

Legislative Candidate Survey Responses - Accessed on September 1, 2008

Issue	Scott Price (LD 3)	Kurt Geschwender (LD 13)	Beau McCoy (LD 39)
Abortion	I am pro-life. My life experiences and faith have taught me the value of innocent life.	I am pro-life. My life experiences and faith have taught me the value of innocent life.	I am pro-life. My life experiences and faith have thought me value of innocent life.
Ban Cloning/ Fetal Tissue Research	I am opposed to cloning and/or the destruction of human life for research purposes. I am in favor of research that does not destroy human life.	I am opposed to cloning and/or the destruction of human life for research purposes. I am in favor of research that does not destroy human life.	I am opposed to cloning and/or the destruction of human life for research purposes. I am in favor of research that does not destroy human life.
Conflict of Views	I will follow my core principals and values. I will be beholden to no special interest or contributor.	I will follow my core principals and values and what is best for my constituents as well as the state of Nebraska.	I will follow my core principals and values. I will not be beholden to any special interest or contributor.
Credential	My 20 years of service in the United States Air Force provides me with a wealth of experience which will prove valuable as a legislator. My assignments in acquisitions provided me the experience and opportunity to work with all levels of Government to secure services and products to support our men and women in carrying out their mission. This experience included the development of policy, and the planning and execution of budgets into the millions of dollars, while maintaining stewardship of tax payer dollars. I have experience working issues through the various Governmental agencies and building consensus to achieve results. I have owned and operated a small family	I have a wealth of business experience and community involvement that would prove beneficial as a legislator. I am not a career politician or bureaucrat and I would bring a fresh perspective, ideas and change to state government. I am a graduate of the Omaha Public School system and served our country as a United States Marine in Vietnam. I have spent most of my working years in the Real Estate industry, as well as buildings many business ventures. I am active in my neighborhood association and citizen's patrol. I have been involved in several civic and business organizations. I consider myself an avid outdoors man.	I have experience and have educated myself in all areas the next state senator from District 39 will have to address when taking office. I have already developed relationships that will help me build support to move an agenda of reduced spending and lower taxes, creating quality jobs and ending benefits to illegal aliens forward. I will bring much needed energy, fresh perspective and new ideas to the legislature. I am a small business owner and have been in the home improvement industry for nearly a decade, currently with Husker Siding and Windows in Elkhorn. My roots in agriculture taught me the values of family, honesty, hard work, and

Highlighted for convenience.

Source: [www.voterinformation.org](http://www.voterinformation.org)  
All errors are the website's or the candidates'

Legislative Candidate Survey Responses - Accessed on September 1, 2008

	<p>business and understand the daily rigors facing small business owners. I am a graduate of Peru State. I have been involved in several civic and business organizations.</p>		<p>responsibility. My wife Shauna (Smagacz) and I were married in 2002 and we have three young children. When my wife and I were married, we chose to make this part of western Douglas County our home and have been here ever since. Like many young families, we moved from renting, into our first starter home near Bennington, and now to a home in the vibrant young Oakmont neighborhood. We have family members in the Elkhorn area who are a great source of support and strength.</p>
Education	<p>Our state constitution lays out the state's responsibility and must support the education of our children. I believe the current state aid formula is more complicated than it needs to be. I would support revisions to simplify and clarify what is now too complicated. The formula must also be transparent so that the citizens can see what funds are going where. I believe the state sets the standards and then needs to let the districts work to meet these standards. I believe each district is better equipped to understand their unique needs and how to best serve their students.</p>	<p>Nebraska Constitution reads "The Legislature shall provide for the free instruction in the common schools of this state of all persons between the ages of five and twenty-one years." Currently, Nebraska has a one size fits all state aid formula. We must work toward a more responsible approach that takes into account the needs of individual districts. We must also assure that our schools are accountable for the tax dollars they receive and that a greater portion goes directly to teachers and classroom education.</p>	<p>Nebraska Constitution reads "The Legislature shall provide for the free instruction in the common schools of this state of all persons between the ages of five and twenty-one years." Currently (prior to the 2008 session), Nebraska has a one size fits all state aid formula. We must work toward a more responsible approach that takes into account the needs of individual districts. We must also assure that our schools are accountable for the tax dollars they receive and that a greater portion goes directly to teachers and classroom education.</p>
Environment	<p>The Legislature should lead by example and wherever it is proven to be more energy efficient, and not restrictive to</p>	<p>We should promote energy efficiency every way possible without placing restrictions on our citizens and</p>	<p>The legislature must promote energy efficiency and reusable fuels every way possible without placing restrictions on</p>

Highlighted for convenience.

Source: [www.voterinformation.org](http://www.voterinformation.org)  
 All errors are the website's or the candidates'

