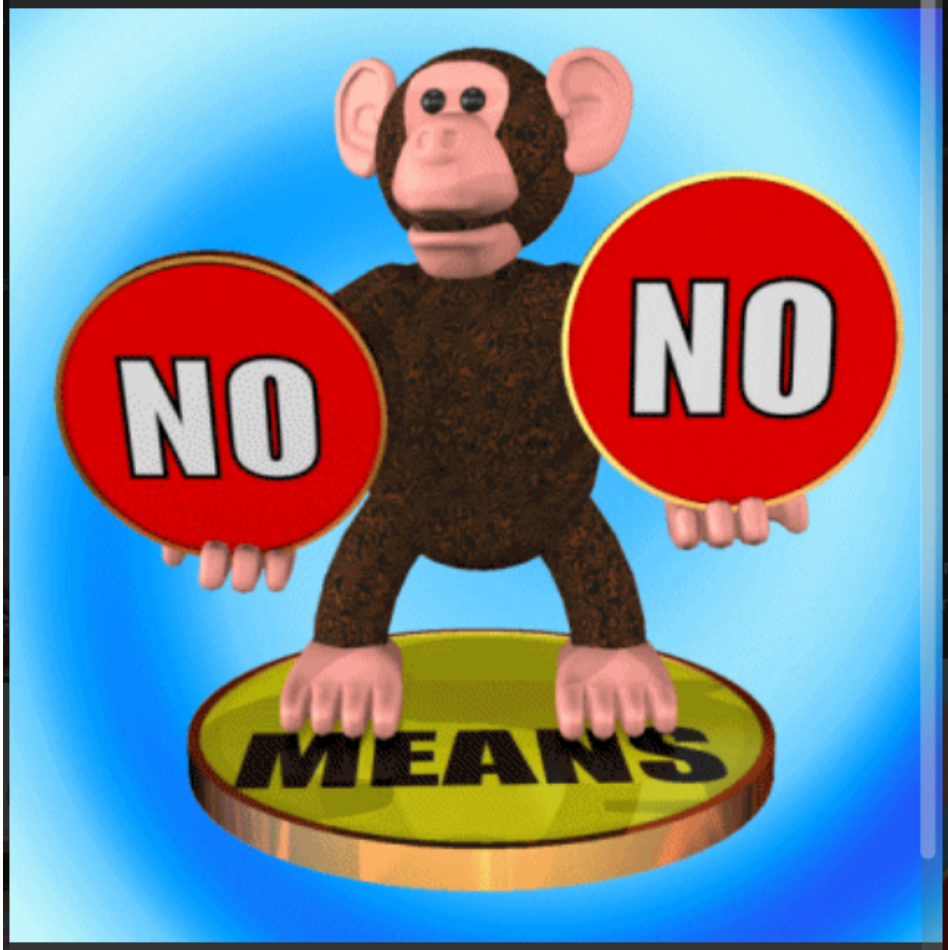
Colleen Kennedy Markman
He looks like a great choice!
7w Like Reply 1

McDonald For Kansas's Post

McDonald For Kansas
April 11 ·

It is 1:12 am. The Senate refuses to give us their motion to adjourn.

After we vote this bad constitutional amendment down (no means no), we will do our own motion to adjourn & gavel out sine die.



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Author
McDonald For Kansas
59-62. Sloppy constitutional amendment goes down solidly.

8w Like Reply 21

McDonald For Kansas
April 11 ·

Back in the house now. 12:46 am. The senate barely passed the sloppy constitutional amendment after Senator Clifford flipped so it will come to us soon. We've voted it down several times this year and I think this last hail Mary will see a similar fate. **See less**



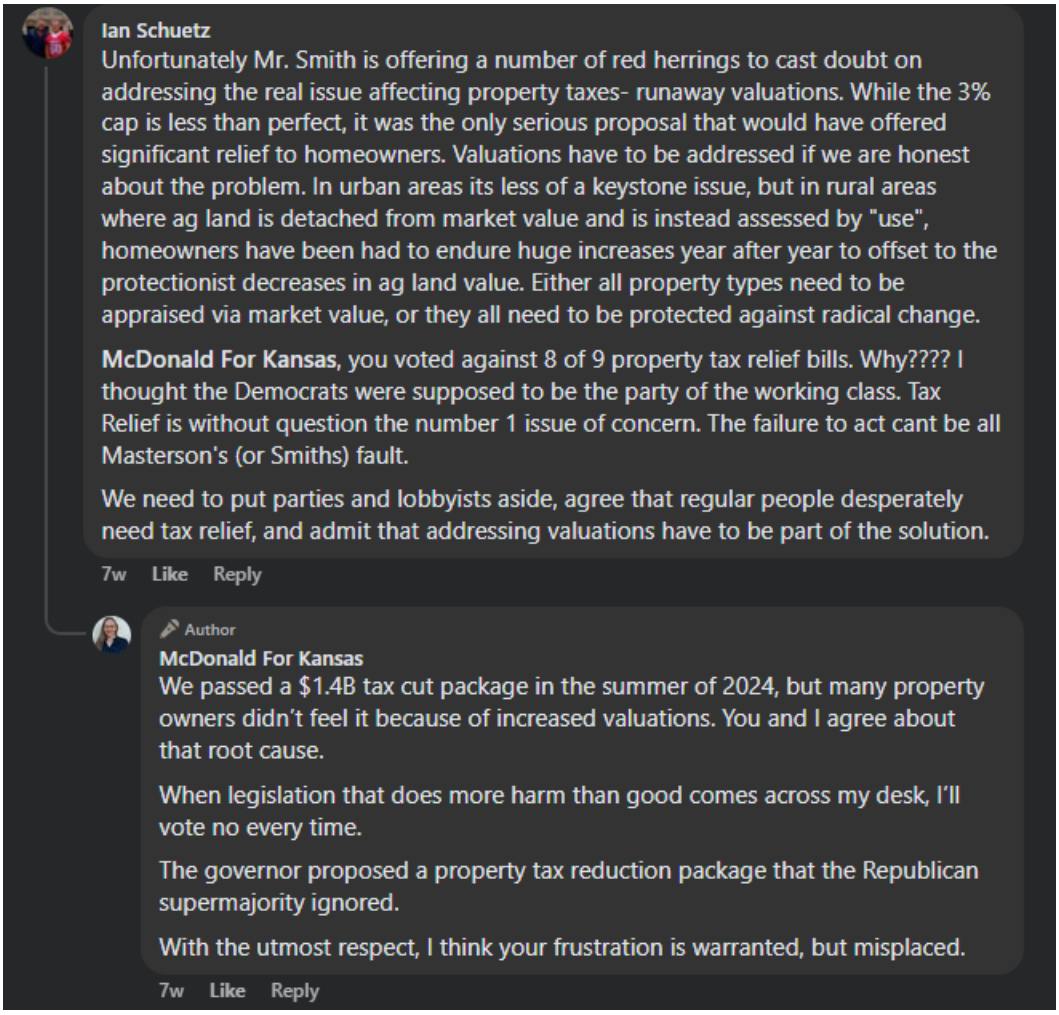
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McDonald For Kansas
April 11 ·

Most of the members of the House have assembled in the Senate on both sides of the room in frustration. A couple Senators are trying to force another sloppy and unclear constitutional amendment. It is 12:20 am. It's time to go home. **See less**



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Ian Schuetz

Unfortunately Mr. Smith is offering a number of red herrings to cast doubt on addressing the real issue affecting property taxes- runaway valuations. While the 3% cap is less than perfect, it was the only serious proposal that would have offered significant relief to homeowners. Valuations have to be addressed if we are honest about the problem. In urban areas its less of a keystone issue, but in rural areas where ag land is detached from market value and is instead assessed by "use", homeowners have been had to endure huge increases year after year to offset to the protectionist decreases in ag land value. Either all property types need to be appraised via market value, or they all need to be protected against radical change.

McDonald For Kansas, you voted against 8 of 9 property tax relief bills. Why???? I thought the Democrats were supposed to be the party of the working class. Tax Relief is without question the number 1 issue of concern. The failure to act cant be all Masterson's (or Smiths) fault.

We need to put parties and lobbyists aside, agree that regular people desperately need tax relief, and admit that addressing valuations have to be part of the solution.

7w Like Reply

Author

McDonald For Kansas

We passed a $1.4B tax cut package in the summer of 2024, but many property owners didn't feel it because of increased valuations. You and I agree about that root cause.

When legislation that does more harm than good comes across my desk, I'll vote no every time.

The governor proposed a property tax reduction package that the Republican supermajority ignored.

With the utmost respect, I think your frustration is warranted, but misplaced.

7w Like Reply

McDonald For Kansas's Post

McDonald For Kansas
March 31 ·

I voted NO on this bill. I understand that property values are increasing & so are property taxes, which causes financial hardships and should be addressed, but this particular plan is ill conceived. This article explains more:



KANSASREFLECTOR.COM
'Tyranny of the minority': Bill gives 10% of voters power to knock down property tax increases • Kansas Reflector

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All comments

Kimberly Buterbaugh Martin
Yeah. Let 10% decide for all. No, absolutely not.
10w Like Reply 1

Gty Farms
Kimberly Buterbaugh Martin no you've got that wrong . Farmland property owners as well as home owners pay the majority of the state's expenses for everyone else . Especially schools .

