



Kansas Statewide  
Homeless Coalition

# 2024 Survey for Kansas Public Leaders and Candidates

## Name

Lawrence Moreno

## Office:

Kansas Senate

## Party

Democrat

## District

Senate District 32

## Home City

Winfield

## Ballot City

Winfield

## 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?**

Very Likely

## Comments:

Quality housing attracts and retains workforce, stimulates local economies, and enhances overall community well-being.

**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?**

Very Likely

## Comments:

Addressing the root causes of homelessness, such as inadequate access to mental health and substance use treatment programs, is essential for creating lasting solutions.

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

Likely

**Comments:**

By supporting policies that limit annual rental increases, we can promote housing stability, prevent homelessness, and maintain a fair rental market.

**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?**

Very Likely

**Comments:**

Addressing homelessness effectively requires a comprehensive and coordinated approach.

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

Very Likely

**Comments:**

I recognize the necessity of promoting diverse housing options.

**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?**

Very Likely

**Comments:**

A rental assistance program can prevent evictions, reduce homelessness, and promote housing stability.

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

Very Likely

**Comments:**

I believe in protecting the rights of tenants and promoting housing stability.

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

Very Likely

**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)

State Government funding initiatives

Local government budgets and funding allocations

Private donations and philanthropic foundations

Corporate partnerships and sponsorships

Community fundraising events and campaigns

Social impact bonds and other innovative financing mechanisms

Public-private partnerships

Tax revenue initiatives (e.g., bonds, levies specifically for housing and homeless services)

## 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?**

Very Important

**Comments:**

Emergency shelters provide a vital safety net for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

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

Very Important

**Comments:**

Transitional housing helps individuals regain stability and independence.

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

Very Important

**Comments:**

Permanent supportive housing provides a stable and secure living environment.

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

Very Important

**Comments:**

This approach removes unnecessary obstacles that may prevent individuals from accessing housing.

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

Very Important

**Comments:**

We can create sustainable solutions that promote housing stability.

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

Very Important

**Comments:**

Data-driven approaches help ensure accountability and transparency.

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

Very Important

**Comments:**

Local communities have unique strengths, resources, and priorities that require tailored solutions.

## **Collaboration and Partnerships:**

**Will you establish regular communication channels with local nonprofits to address homelessness?**

Yes

**Comments:**

I am all about building strong relationships through communication.

**Do you plan to participate in a workgroup or advisory council that addresses homelessness that includes representatives from key stakeholders throughout Kansas?**

Yes

**Comments:**

I aim to contribute to meaningful dialogue.

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

Very Important

**Comments:**

Collaboration allows for the development of comprehensive strategies.

## **Employment and Education:**

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

Likely

**Comments:**

Supporting individuals in rebuilding their lives

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

Yes

**Comments:**

We can reduce dependency on social services, and promote self-sufficiency.

**Do you support the creation of a statewide initiative to simplify the process of obtaining a state ID for homeless and low-income individuals?**

Yes

**Comments:**

A streamlined initiative would simplify these requirements.

## Health and Well-being:

**Do you advocate for Medicaid expansion to increase healthcare coverage for low-income individuals?**

Yes

**Comments:**

Expanding Medicaid is a compassionate approach to ensuring all individuals have access to healthcare when needed.

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

Very Critical

**Comments:**

Too many low-income individuals in Kansas fall into the coverage gap.

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

Yes

**Comments:**

This ensures that residents have timely access to medical care.