Legislative Candidate Survey Responses - Accessed on September 1, 2008

	our citizens and businesses, the Legislative body should act accordingly.	businesses.	our citizens and businesses.
Family Affect	My family understands that with my pursuit and election to office there will be impacts. However, I have the full blessing and support of my family. They understand that in order to bring about change and improve the lives of all Nebraskan's there will be changes to our daily lives.	I plan to make the lives of all Nebraskans better. I have the full blessing and support of my family and they are a vital part of my effort. I would hope that my actions would bring credit to my family, friends and constituents.	I plan to make the lives of all Nebraskans better and this will benefit my family. I have the full blessing and support of my family and they are a vital part of my effort. I have many family members who live in district 39 and they are actively helping me campaign for this office.
Gambling Opinion	Oppose.	On it's face I oppose expanded gambling, however I would be willing to look at future proposals to weigh potential benefits for Nebraskans, if there are any.	Oppose.
Immigration	I oppose providing any tax payer paid benefits to illegal aliens. I would vote to repeal in-state tuition for illegal aliens. I encourage legal immigration.	I oppose providing any tax payer paid benefits to illegal aliens. I would vote to repeal in-state tuition for illegal aliens. Look into some sort of documentation for all foreign nationals residing or working in Nebraska. I would encourage legal immigration.	I oppose providing any tax payer paid benefits to illegal aliens. I would vote to repeal in-state tuition for illegal aliens.
Legislative Priority	My top priorities will be to work on returning control of education to the local level and controlling spending.	My priority would be to solve our out of control property taxes. I would look at a property tax roll back provision that would lower the mill levy as valuations increase. This would require taxing authorities and elected officials to be accountable to the tax payer for any increase in your taxes. I would also look	As a member of the Legislature, a key topic for a priority bill would be efforts to create additional quality jobs in Nebraska. The new Nebraska Super Advantage Act will spawn additional legislation to further ensure the economic vitality of our state.

Highlighted for convenience.

Source: [www.voterinformation.org](http://www.voterinformation.org)  
All errors are the website's or the candidates'

Legislative Candidate Survey Responses - Accessed on September 1, 2008

		to protect those most vulnerable by freezing property valuations for senior citizens and low income families. We must not tax people out of their homes and out of our state as we are now doing .	
Motivation	I was motivated to seek the 3rd district seat to bring responsiveness back. I believe the citizens of this district, county and state deserve representation that not only communicates with them but vigorously champions their causes. I believe the state needs to continue to reign in and control state spending to reduce the burden on our tax payers. I will bring my business development experience from the corporate world to the state to grow our economic base.	I would like to make Nebraska's "Good Life" even better. I am seriously concerned that if we do not gain control of state spending and reduce the burden on our tax payers, our children and their children will not have the quality jobs or affordable cost of living to stay in our state. I hope to rein in state spending and cut taxes - especially property taxes, assure that more of our education tax dollars actually go to teachers and the classroom, and make sure we have an environment to create quality, long lasting jobs.	I am motivated by my three young children. I would like to go to the legislature to assure that in their future we can provide them with the quality education, quality 21st Century job opportunities and affordable cost of living so they can live their lives here in Nebraska.
Parental Rights	I am not aware of this effort and cannot answer this question without further understanding the proposal. I favor parental rights but do not take lightly amending the Constitution. With regards to a Parent's right to provide home schooling for their children I believe the laws and regulations in place now are all that is needed.	I support parental rights, but do not take amending the constitution lightly. I would require more specifics to accurately answer this question. I would not be in favor of additional government regulations on home schoolers and I support parental choice in education.	I support parental rights but I do not take amending the Federal Constitution lightly. I cannot completely answer this question without knowing the specifics and language of the proposal. I support the rights of parents to chose how their children are educated. I do not support further regulation on those who chose to home school their children.
President	Senator John McCain	Senator John McCain	Senator John McCain

Highlighted for convenience.

Source: [www.voterinformation.org](http://www.voterinformation.org)  
All errors are the website's or the candidates'

Legislative Candidate Survey Responses - Accessed on September 1, 2008

Revenue, Spending, Taxes	Nebraska is a state with tremendous potential for business. I believe we must be more aggressive in providing businesses a favorable environment to come to our state. The current tax rates are prohibitive and cause companies like Google to build across our borders, luring our people away while filling Iowa's coffers. I will support legislation to foster a better business climate. When we have more of our citizens working in better paying jobs, and bring new people to the region that buy homes and shop here in Nebraska, we will see an increase in our revenues. I will also work to reduce our overall tax burden by searching out inefficiencies, and eliminating duplication where ever possible.	We absolutely must make Nebraska a more taxpayer responsible state. By reducing our overall tax burden, we will attract more businesses and people and increasing revenue. In order to decrease state spending we must look at every area and eliminate duplication, waste, fraud and abuse. We must hold state government accountable. I would propose and work to pass a property tax roll back provision, and freeze valuations for senior citizens and low income families.	We absolutely must make Nebraska a more taxpayer responsible state. By reducing our overall tax burden, we will attract more businesses, residents, and increasing revenue. In order to decrease state spending we must look at every area and eliminate duplication, waste and abuse. We must hold state government accountable.
Sexual Orientation as Minority Status	No.	No.	No.
Unfunded Mandates	I will work closely with local officials, and encourage input, to ensure the impact of proposed legislation is as fully understood as possible prior to voting.	I would work closely with local officials to make sure we were as efficient and accountable on the state and local level.	I would work closely with local officials to make sure we are as efficient and accountable - both on the state level and locally - as we can be.
Urban/Rural	I will enlist the support of and counsel of all senators, rural and urban, to gain a better understanding of the needs and	I will reach out to rural senators in an effort to pass meaningful legislation, beneficial to all Nebraskans. I will work	I will reach out to rural senators in an effort to pass meaningful legislation, beneficial to all Nebraskans. I will work

Highlighted for convenience.

Source: [www.voterinformation.org](http://www.voterinformation.org)  
All errors are the website's or the candidates'

Legislative Candidate Survey Responses - Accessed on September 1, 2008

	impacts of proposed legislation for their areas. I will work to create an atmosphere where citizens can express their opinions and feel their input is valued, while promoting the needs and concerns of district 3.	with them to address their needs and concerns while promoting the needs and concerns of district 13.	with them to address their needs and concerns while promoting the needs and concerns of district 39. My experience growing up on the family ranch will be very beneficial to understanding out-state needs.
--	--	--	---