McDonald For Kansas
March 5 ·

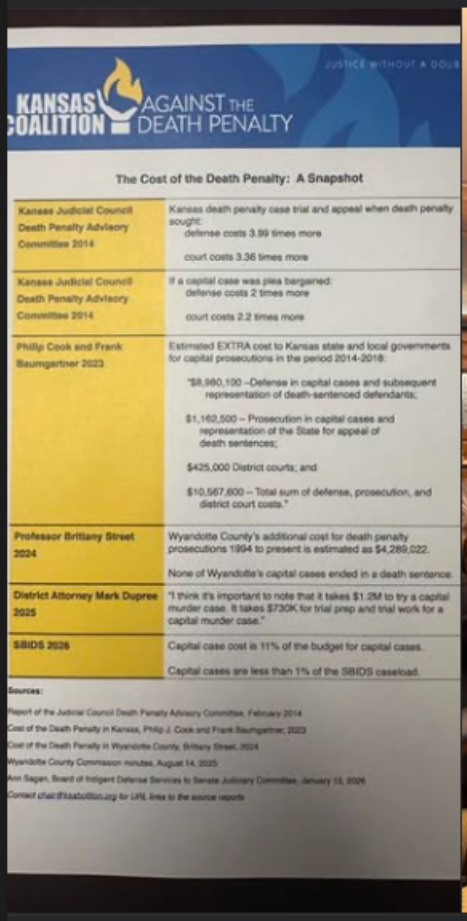
Kansas Trial Lawyers were in the house today & I shared the firearm storage and DUI bills I've been working on with Wichita attorney Joe McGreevey. We agreed to circle back after session to brainstorm bill ideas for next session. See less



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McDonald For Kansas
March 3 ·

Over lunch today, we heard from the Board of Indigent Defense about how death penalty cases are currently litigated, the state of the death penalty across the country and efforts to end the death penalty in Kansas. **See less**



KANSAS COALITION AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

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The Cost of the Death Penalty: A Snapshot

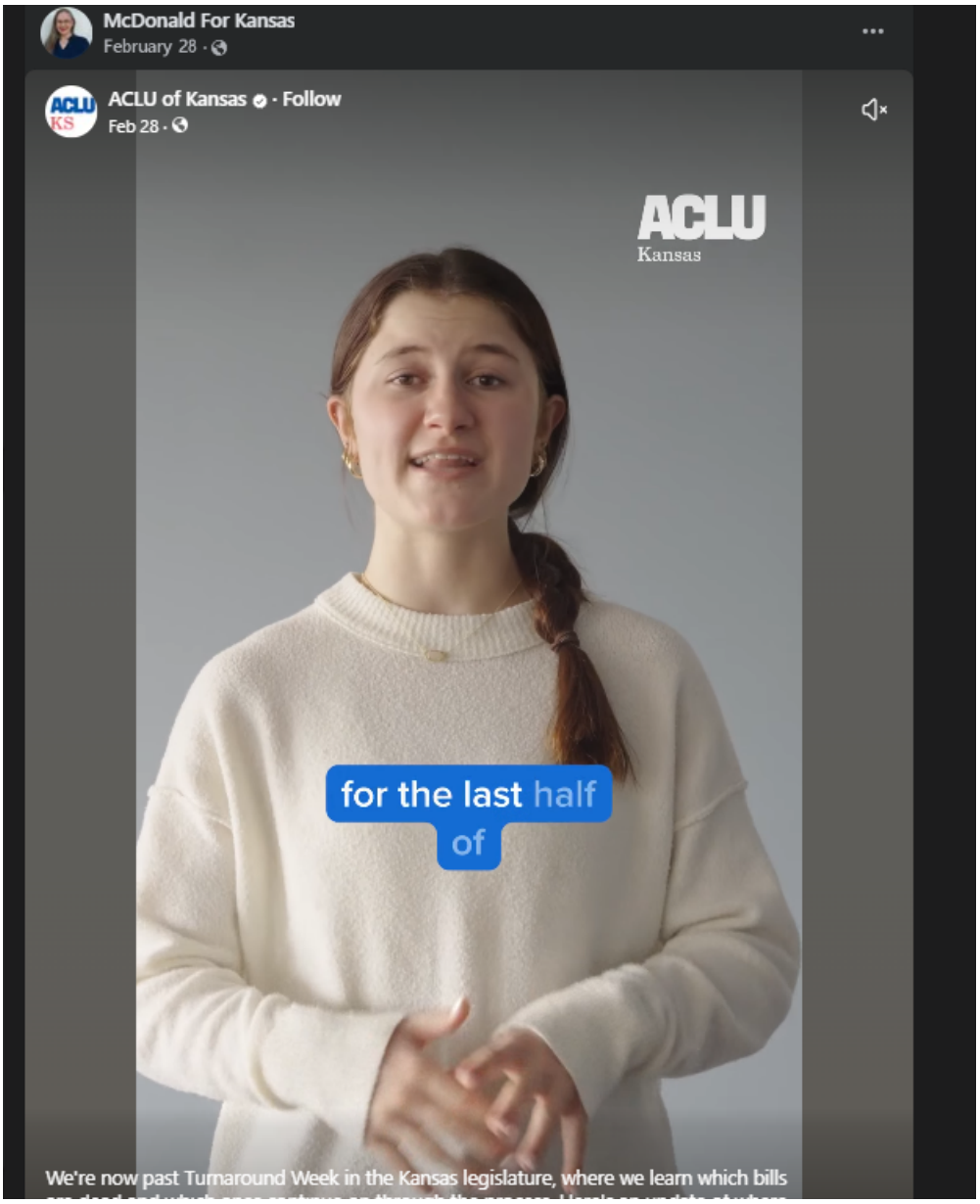
Kansas Judicial Council Death Penalty Advisory Committee 2014	Kansas death penalty case trial and appeal when death penalty sought: defense costs 3.99 times more court costs 3.36 times more
Kansas Judicial Council Death Penalty Advisory Committee 2014	If a capital case was plea bargained: defense costs 2 times more court costs 2.2 times more
Philip Cook and Frank Baumgartner 2023	Estimated EXTRA cost to Kansas state and local governments for capital prosecutions in the period 2014-2018: "$8,980,100 –Defense in capital cases and subsequent representation of death-sentenced defendants; $1,162,500 – Prosecution in capital cases and representation of the State for appeal of death sentences; $425,000 District courts; and $10,567,600 – Total sum of defense, prosecution, and district court costs."
Professor Brittany Street 2024	Wyandotte County's additional cost for death penalty prosecutions 1994 to present is estimated as $4,289,022. None of Wyandotte's capital cases ended in a death sentence.
District Attorney Mark Dupree 2025	"I think it's important to note that it takes $1.2M to try a capital murder case. It takes $730K for trial prep and trial work for a capital murder case."
SBIDS 2026	Capital case cost is 11% of the budget for capital cases. Capital cases are less than 1% of the SBIDS caseload.

Sources:

Report of the Judicial Council Death Penalty Advisory Committee, February 2014
Cost of the Death Penalty in Kansas, Philip J. Cook and Frank Baumgartner, 2023
Cost of the Death Penalty in Wyandotte County, Brittany Street, 2024
Wyandotte County Commission minutes, August 14, 2025
Ann Sagan, Board of Indigent Defense Services to Senate Judiciary Committee, January 13, 2026
Contact chair@ksabolition.org for URL links to the source reports



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McDonald For Kansas
February 28 ·
ACLU of Kansas · Follow
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We're now past Turnaround Week in the Kansas legislature, where we learn which bills

McDonald For Kansas
February 17 ·

Update- The bill passed. 75-48

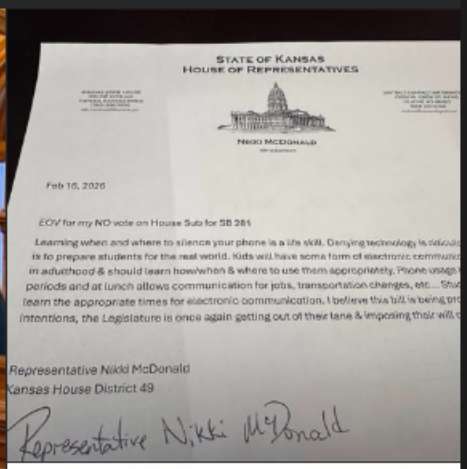
Yesterday we debated a controversial bill that would ban cell phones in schools from bell to bell. My school districts, as well as most others, already have policies regarding cell phones. My districts are opposed to a one-size-fits-all ban. And I'm opposed, as well.

A few years ago in my district, Olathe East High School had a shooting and lockdown. A good friend of mine got a text from her son. He told her what he knew about what was happening, where he was and that he was safe. Imagine the same scenario if her son's phone was locked up in the office. As a mom, would I have a hard time with that.

I've outlined other reasons for my NO vote, as well in this Explanation of Vote.

Final action should happen mid-morning. I know the governor really wants this bill to pass, but the way it is written makes it a non-starter for me. **See less**





STATE OF KANSAS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NIKKI MCDONALD

Feb 16, 2026

EOV for my NO vote on House Sub for SB 281

Learning when and where to silence your phone is a life skill. Denying technology is *[illegible]* is to prepare students for the real world. Kids will have some form of electronic communi in adulthood & should learn how/when & where to use them appropriately. Phone usage periods and at lunch allows communication for jobs, transportation changes, etc... Stu learn the appropriate times for electronic communication. I believe this bill is being pro intentions, the Legislature is once again getting out of their lane & imposing their will o

Representative Nikki McDonald
Kansas House District 49

Representative Nikki McDonald



Kansas 2025-2026 Legislative Sessions

SB 281

(printable version)
House - Final Action - Substitute passed as amended; - 02/17/2026
On roll call the vote was:
Yea - (75):
Anderson, Barrett, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Calhart, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Honeisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, James, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Pickert, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Roose, Roth, Sanders, Sappington, Sawyer, Schlingensiepen, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, C. Smith, Stens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Ward, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, L. Williams, Wilson, Wolf, Xu,
Nay - (48):
Alcala, Amyx, Awerkamp, Ballard, Bergkamp, Boatman, Brownlee Paige, Brun, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, Carr, Collins, Featherston, Haskins, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, Johnson, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Orapeza, Osman, Ousley, Prahny, Poetter Parshall, Poskin, Rhe L. Ruiz, S. Ruiz, Sawyer Clayton, Schmoe, Simmons, A. Smith, Steele, Stog Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Weigel, Wikle, Willcott, K. Williams, Woodard,
Present but not Voting - (0):

McDonald For Kansas
February 14 ·

I have heard reports and seen videos from the last couple days of ICE masked agents here in Olathe racially profiling, targeting and arresting people without warrants.

