



# Kansas REALTORS® PAC 2016 General Election Voting Guide

## SUMMARY OF 2016 GENERAL ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

On Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, regardless of your political affiliation, we urge you to exercise your right to vote!

Below is a voting guide to provide you with information on candidates who support REALTOR® issues and are endorsed by the Kansas REALTORS® PAC. The guide does not instruct you on how to vote.

All candidates in this guide demonstrate strong support for REALTOR® issues through their voting records in the Kansas Legislature. Any candidates not listed are not endorsed and Kansas REALTORS® PAC do not support them in the 2016 General Election.

## REALTOR® PARTY ISSUES FOR 2016 GENERAL ELECTION

Kansas REALTORS® achieved numerous victories on REALTOR® issues in the Kansas Legislature. Bipartisan House and Senate members consistently demonstrated their support for our efforts by resisting pressure from other advocacy groups and siding with Kansas REALTORS® on close legislative votes.

Kansas REALTORS® advocate for issues that reduce the tax burden on Kansas property owners, reduce the regulatory burden on REALTORS® and property owners and protect REALTORS® and other small businesses from abusive litigation.

The following are issues included in the 2013-16 Kansas REALTOR® Legislative Voting Records:

- Reform for the historic environs review process to **protect property owners from intrusive regulations and restrictions on new and infill development;**
- **Increasing the accountability and transparency of all local governments** that increase property taxes by **requiring public notice of property tax revenue increases over the preceding year;**
- **Reduce closing costs and the tax burden on Kansas families, farmers and small businesses** by phasing the mortgage registration tax out over a five-year period beginning on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2018;
- Permanently extend the state's **regulation of home inspectors** to **protect consumers during the real estate transaction process;**
- Reform the Kansas **property tax appeals and valuation process** by **leveling the playing field between property owners and local governments** and increasing the consistency and predictability of property valuations;
- **Protect REALTORS® and small businesses from abusive patent infringement litigation** by **cracking down on the ability of "patent trolls" to demand vague and unreasonable patent licensee fees;**
- **Preserve consumer choice in the real estate market** by **banning cities and counties from imposing arbitrary price controls on the sale or lease of commercial and residential property;** and
- **Lower the property tax burden on Kansas property owners** by giving voters the right to vote when cities and counties attempt to increase property taxes by more than the rate of inflation over the previous year.

KAR gives incumbents a REALTOR® Party Ranking based upon their vote on key legislation over the last four legislative sessions. Legislative issues are weighted.

There are 45 REALTORS® who act on our members' behalf as RPAC Trustees. They consider the voting records below in determining the endorsements and contributions for the 2016 General Election.

# KANSAS HOUSE ENDORSEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

District	Legislator Name	City	2013-16 Voting Record	REALTOR® PARTY Ranking	2016 General Contribution Amount**	2016 Endorsement
1	Michael Houser - R	Columbus	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
2	Adam Lusker - D	Frontenac	79%	C	\$125.00	No
3	Chuck Smith - R	Pittsburg	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
5	Kevin Jones - R	Wellsville	85%	B	\$250.00	No
6	Jene Vickrey - R	Louisburg	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
7	Richard Proehl - R	Parsons	95%	A	\$500.00	Yes
9	Kent Thompson - R	La Harpe	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
10	John Wilson - D	Lawrence	50%	F	\$0.00	No
11	Jim Kelly - R	Independence	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
13	Larry Hibbard - R	Toronto	80%	B	\$250.00	No
14	Keith Esau - R	Olathe	95%	A	\$500.00	Yes
15	Erin Davis - R	Olathe	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
16	Amanda Grosserode - R	Lenexa	94%	A	\$500.00	Yes
19	Stephanie Clayton - R	Overland Park	65%	D	\$0.00	No
22	Nancy Lusk - D	Overland Park	65%	D	\$0.00	No
23	Linda Gallagher - R	Lenexa	70%	C	\$125.00	No
24	Jarrod Ousley - D	Merriam	50%	F	\$0.00	No
25	Melissa Rooker - R	Fairway	65%	D	\$0.00	No
26	Larry Campbell - R	Olathe	93%	A	\$500.00	Yes
29	James Todd - R	Overland Park	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
30	Randy Powell - R	Olathe	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
31	Louis Ruiz - D	Kansas City	44%	F	\$0.00	No
32	Pam Curtis - D	Kansas City	43%	F	\$0.00	No
33	Tom Burroughs - D	Kansas City	55%	F	\$500.00	No
34	Valdenia Winn - D	Kansas City	50%	F	\$0.00	No
35	Broderick Henderson - D	Kansas City	56%	F	\$0.00	No
36	Kathy Wolfe Moore - D	Kansas City	45%	F	\$0.00	No
37	Stan Frownfelter - D	Kansas City	61%	D	\$125.00	No
38	Willie Dove - R	Bonner Springs	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
40	John Bradford - R	Lansing	85%	B	\$250.00	No
41	Tony Barton - R	Leavenworth	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
43	Bill Sutton - R	Gardner	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
44	Barbara Ballard - R	Lawrence	55%	F	\$0.00	No

