

## Shawnee County Republicans Local Candidate Primary Survey

## 1. Tell voters about yourself:

First elected to the Topeka City Council in 2015 to represent District 6, Brendan Jensen has held multiple leadership positions during his more than 20 years in the community. He has served as president of the College Hill Neighborhood Association and a member at large of the Downtown Topeka, Inc., Board of Directors. He currently chairs the Board of Directors for Positive Connections, is a member at large of the Jayhawk State Theatre of Kansas Board of Directors, and is past Treasurer for The Topeka Ski Club.

2. What is the state of the Topeka economy and what is the biggest thing the mayor or city council can do to improve it?

Taxes are getting out of control in Topeka and it's rapidly becoming unaffordable. This needs to be addressed by increasing our cities population.

3. Roads are a major concern to the residents in the city of Topeka. What is your plan to address this major concern?

Many roads aren't fixed, they are just patched. We need to work toward a program of permanent fixies and better routine maintenance.

4. How satisfied are you with the current City Council's demands of property tax collection and their use of public funds? And compared to the current Topeka City Council, what, if anything, would you seek to do differently concerning property tax demands and the spending of taxpayer dollars?

I'm not happy with how it's being handled. We need to work to increase our population to better spread the costs of maintaining our community.

5. Do you agree with the purchasing of Hotel Topeka and are you in favor of or opposed to the continuation of taxpayer dollars being used to maintain it. Why or why not?

I understand why the City wanted to protect it, but it should have been handled by the County or JEDO at the very least.

6. Should DEI be utilized in the hiring/recruitment process of city employees or government contracts?

While DEI is good in theory, it is most often just a use as a tool to discriminate.

7. What lasting thoughts would you like to leave with primary voters and what is your message of why they should vote for you in August?

I have the experience to know what needs to be done and the common sense to get it done.