They are just scooping them up while folks are getting gas at Quick Trip, shopping for groceries at Wal Mart and picking up their kids from daycare.

I'm not afraid to call it like I see it- These actions are intended to intimidate and scare our neighbors and friends.

Let me be clear- These abuses of power endanger our local law enforcement officers. These actions are harming community policing efforts and are causing an erosion of trust.

Under no circumstances should our children be used as pawns.

This is a nation that has a rich history of welcoming people from all parts of the globe. Our diversity is our strength.

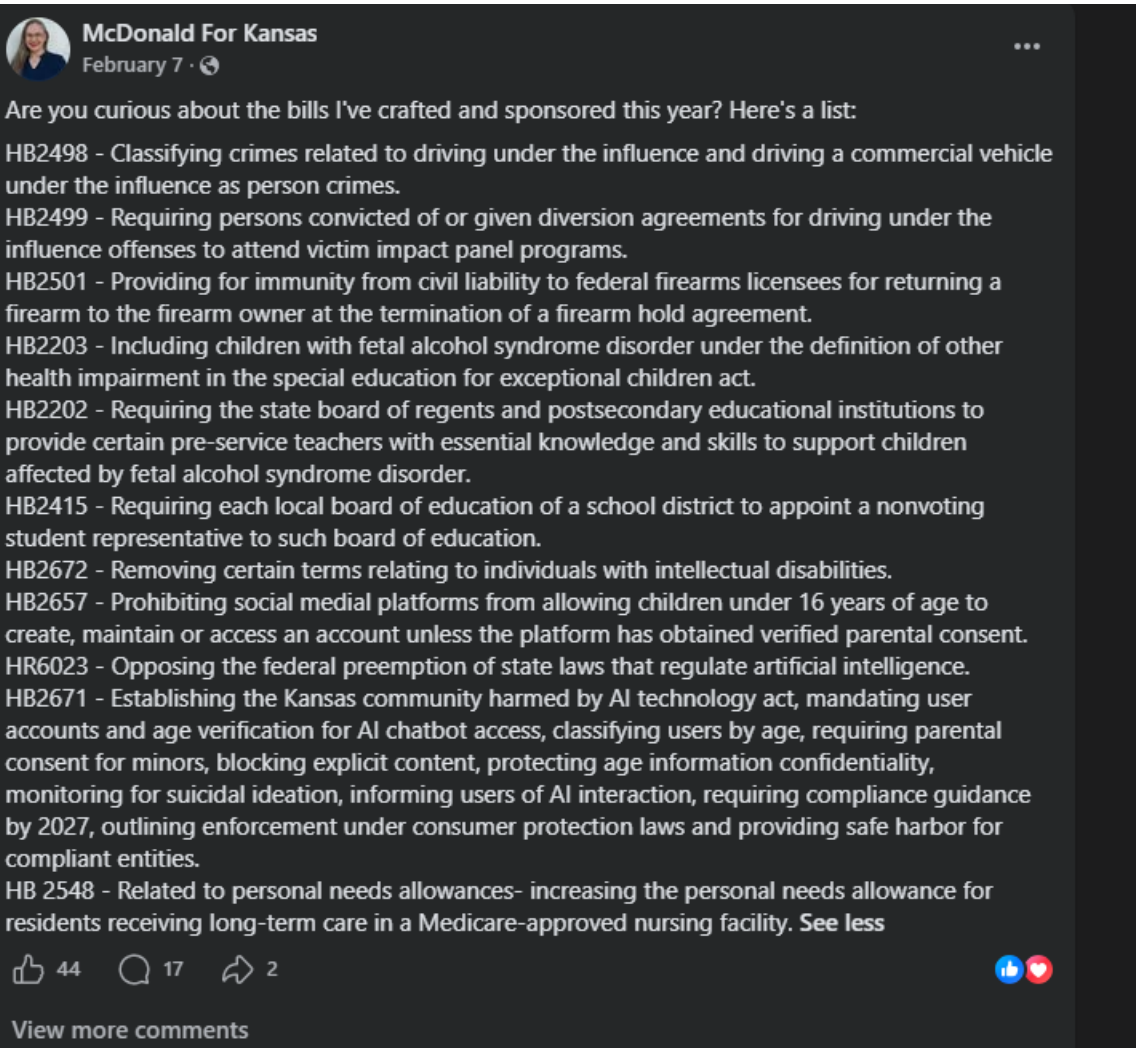
I'm guessing you might be wondering this too- If immigration is such a problem, somebody explain to me why Congress & the President aren't proposing ANY immigration reform laws. Republicans hold all the power. The answer is simple. Profit.

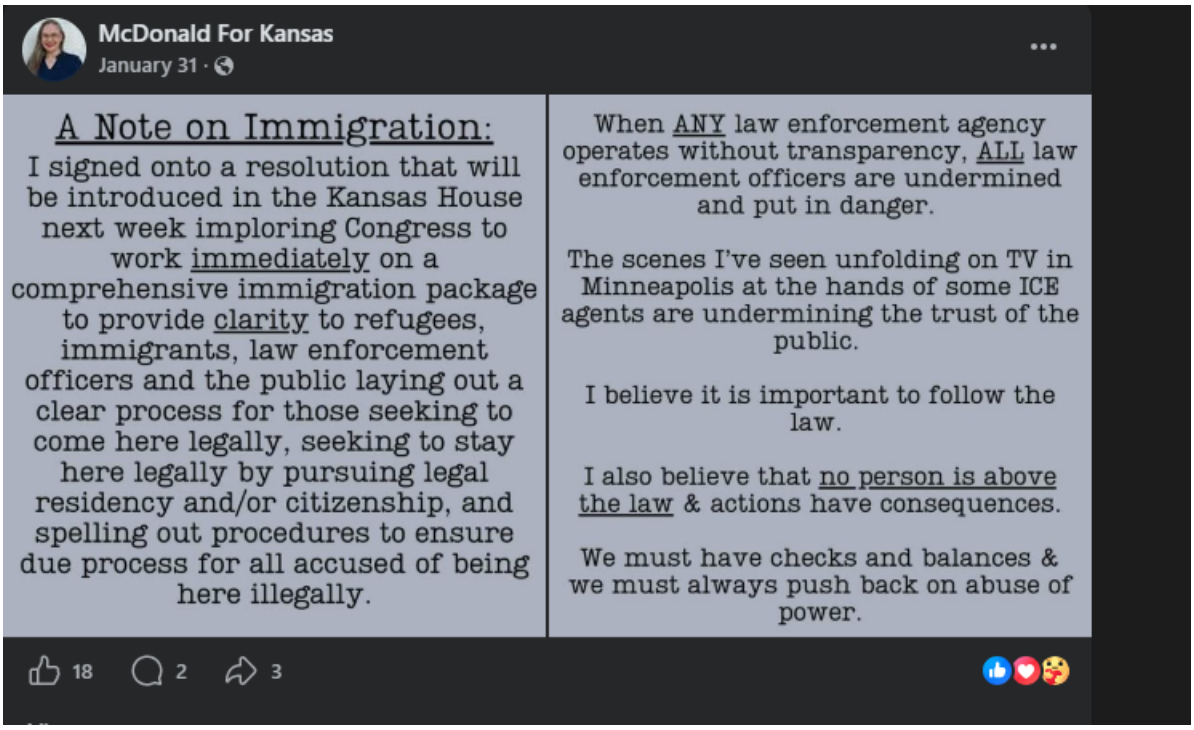
Here's the answer- Watch to the end

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McDonald For Kansas
February 14 ·
Logan DeMond of ACLU stopped in to update the Democratic Caucus on their efforts to fight voter suppression bills.
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McDonald For Kansas
February 7 ·
Are you curious about the bills I've crafted and sponsored this year? Here's a list:
HB2498 - Classifying crimes related to driving under the influence and driving a commercial vehicle under the influence as person crimes.
HB2499 - Requiring persons convicted of or given diversion agreements for driving under the influence offenses to attend victim impact panel programs.
HB2501 - Providing for immunity from civil liability to federal firearms licensees for returning a firearm to the firearm owner at the termination of a firearm hold agreement.
HB2203 - Including children with fetal alcohol syndrome disorder under the definition of other health impairment in the special education for exceptional children act.
HB2202 - Requiring the state board of regents and postsecondary educational institutions to provide certain pre-service teachers with essential knowledge and skills to support children affected by fetal alcohol syndrome disorder.
HB2415 - Requiring each local board of education of a school district to appoint a nonvoting student representative to such board of education.
HB2672 - Removing certain terms relating to individuals with intellectual disabilities.
HB2657 - Prohibiting social medial platforms from allowing children under 16 years of age to create, maintain or access an account unless the platform has obtained verified parental consent.
HR6023 - Opposing the federal preemption of state laws that regulate artificial intelligence.
HB2671 - Establishing the Kansas community harmed by AI technology act, mandating user accounts and age verification for AI chatbot access, classifying users by age, requiring parental consent for minors, blocking explicit content, protecting age information confidentiality, monitoring for suicidal ideation, informing users of AI interaction, requiring compliance guidance by 2027, outlining enforcement under consumer protection laws and providing safe harbor for compliant entities.
HB 2548 - Related to personal needs allowances- increasing the personal needs allowance for residents receiving long-term care in a Medicare-approved nursing facility. See less
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McDonald For Kansas
January 31 ·
A Note on Immigration:
I signed onto a resolution that will be introduced in the Kansas House next week imploring Congress to work immediately on a comprehensive immigration package to provide clarity to refugees, immigrants, law enforcement officers and the public laying out a clear process for those seeking to come here legally, seeking to stay here legally by pursuing legal residency and/or citizenship, and spelling out procedures to ensure due process for all accused of being here illegally.
When ANY law enforcement agency operates without transparency, ALL law enforcement officers are undermined and put in danger.
The scenes I've seen unfolding on TV in Minneapolis at the hands of some ICE agents are undermining the trust of the public.
I believe it is important to follow the law.
I also believe that no person is above the law & actions have consequences.
We must have checks and balances & we must always push back on abuse of power.
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McDonald For Kansas
January 30 ·

While attending a hearing, I ran into my friend Logan DeMond with ACLU Kansas. I appreciate his advocacy, particularly in the Elections Committee for voter rights.