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45	Tom Sloan - R	Lawrence	81%	B	\$250.00	No
46	Boog Highberger - D	Lawrence	50%	F	\$0.00	No
48	Marvin Kleeb - R	Overland Park	82%	B	\$250.00	No
49	Scott Schwab - R	Olathe	94%	A	\$500.00	Yes
50	Fred Patton - R	Topeka	70%	C	\$125.00	No
51	Ron Highland - R	Wamego	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
54	Ken Corbet - R	Topeka	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
55	Annie Kuether - D	Topeka	40%	F	\$0.00	No
56	Lane Hemsley - R	Topeka	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
57	John Alcala - D	Topeka	50%	F	\$0.00	No
59	Blaine Finch - R	Ottawa	65%	D	\$0.00	No
62	Randy Garber - R	Sabetha	95%	A	\$500.00	Yes
64	Susie Swanson - R	Clay Center	70%	C	\$125.00	No
65	Lonnie Clark - R	Junction City	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
66	Sydney Carlin - D	Manhattan	59%	F	\$0.00	No
67	Tom Phillips - R	Manhattan	77%	C	\$125.00	No
69	J.R. Claeys - R	Salina	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
70	John Barker - R	Abilene	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
71	Diana Dierks - R	Salina	85%	B	\$250.00	No
72	Marc Rhoades - R	Newton	95%	A	\$500.00	Yes
73	Les Mason - R	McPherson	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
74	Don Schroeder - R	Hesston	82%	B	\$250.00	No
77	Kristey Williams - R	Augusta	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
78	Ron Ryckman, Jr. - R	Olathe	95%	A	\$500.00	Yes
79	Ed Trimmer - D	Winfield	94%	A	\$500.00	Yes
81	Blake Carpenter - R	Derby	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
82	Pete DeGraaf - R	Mulvane	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
83	Henry Helgersen - D	Wichita	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
84	Gail Finney - D	Wichita	55%	F	\$0.00	No
85	Chuck Weber - R	Wichita	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
86	Jim Ward - D	Wichita	60%	D	\$125.00	No
88	Joe Scapa - R	Wichita	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
90	Steve Huebert - R	Valley Center	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
92	John Carmichael - D	Wichita	79%	C	\$125.00	No
93	John Whitmer - R	Wichita	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
95	Tom Sawyer - D	Wichita	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
96	Brandon Whipple - D	Wichita	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes

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97	Les Osterman - R	Wichita	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
98	Steven Anthimedes - R	Wichita	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
100	Dan Hawkins - R	Wichita	94%	A	\$500.00	Yes
101	Joe Seiwert - R	Pretty Prairie	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
102	Jan Pauls - R	Hutchinson	65%	D	\$0.00	No
103	Ponka-We Victors - D	Wichita	53%	F	\$0.00	No
104	Steven Becker - R	Buhler	80%	B	\$250.00	No
107	Susan Concannon - R	Beloit	90%	A	\$500.00	Yes
108	Steven Johnson - R	Assaria	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
109	Troy Waymaster - R	Bunker Hill	90%	A	\$500.00	Yes
110	Ken Rahjes - R	Agra	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
111	Sue Boldra - R	Hays	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
113	Greg Lewis - R	St. John	44%	F	\$0.00	No
114	Jack Thimesch - R	Spivey	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
116	Kyle Hoffman - R	Coldwater	95%	A	\$500.00	Yes
118	Don Hineman - R	Dighton	80%	B	\$250.00	No
121	Mike Kiegerl - R	Olathe	100%	A	\$500.00	Yes
122	Russ Jennings - R	Lakin	80%	B	\$250.00	No
124	Stephen Alford - R	Ulysses	95%	A	\$500.00	Yes
125	Shannon Francis - R	Liberal	67%	D	\$0.00	No

\*\*Open Seats – Races in which no incumbents are running are not included.

# KANSAS SENATE ENDORSEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

District Number	Legislator Name	City	2013-16 Voting Record	REALTOR® PARTY Ranking	2016 General Contributions	2016 Endorsement
1	Dennis Pyle - R	Hiawatha	100%	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
2	Marci Francisco - D	Lawrence	50%	F	\$0.00	No
3	Tom Holland - D	Baldwin City	65%	D	\$0.00	No
4	David Haley - D	Kansas City	100%	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
5	Steve Fitzgerald - R	Leavenworth	100%	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
6	Pat Pettey - D	Kansas City	60%	D	\$0.00	No
7	Barbara Bollier	Mission Hills	65% H	D	\$500.00	No
8	Jim Denning - R	Overland Park	85%	B	\$500.00	No
9	Julia Lynn - R	Olathe	100%	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
10	Mary Pilcher-Cook - R	Shawnee	95%	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
12	Caryn Tyson - R	Parker	100%	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
13	Jacob LaTurner - R	Pittsburg	100%	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
16	Ty Masterson - R	Andover	95%	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
17	Jeff Longbine - R	Emporia	100%	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
18	Laura Kelly - D	Topeka	75%	C	\$250.00	No
19	Anthony Hensley - D	Topeka	80%	B	\$1,000.00	No
20	Vicki Schmidt - R	Topeka	60%	D	\$0.00	No
22	Tom Hawk - D	Manhattan	50%	F	\$0.00	No
23	Rob Olson - R	Olathe	100%	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
26	Dan Kerschen - R	Garden Plain	100%	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
27	Gene Suellentrop	Wichita	100%H	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
28	Mike Petersen - R	Wichita	100%	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
29	Oletha Faust-Goudeau - D	Wichita	100%	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
30	Susan Wagle - R	Wichita	100%	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
31	Carolyn McGinn - R	Sedgwick	60%	D	\$250.00	No
35	Rick Wilborn - R	McPherson	100%	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
36	Elaine Bowers - R	Concordia	75%	C	\$250.00	No
37	Molly Baumgardner - R	Louisburg	50%	F	\$0.00	No
38	Bud Estes	Dodge City	100%H	A	\$1,000.00	Yes
40	Rick Billinger	Goodland	100%H	A	\$1,000.00	Yes

Open Seats – Races in which no incumbents are running are not included with the exception of district 7, 27, 38, and 40.

H – Grade based upon House voting record.