



Kansas Statewide
Homeless Coalition

2024 Survey for Kansas Public Leaders and Candidates

Name

Webster Roth

Office:

Kansas House of Representatives

Party

Republican

District

79

Policy and Strategy:

Kansas Housing Resource Corporation's 2021 Housing Needs Assessment found that "A shortage of quality, affordable housing is an undeniable barrier to economic growth and development in any community, and particularly in rural communities in Kansas." How likely are you to support increasing funding for affordable housing development?

Likely

Inadequate access to mental health and substance use treatment programs contributes to homelessness in Kansas. How likely are you to vote to expand mental health and substance abuse treatment programs?

Likely

Comments:

Likely however finding employees for these programs is a challenge

How likely are you to be in favor of limiting annual rental increases?

Likely

Kansas has no statewide plan that comprehensively addresses homelessness. How likely are you to support the implementation of a statewide affordable housing plan to address homelessness?

Neutral

How likely are you to advocate to allow for more affordable housing developments in urban and suburban areas?

Neutral

Comments:

It seems nothing is affordable any more

How likely are you to be in favor of establishing a state-funded rental assistance program to stabilize low-income renters and support property owners?

Unlikely

How likely are you to support legislation or programs to provide legal assistance to tenants facing eviction?

Unlikely

Comments:

There is a reason they are being evicted.

How likely are you to support increasing funding for domestic violence shelters and services to prevent homelessness?

Neutral

Comments:

Cities and counties can set aside funding for there specific area of the state

What funding sources will you prioritize or advocate for to support homelessness programs and services? (Check all that apply)

Federal grants and programs (e.g., HUD Continuum of Care, Emergency Solutions Grants)

Local government budgets and funding allocations

Private donations and philanthropic foundations

Community fundraising events and campaigns

Housing Solutions

Kansas does not have enough shelter space; nearly two thousand Kansans sleep outside or in their cars in dangerous weather conditions. How important is it to increase funding and capacity for emergency shelters to meet immediate needs?

Neutral

Comments:

There are some that choose to live like that and we have to respect their choices

How important is it to develop more transitional housing programs to bridge the gap between homelessness and permanent housing?

Neutral

How important is it to expand permanent supportive housing options with integrated services for long-term stability?

Neutral

How important is it to implement a low barrier approach that prioritizes permanent housing with support services?

Neutral

How important is it to collaborate on the local level to ensure a coordinated response that addresses homelessness?

Important

How important is it to use data-driven strategies to allocate resources based on current demand and long-term outcomes?

Neutral

Comments:

Not one size fits every area of the State

How important is it to create a flexible funding source that allows communities to address local needs?

Neutral

Comments:

Local Cities and Counties can set aside funding for resources

Collaboration and Partnerships:

Comments:

Neutral

Comments:

I am on a committee

How important is it for state entities to collaborate on homelessness initiatives?

Neutral

Comments:

Local units of government and counties should work together to fund initiatives.

Employment and Education:

How likely are you to be in favor of creating state incentives for businesses that hire individuals experiencing homelessness?

Neutral

Will you support job training and vocational programs tailored to the needs of homeless individuals?

Yes

Comments:

Yes but with no cost to the State

Comments:

Don't they already have a state issued ID

Health and Well-being:

Comments:

Neutral

How critical is Medicaid expansion for increasing healthcare coverage for low-income individuals in your view?

Neutral

Will you support the integration of healthcare services within shelters and housing programs?

Yes

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Thank You!