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McDonald For Kansas
January 29 ·
https://www.aclukansas.org/.../aclu-of-kansas-statement.../
ACLUKANSAS.ORG
ACLU of Kansas Statement on Bill Undermining Transgender Kansans Privacy and Safety at the DMV and in Bathrooms - ACLU of Kansas
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McDonald For Kansas
January 28 ·

We are debating House Sub for SB 244. It's yet another version of a bathroom bill coupled with a gender marker drivers license bill. I'm a no. I do not see the need for this legislation & am of the opinion that this is overreaching and unnecessary. **See less**



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McDonald For Kansas
January 24 ·

These days I have to limit my time on social media to protect my mental health. I rarely even turn on the news. Yet there is no escape when it comes to bearing witness to the disturbing violence and terror being perpetrated by ICE officials in Minnesota and elsewhere who think they are above the law. They clearly lack the training and discipline we expect from law enforcement officers. In fact, the reckless actions of the ICE officers who are routinely violating the constitution (in broad daylight & on camera) make our local law enforcement officers less safe. Now is the time to speak out. Things are not ok. No amount of spin from this administration can change what we can all see happening with our own two eyes. **See less**



APNEWS.COM

Man is shot and killed during Minneapolis immigration crackdown, National Guard activated

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McDonald For Kansas
January 23 ·

In the Health and Human Services Committee, the Inspector General came to give a report & I shared some of my concerns about his hyper focus on investigating and penalizing women, women with children & disabled people in poverty who receive assistance. He made sweeping generalizations about people from Wyandotte and Sedgwick Counties. This group of ladies stopped me in the hall afterwards and thanked me for pushing back & asking him hard questions.
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McDonald For Kansas
January 21 ·

Today we are debating Constitution of States.

I'm a hard no on this. Here are some of the reasons: **See less**



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A Constitutional Convention would be a constitutional crisis — states must say no

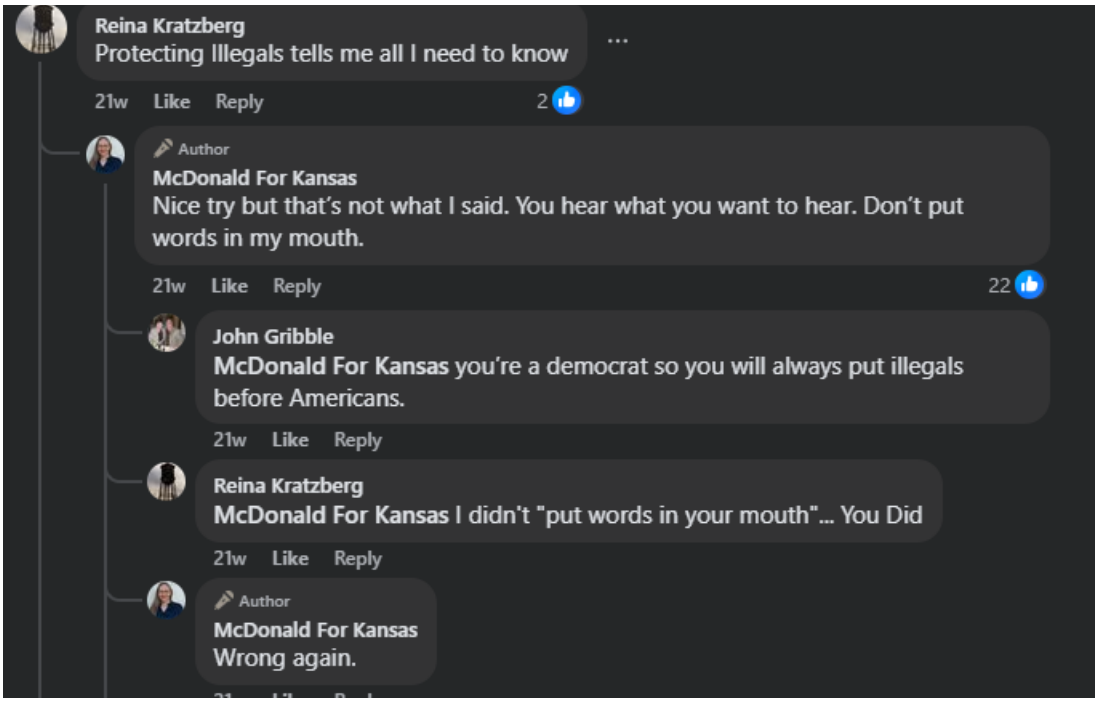
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McDonald For Kansas
January 14 ·

Here we are debating an amendment for HB 2204. It resulted in a very important conversation about ICE, abuse of power, their lack of training, & ways they are putting our local law enforcement in danger among other things. The amendment was ultimately ruled as not germane, but the conversation was just the first of MANY I expect we will have as we move forward. **See less**



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Reina Kratzberg
Protecting Illegals tells me all I need to know
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McDonald For Kansas
Nice try but that's not what I said. You hear what you want to hear. Don't put words in my mouth.
21w Like Reply 22
John Gribble
McDonald For Kansas you're a democrat so you will always put illegals before Americans.
21w Like Reply
Reina Kratzberg
McDonald For Kansas I didn't "put words in your mouth"... You Did
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Author
McDonald For Kansas
Wrong again.

McDonald For Kansas
January 11 ·

I have been profoundly disturbed by the actions of ICE in their aggressive interactions with the public, particularly the events that unfolded in Minneapolis this week.

As I walked through the art museum Friday, I came upon this portrait of George Washington & sat wondering what he might have thought about situations like the ones we are witnessing with ICE. Then I came home, did a little research, and found my answer.

"The spirit of encroachment tends to consolidate the powers of all the departments in one, and thus to create, whatever the form of government, a real despotism. A just estimate of that love of power, and proneness to abuse it, which predominates in the human heart is sufficient to satisfy us of the truth of this position." - George Washington, during his farewell address. **See less**



McDonald For Kansas
January 30 ·

While attending a hearing, I ran into my friend Logan DeMond with ACLU Kansas. I appreciate his advocacy, particularly in the Elections Committee for voter rights.



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McDonald For Kansas
February 9, 2025 ·

These decisions being made unilaterally by the executive branch are unjustified, harmful & unacceptable. Diversity IS our strength. Equity is something we all should work towards. And inclusion is in my eyes, the very LEAST we should do for others.

I'm not ok with the hateful rhetoric I see from others when I turn on the news and I will not be quiet about it.

Silence makes people complicit. I'll say it again- Silence makes people complicit.

So speak up. Speak out. It will give others to speak up too. **See less**

NPR
February 7, 2025 ·

If the Trump administration continues targeting DEI in science and seeking to slash funding, American science will look fundamentally different.



NPR.ORG

"Unprecedented": White House moves to control science funding worries researchers

Nikki McDonald
@Nikki_Advocate

Last night I had to talk with my long-haired teenage son about what to do if perverted men confront him accusing him of being trans/using the wrong bathroom. Does #ksleg think it's ok for grown men to harass him & inspect his privates to prove he's a male? #ksgop has gone too far

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Campaign Finance/Donations

McDonald reported **$181,867.52** in contributions and other receipts from 2023 through July 2026.

Key findings:

- Individuals accounted for **$142,557 (78.4%)**.
- PACs and political committees accounted for **$35,575 (19.6%)**.
- Other trade, labor, and organizational contributors accounted for **$1,106**.

PAC and political-committee contributions, consolidated by reported contributor:

- Victory Fund — **$3,000**
- Kansas Optometric PAC — **$2,000** across 4 contributions
- Kansas Realtors PAC — **$2,000** across 3 contributions
- Union 533 Volunteer Political Fund — **$2,000**
- Kansas Livestock Association PAC — **$1,500** across 3 contributions
- KANA CRNA PAC — **$1,500** across 2 contributions
- Kansas State Firefighters PAC — **$1,000** across 2 contributions
- KC Regional Association of Realtors KS RPAC — **$1,000** across 2 contributions
- Way Back PAC — **$1,000** across 2 contributions
- Kansas Anesthesiologist Assistant PAC — **$1,000**
- Kansas AFL-CIO COPE — **$750** across 2 contributions
- Kansas Bankers Association PAC — **$750** across 2 contributions
- Kansas Hospital Association PAC — **$650** across 2 contributions
- America's Future — **$500**
- Everytown for Gun Safety Victory Fund — **$500**
- IBEW Local 53 Voluntary Political Fund — **$500**
- IBEW PAC Educational Fund — **$500**
- KTLA Consumer/Civil Justice PAC — **$500**

- Kansans for a Democratic House — **$500**
- Kansans for Quality Mental Health — **$500**
- Kansas Beer Wholesalers PAC — **$500**
- Kansas Pharmacists Association PAC — **$500**
- Kansas Sierra Club PAC — **$500**
- Laborers Union No. 1290 PAC — **$500**
- Local Union No. 124 Victory Political Fund — **$500**
- Local Union No. 124 Voluntary Political Fund, IBEW — **$500**
- Masons' Local Union No. 518 Political Action Committee — **$500**
- Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council MO-KS Area PAC — **$500**
- Missouri and Kansas Laborers PAC — **$500**
- Pipefitters Local 533 Volunteer Political Fund — **$500**
- Pipefitters Local Union — **$500**
- Security Benefit Life Insurance PAC/One Security — **$500**
- SMART TD PAC — **$500**
- Sunflower Seeds PAC — **$500**
- Yes We Kansas — **$500**
- Committee for Industrial Local Unions Shawnee County Political Committee — **$400**
- Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 2 Legislative Action Committee — **$400**
- Johnson County Democratic Women — **$325**
- American Society of Anesthesiologists PAC — **$250**
- Iron Workers Local No. 101 PAC — **$250**
- Kansas Dental Association PAC Committee — **$250**
- KC BizPAC, the political-action committee of the Greater Kansas City Chamber — **$250**
- Kansas Association of Nurses — **$250**

- Kansas Automobile Dealers PAC/Election Action — **$250**
- Leading Edge Kansas — **$250**
- PAC of Kansas Ophthalmologists — **$250**
- PhRMA — **$250**
- PAC for the Kansas Automobile Association Committee — **$250**
- Visa Inc. PAC — **$250**
- InterHab Champion Fund PAC — **$100**
- Kansas Pet Advocates PAC — **$100**
- Lori Slettehaugh — **$100**, classified as a PAC contribution in the filing

Nikki McDonald has made 29 contributions to federal candidates or organizations totaling $1,632.33. Donations include to Kamala Harris and Pete Buttigeg.

Candidate or organization	Contributions	Total
Kansas Democratic Party – Federal Account	3	**$640.00**
Sharice for Congress	9	**$360.00**
Bollier for Kansas	4	**$337.33**
Kamala Harris for the People	3	**$75.00**
Patrick Schmidt for Kansas	2	**$70.00**
Andrea Ramsey for Congress	2	**$40.00**
Pete for America, Inc.	2	**$35.00**
Holland for Senate	2	**$35.00**
Elliott for Congress	1	**$20.00**
Fair Fight, Inc. PAC – Federal	1	**$20.00**
Total	**29**	**$1,632.33**

Lobbyist Expenditures

Nikki McDonald has received over $3,100 in lobbyist expenditures. Of note, she received expenditures on behalf of data center interest such as Google and AT&T.

Biggest Spenders — Combined (2024 + 2025 + Jan 2026)

Combined total across all periods: $3125.37

Rank	Entity	Total Spent
1	Google LLC and Affiliates	$355.31
2	AT&T Inc & Affiliates	$256.39
3	The University of Kansas Health System	$157.20
4	Braden Heidner Lowe & Associates	$141.51
5	Cox Communications Inc	$132.74
6	Kansas Electric Cooperatives Inc	$119.73
7	Kansas Contractors Association	$118.23
8	Charter Communications Operating, LLC	$111.38
9	Evergy	$109.73
10	Kansas Hospital Association	$103.17
11	Federico//Duerst Consulting Group	$100.43
12	ITC Great Plains	$99.29
13	Communications Coalition of Kansas	$98.74
14	Saint Luke's Health System	$91.90
15	Sterling Strategies	$64.95
16	USD 229 Blue Valley	$61.44
17	Kansas Bankers Association	$60.32
18	Kansas Medical Society	$59.22
19	Kansans For Lower Electric Rates	$54.00
20	Association of CMHCS Of KS Inc	$51.33
21	InterHab Inc	$49.36

22	Kansas Trial Lawyers Association	$49.00
23	Bright & Carpenter Consulting Inc	$48.10
24	AdventHealth	$44.22
25	Kansas Society of Professional Engineers	$38.46
26	Olathe Chamber of Commerce	$33.82
27	Capitol Strategies LLC	$32.40
28	Ascension Via Christi	$32.22
29	Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Assn	$31.71
30	Little Government Relations	$31.29
31	Kansas Farm Bureau	$25.00
32	Comcast	$23.86
33	Alliance For A Healthy Kansas	$22.46
34	Nurture KC	$18.72
35	CHS/SEK	$18.40
36	Overland Park Chamber of Commerce	$17.58
37	Kansas Association of School Boards	$16.31
38	Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce	$15.93
39	Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition	$15.60
40	Health Forward Foundation	$15.00
41	Kansas Independent College Association	$14.70
42	Aligned	$14.00
43	Comcast Cable	$12.80
44	Energy Transfer	$12.80
45	H & R Block	$12.80
46	Husch Blackwell Strategies, LLC	$12.80
47	Kansas Credit Union Association	$12.80
48	Kansas Employers for Affordable Healthcare	$12.80
49	Sanofi US Services Inc	$12.80

50	T-Mobile US	$12.80
51	TC Energy	$12.80
52	Kansas Agricultural Aviation Association	$11.22
53	Kansas Action for Children	$10.08
54	GoodLife Innovations	$9.78
55	Associated General Contractors of Kansas	$6.39
56	City of Dodge City	$3.62
57	Children's Alliance of Kansas	$3.20
58	Kansas Society of Anesthesiologists	$3.20
59	Kansas Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons	$3.20
60	Kansas Economic Development Alliance (KEDA)	$2.83
61	Travel Industry Association of Kansas	$1.50

(Source: Kansas Public Disclosure Commission, Lobbyist Expenditures from 2024 to January 2026)

2024-2026 KanFocus Democrat Support Rankings

2026: 94.7% of the time. 19th most partisan Democrat.

2025: 91.48% of the time. 21st most partisan Democrat.

2024: 96.63% of the time. 10th most partisan Democrat.

(Source: www.KanFocus.com; Democrat Support Rankings)

Links to Radical Groups

McDonald took $500 from the Kansas Sierra Club PAC in October of 2024.

10/22/24	Jane Smith 6004 Broadway Ave Great Bend KS 67530	E Funds	Business Owner	$25.00
10/21/24	KS Sierra Club PAC PO Box 11415 Overland Park KS 66207	Check	PAC	$500.00

(Source: Kansas Public Disclosure Commission, Nikki McDonald Campaign Finance Report)

The Sierra Club supports radical energy policies.

The Sierra Club strongly supports a Green New Deal

SIERRA CLUB

Climate change and inequality are inextricably linked. We cannot tackle one without addressing the other. A Green New Deal would take on both.

A Green New Deal is a big, bold transformation of the economy to tackle the twin crises of inequality and climate change. It would mobilize vast public resources to help us transition from an economy built on exploitation and fossil fuels to one driven by dignified work and clean energy.

The status quo economy leaves millions behind. While padding the pockets of corporate polluters and billionaires, it exposes working class families, communities of color, and others to stagnant wages, toxic pollution, and dead-end jobs. The climate crisis only magnifies these systemic injustices, as hard-hit communities are hit even harder by storms, droughts, and flooding. Entrenched inequality, meanwhile, exacerbates the climate crisis by depriving frontline communities of the resources needed to adapt and cope.

To tackle the climate crisis at the speed that justice and science demand, a Green New Deal would upgrade our infrastructure, revitalize our energy system, retrofit our buildings, and restore our ecosystems. In so doing, a Green New Deal would cut climate pollution while creating millions of family-sustaining jobs, expanding access to clean air and water, raising wages, and building climate resilience. To counteract inequality, those benefits would go first and foremost to the working class families and communities of color that have endured the brunt of the fossil fuel economy.

(Source: https://www.sierraclub.org/green-new-deal)

Heritage Foundation modeled a partial version of the GND using a carbon tax starting around $27–54/ton and rising over time. Even a scaled-down version, they argued, would produce a large employment shortfall (over a million jobs), a multi-trillion-dollar hit to GDP, and roughly a 30% increase in average household energy costs

(Source: https://www.heritage.org/node/11803639)

American Action Forum's estimate focused just on the electricity-decarbonization piece, projecting added household costs of roughly $2,500/year if all coal and gas plants were replaced by renewables, hydro, and nuclear by 2030.

(Source: https://www.americanactionforum.org/research/comparing-the-benefits-and-costs-of-notable-climate-policies/)

Other Sierra Club policies that would destroy fossil fuel infrastructure

Moratorium on new gas plants and pipelines — their "Beyond Gas" campaign calls for no new gas-fired power plants or gas infrastructure anywhere, not just a phase-down of existing ones.

(Source: https://www.sierraclub.org/wisconsin/beyond-gas)

Ending fossil fuel exports and a fracking ban — they've backed bills (like the Future Generations Protection Act) to ban crude oil and natural gas exports outright, plus a national fracking ban and a halt on all new fossil fuel power plant approvals.

(Source: https://schakowsky.house.gov/media/press-releases/schakowsky-barrag-n-reintroduce-future-generations-protection-act-end-fossil)

No new fossil fuel leasing on public lands and offshore waters.

(Source: https://sierraclub.org/press-releases/2022/02/memo-sierra-club-calls-for-end-fossil-fuel-leasing-public-lands)

KNEA: Backs huge tax hikes

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_20230315400299461861)

The KNEA opposed a flat income tax and opposed pro-business tax-relief measures such as 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.

(Source: 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)

AFL-CIO Supports Leftist Policies

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."

(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."

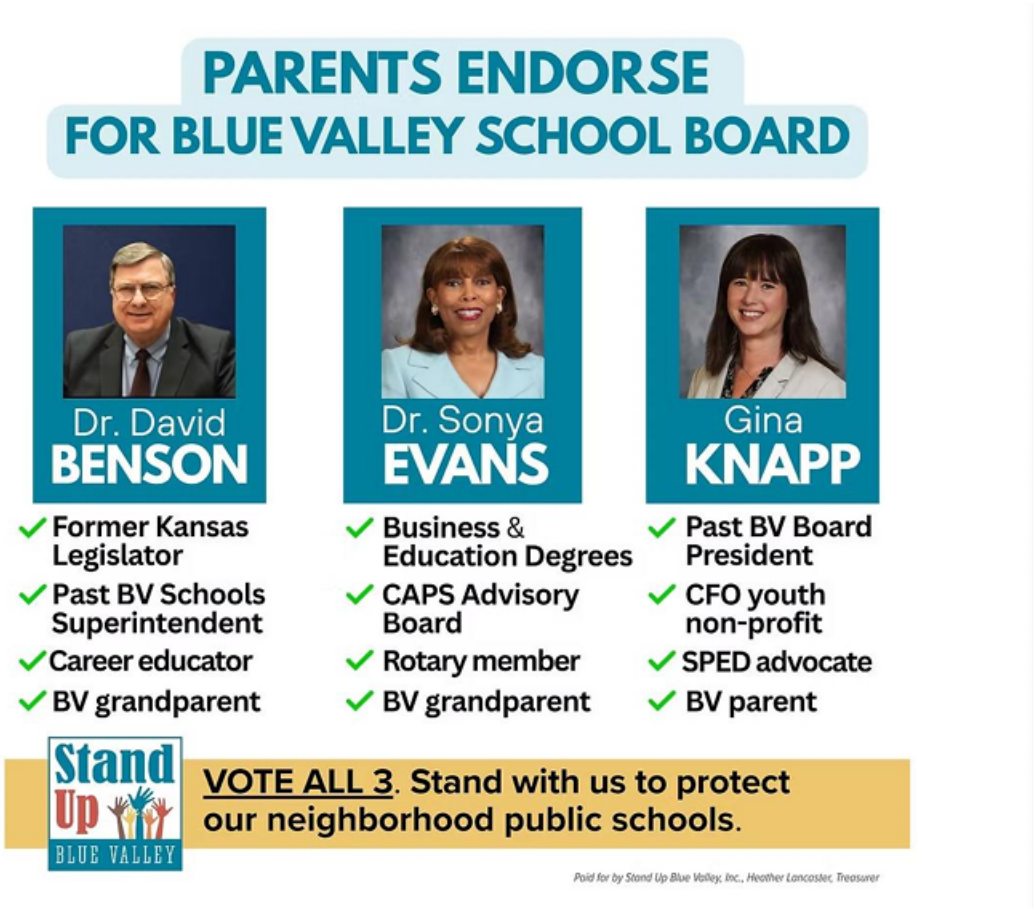
(Source: https://aflcio.org/press/releases/immigrant-rights-areworkers-rights)

Nikki McDonald has been endorsed by Stand Up Blue Valley

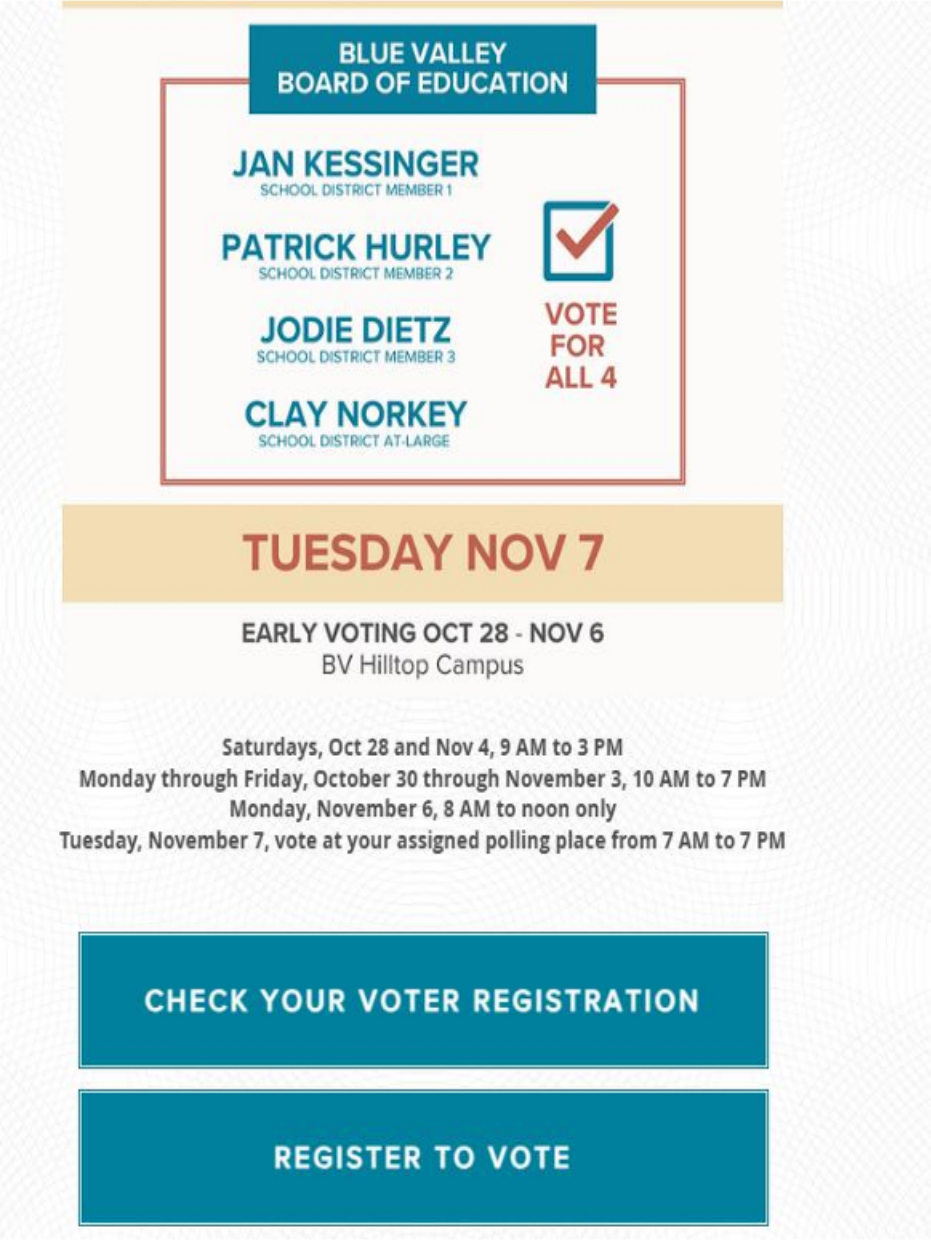


<u>Stand up Blue Valley.</u> A group that has directly supported tax increases or candidates backing huge property tax hikes.

Endorsed the Leadership that continues to raise property taxes. 2025 Endorsements…

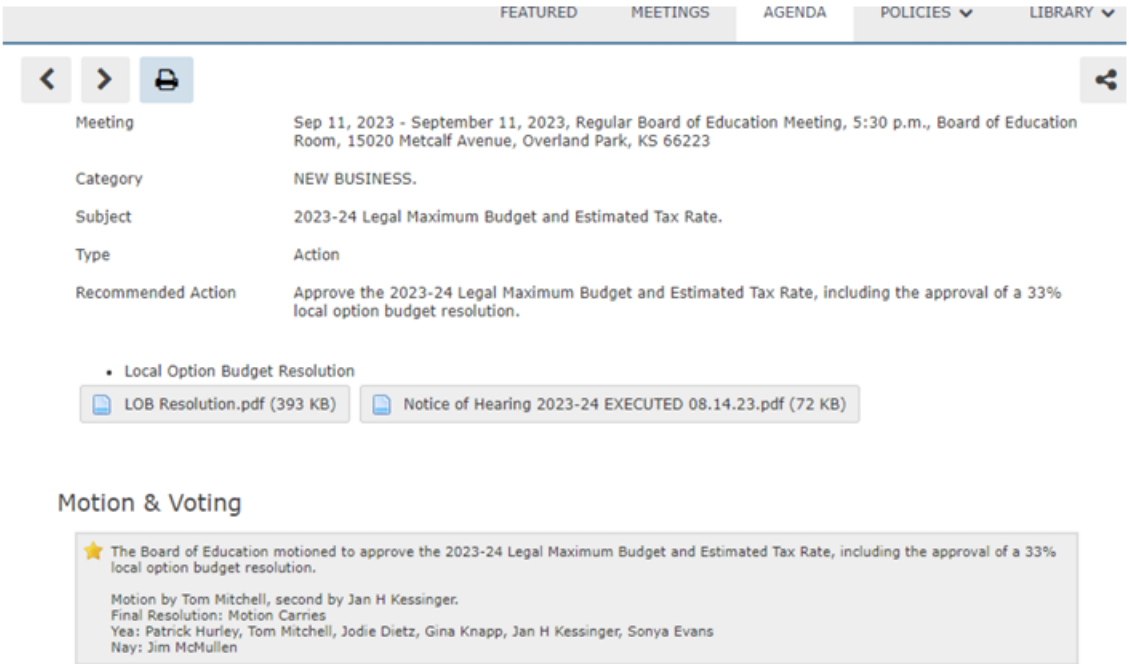


(Source: https://www.standupbluevalley.org/post/benson-evans-knapp-are-personally-invested endorsed-by-bv-parents)



(Source: https://web.archive.org/web/20230000000000*/https://www.standupbluevalley.org/)

2023 School Board Vote to increase property taxes.



(Source: Blue Valley Board of Education Meeting Minutes, Sep 11, 2023; https://go.boarddocs.com/ks/usd229/Board.nsf/Public)

2024 Vote to increase property taxes



Members present
Jodie Dietz, Gina Knapp, Jim McMullen, Patrick Hurley, Jan H Kessinger, Sonya Evans, Clay Norkey

1. OPENING ITEMS.

A. Pledge of Allegiance.
Ian Grindstaff, a 3rd grade student at Mission Trail Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Conduct the Hearing to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate 2024-25.
- Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate 2024-2025
- Revenue Neutral Resolution 2024-25

Board President Gina Knapp opened the Exceed the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for 2024-25 Hearing for comment. Chief Financial Officer Jeremy McFadden provided an overview of the published Revenue Neutral Tax Rate notice. She asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak to the Board of Education about the Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate. No comments were made by the audience. She then asked Superintendent Dr. Merrigan if she had received any correspondence concerning the Exceed the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate. Dr. Merrigan stated there were two correspondences looking to understand it. The Exceed the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate hearing was closed.

Board President Gina Knapp motioned to approve the Resolution to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for the 2024-25 Budget.
Second by Jodie Dietz.

The Board President took a roll call vote:

- Clay Norkey voted YES
- Patrick Hurley voted YES
- Sonya Evans voted YES
- Jan Kessinger voted YES
- Jim McMullen voted YES
- Gina Knapp voted YES
- Jodie Dietz voted YES

Final Resolution: **Motion Carries 7-0**

Meeting	Aug 12, 2024 - Regular Board of Education Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Board of Education Room, 15020 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66223
Category	New Business
Subject	Approval of Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for the 2024-25 Budget.
Type	Action
Recommended Action	to approve the Publication of the Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for the 2024-25 School Year.

Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate 2024-25.pdf (21 KB)

Motion & Voting

The Board of Education motioned to approve the Publication of the Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for the 2024-25 School Year.

Motion by Jan H Kessinger, second by Patrick Hurley.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Jodie Dietz, Gina Knapp, Jim McMullen, Patrick Hurley, Jan H Kessinger, Sonya Evans, Clay Norkey

E. Approval of the 2024-25 Legal Maximum Budget and Estimated Tax Rate.
Board President Gina Knapp stated the Building Needs Assessment and State Assessments Review was provided to and evaluated by the USD 229 Board of Education in determining the authority of the local option budget, cost o
living, extraordinary growth, special liability, and capital outlay mill levies.

The Board of Education motioned to approve the 2024-25 Legal Maximum Budget and Estimated Tax Rate, including the approval of a **33% Local Option Budget Resolution.**

Motion by Jan H Kessinger, second by Patrick Hurley.
Final Resolution: **Motion Carries 7-0**
Yea: Jodie Dietz, Gina Knapp, Jim McMullen, Patrick Hurley, Jan H Kessinger, Sonya Evans, Clay Norkey

(Source: Blue Valley Board of Education Meeting Minutes, Sep 9, 2024; https://go.boarddocs.com/ks/usd229/Board.nsf/Public)

2025 Property Tax Increase Vote

Action(s):

Motion Carried:
The Board of Education motioned to approve the Resolution to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for the 2025-26 Budget. The Board President conducted a roll-call vote. This motion, made by Jan Kessinger and seconded by Jodie Dietz, Carried.

- Kessinger: *Yea*
- Dietz: *Yea*
- Evans: *Yea*
- Hurley: *Yea*
- Knapp: *Yea*
- McMullen: *Nay*
- Norkey: *Yea*

A.3. Conduct the Hearing for the Legal Maximum Budget and Estimated Tax Rate for 2025-26.
Attachments: (1)

Notice of Hearing 2025-2026 Budget

E. **ACTION ITEMS.**
Speaker(s):

E.1. Approval of the 2025-26 Legal Maximum Budget and Estimated Tax Rate.
Attachments: (3)

- Notice of Hearing 2025-2026 Budget
- LOB Resolution
- E.1. Agenda Item Summary for 2025-26 Legal Maximum Budget and Estimated Tax Rate

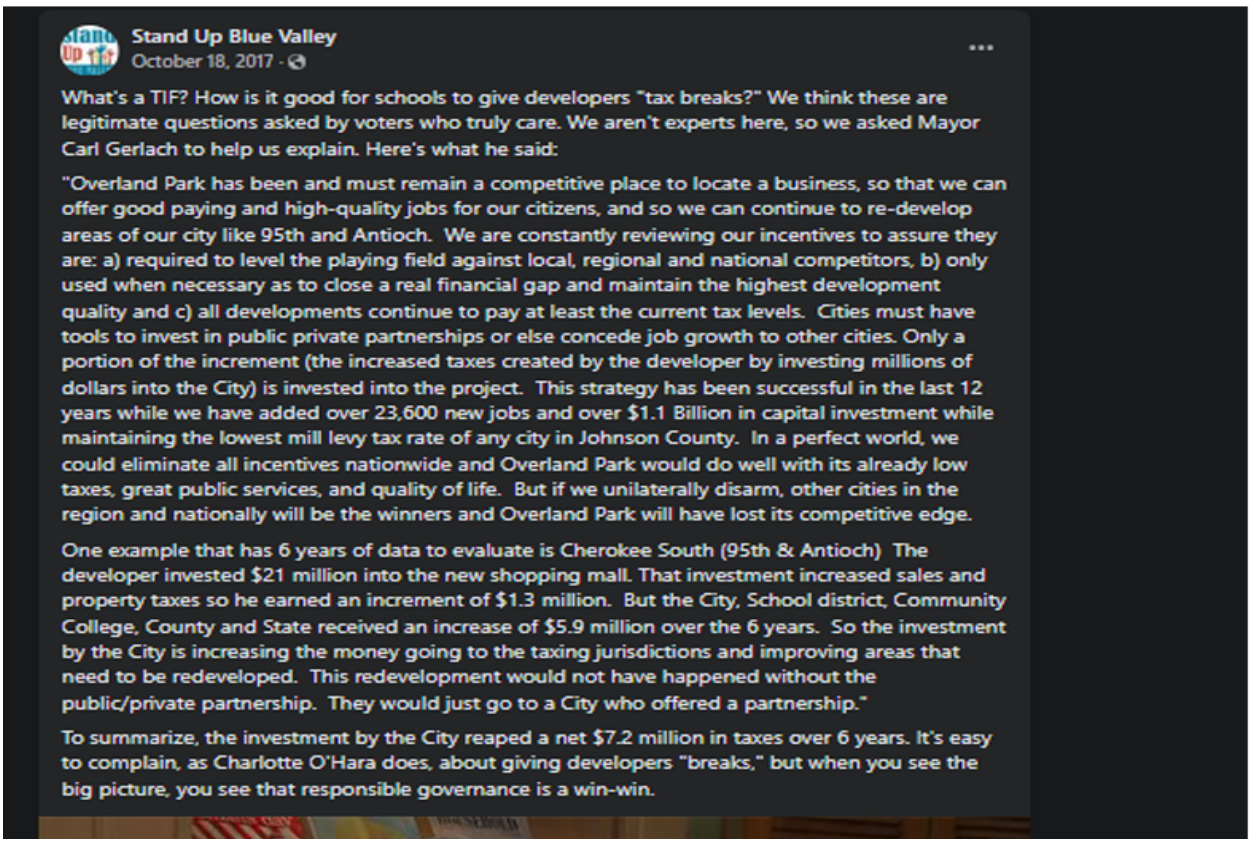
Action(s):

Motion Unseconded (As Amended):
I move that the Board of Education approve the 2025-26 Legal Maximum Budget and Estimated Tax Rate, including the approval of the local option budget resolution. This motion, made by Patrick Hurley and seconded by Gina Knapp, Unseconded.

> Amendment Carried (the Main Motion was Unseconded):
> Amendment Carried (the Main Motion was Unseconded): I move that the Board of Education approve the 2025-26 Legal Maximum Budget and Estimated Tax Rate, including the approval of a 33% local option budget resolution. This motion, made by Patrick Hurley and seconded by Gina Knapp, Carried.
>
> - Kessinger: *Yea*
> - Dietz: *Yea*
> - Evans: *Yea*
> - Hurley: *Yea*
> - Knapp: *Yea*
> - McMullen: *Nay*
> - Norkey: *Yea*

(Source: Blue Valley Board of Education Meeting Minutes, Sep 8, 2025 https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Minutes/3307?meeting=703947)

Stand up Blue Valley Defended TIF and Tax Incentives for Developers.



Stand Up Blue Valley
October 18, 2017 ·

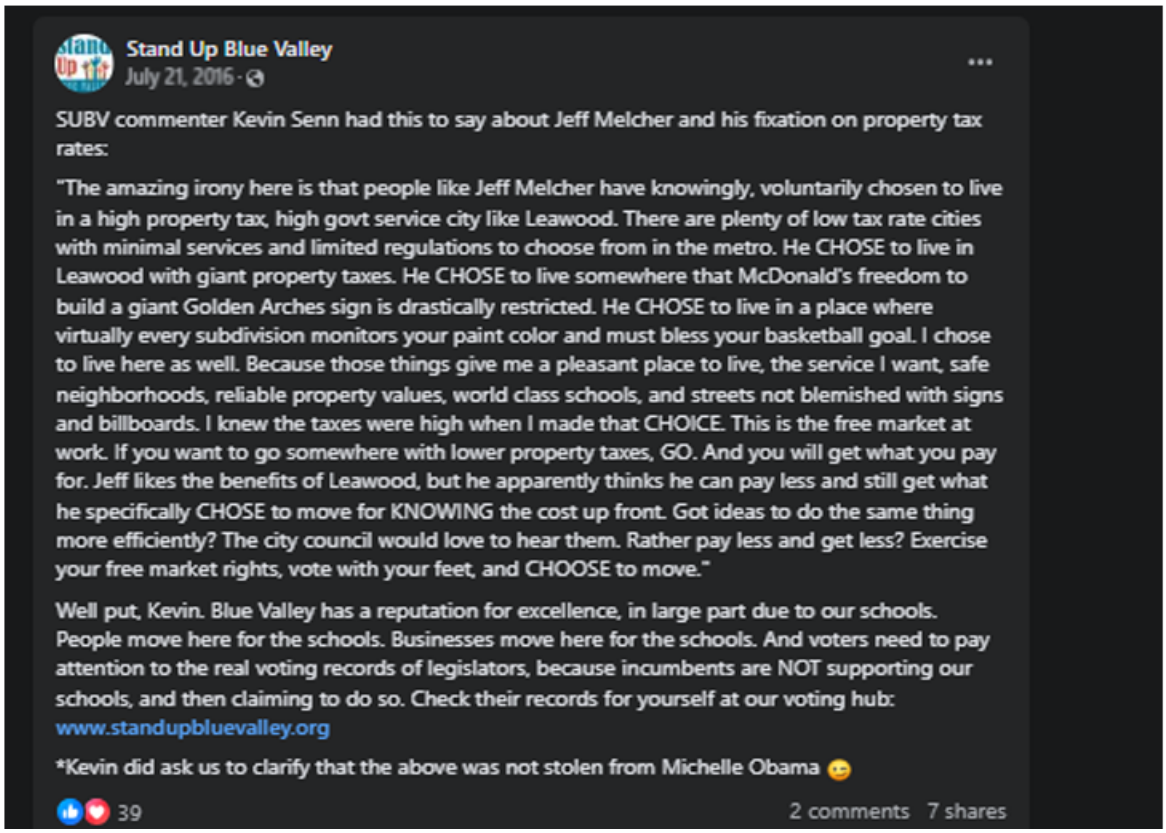
What's a TIF? How is it good for schools to give developers "tax breaks?" We think these are legitimate questions asked by voters who truly care. We aren't experts here, so we asked Mayor Carl Gerlach to help us explain. Here's what he said:

"Overland Park has been and must remain a competitive place to locate a business, so that we can offer good paying and high-quality jobs for our citizens, and so we can continue to re-develop areas of our city like 95th and Antioch. We are constantly reviewing our incentives to assure they are: a) required to level the playing field against local, regional and national competitors, b) only used when necessary as to close a real financial gap and maintain the highest development quality and c) all developments continue to pay at least the current tax levels. Cities must have tools to invest in public private partnerships or else concede job growth to other cities. Only a portion of the increment (the increased taxes created by the developer by investing millions of dollars into the City) is invested into the project. This strategy has been successful in the last 12 years while we have added over 23,600 new jobs and over $1.1 Billion in capital investment while maintaining the lowest mill levy tax rate of any city in Johnson County. In a perfect world, we could eliminate all incentives nationwide and Overland Park would do well with its already low taxes, great public services, and quality of life. But if we unilaterally disarm, other cities in the region and nationally will be the winners and Overland Park will have lost its competitive edge.

One example that has 6 years of data to evaluate is Cherokee South (95th & Antioch) The developer invested $21 million into the new shopping mall. That investment increased sales and property taxes so he earned an increment of $1.3 million. But the City, School district, Community College, County and State received an increase of $5.9 million over the 6 years. So the investment by the City is increasing the money going to the taxing jurisdictions and improving areas that need to be redeveloped. This redevelopment would not have happened without the public/private partnership. They would just go to a City who offered a partnership."

To summarize, the investment by the City reaped a net $7.2 million in taxes over 6 years. It's easy to complain, as Charlotte O'Hara does, about giving developers "breaks," but when you see the big picture, you see that responsible governance is a win-win.

Defending High Property Taxes….



Stand Up Blue Valley
July 21, 2016 ·

SUBV commenter Kevin Senn had this to say about Jeff Melcher and his fixation on property tax rates:

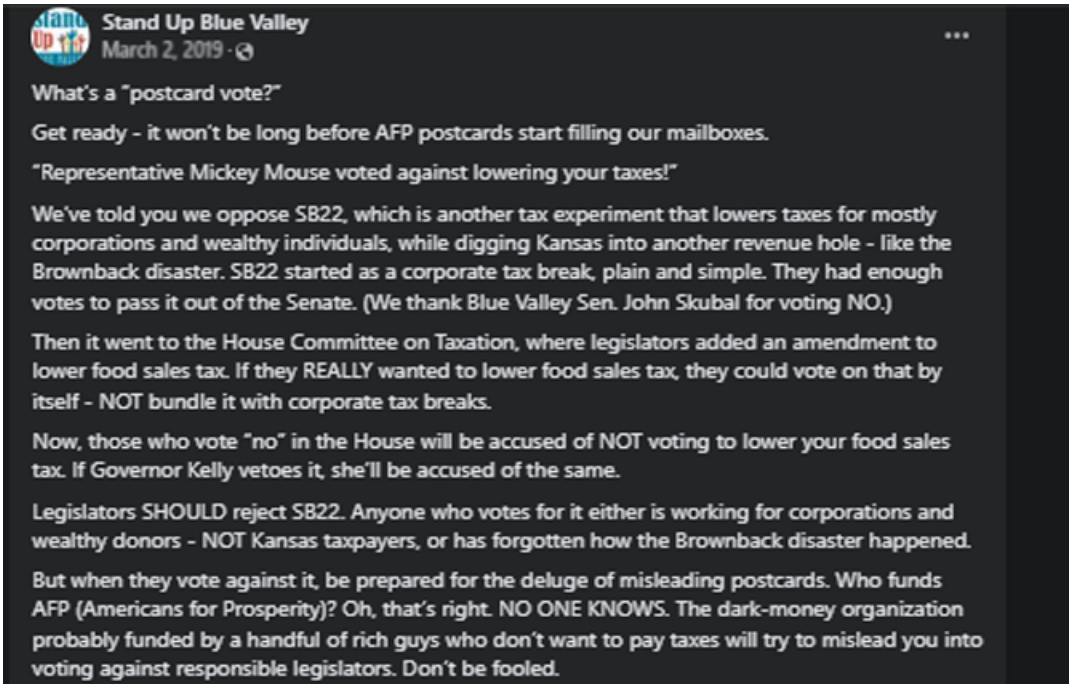
"The amazing irony here is that people like Jeff Melcher have knowingly, voluntarily chosen to live in a high property tax, high govt service city like Leawood. There are plenty of low tax rate cities with minimal services and limited regulations to choose from in the metro. He CHOSE to live in Leawood with giant property taxes. He CHOSE to live somewhere that McDonald's freedom to build a giant Golden Arches sign is drastically restricted. He CHOSE to live in a place where virtually every subdivision monitors your paint color and must bless your basketball goal. I chose to live here as well. Because those things give me a pleasant place to live, the service I want, safe neighborhoods, reliable property values, world class schools, and streets not blemished with signs and billboards. I knew the taxes were high when I made that CHOICE. This is the free market at work. If you want to go somewhere with lower property taxes, GO. And you will get what you pay for. Jeff likes the benefits of Leawood, but he apparently thinks he can pay less and still get what he specifically CHOSE to move for KNOWING the cost up front. Got ideas to do the same thing more efficiently? The city council would love to hear them. Rather pay less and get less? Exercise your free market rights, vote with your feet, and CHOOSE to move."

Well put, Kevin. Blue Valley has a reputation for excellence, in large part due to our schools. People move here for the schools. Businesses move here for the schools. And voters need to pay attention to the real voting records of legislators, because incumbents are NOT supporting our schools, and then claiming to do so. Check their records for yourself at our voting hub: www.standupbluevalley.org

*Kevin did ask us to clarify that the above was not stolen from Michelle Obama 😊

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Opposing Tax Relief in SB 22 – Full Benefit of Federal Tax Cut



Stand Up Blue Valley
March 2, 2019 ·

What's a "postcard vote?"

Get ready - it won't be long before AFP postcards start filling our mailboxes.

"Representative Mickey Mouse voted against lowering your taxes!"

We've told you we oppose SB22, which is another tax experiment that lowers taxes for mostly corporations and wealthy individuals, while digging Kansas into another revenue hole - like the Brownback disaster. SB22 started as a corporate tax break, plain and simple. They had enough votes to pass it out of the Senate. (We thank Blue Valley Sen. John Skubal for voting NO.)

Then it went to the House Committee on Taxation, where legislators added an amendment to lower food sales tax. If they REALLY wanted to lower food sales tax, they could vote on that by itself - NOT bundle it with corporate tax breaks.

Now, those who vote "no" in the House will be accused of NOT voting to lower your food sales tax. If Governor Kelly vetoes it, she'll be accused of the same.

Legislators SHOULD reject SB22. Anyone who votes for it either is working for corporations and wealthy donors - NOT Kansas taxpayers, or has forgotten how the Brownback disaster happened.

But when they vote against it, be prepared for the deluge of misleading postcards. Who funds AFP (Americans for Prosperity)? Oh, that's right. NO ONE KNOWS. The dark-money organization probably funded by a handful of rich guys who don't want to pay taxes will try to mislead you into voting against responsible legislators. Don't be fooled.