

## **Kansas Housing Policy Network 2008 Legislative Questionnaire**

1. In 2007, Kansas suffered numerous natural disasters that resulted in a severe shortage of housing in the disaster areas. However, numerous local leaders have remarked that they had experienced major housing shortages prior to the natural disasters. Do you think a shortage of adequate housing is a priority public policy issue?

○ **Yes (Please Explain Your Answer Below)**

“There is even more of a shortage of quality and healthy housing in Southwest Kansas.”  
- Laura Mead, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 38

“From what I remember in Boy Scouts, basic survival depends on having food, water, clothing, and shelter. When someone has no shelter, they’re homeless and that should be unacceptable to society.”

- Milack Talia, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 23

“As a former worker with the Head Start program, I am very much aware of the lack of decent, affordable housing for low-income Kansans.”

- Carolyn Weinhold, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 20

“Yes, but a market must exist in which to sell the homes and thus repay the contractors.”

- Rep. Terry McLachlan, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 96

“I believe there is a shortage of adequate affordable housing throughout the state that inhibits living in both suburban and rural area including our small towns and larger urban area. The focus must be on affordable housing.”

- Ron Wimmer, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 9

“In my community, Leavenworth, we have over 50% of the housing used as rentals, many by absentee landlords who do not care about the neighborhoods where the housing is located. In some distressed parts of town, the home ownership percentage is under 20%. The result is a shortage of housing for people who want an affordable first house or retirement home.”

- Rep. Marti Crow, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 41

“Often, the shortage is not only in housing, but in substandard housing. Many houses are still available, city or rural, but many “affordable” homes were built at least 50 years ago, and time takes its toll.

The “market” is also proving unpredictable even though more stable here than in other parts of the country. In any case, affordable housing is an issue.”

- David Norlin, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 71

“Any shortage of reasonably priced housing in an area is an economic problem. The people in that area are unable to earn enough, under current conditions, to take care of their housing and other needs. Before deciding that the state must give money derived from taxes to alleviate this problem, we must first understand the root cause of the problem. In my opinion, it is the interference of the government (all levels) taxing both the workers in need of housing and the potential investors who might start businesses in those areas that is the root cause. Business and industrial development are discouraged by high taxes and unreasonable regulation.

Using tax money to build housing is then clearly a counterproductive move. As in most other issues, less government involvement and more freedom is the answer.

Taxes and regulation are already discouraging new business investment without special tax incentives\*. To raise taxes further to pay for public housing or subsidize rents just further discourages business and represents a death spiral for our society.

With less government interference all around, the economy will grow, more jobs will be available and people, even those on the bottom rung of the economic ladder, will be able to take care of themselves. Surely that is a better solution than government subsidies.

\*NOTE: I do not favor special tax incentives. Their existence, however, goes to prove my point that the current level of taxes discourages economic growth. That being the case, special tax incentive deals are wrong because they are handed out politically. All businesses should have the benefit of lower taxes.”

- Michael Kerner, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives,  
District 17

“My own consideration and better understanding of the federal housing issues including the current buy out would be a component of decision on formulation of future housing development. FEMA could have assisted in Kiowa County by changing their policy and allowing ‘femaville’ trailers to remain for use by construction workers. Local government needs to be allowed to appeal for flexibility based on unique needs. One size fits all has, I believe, proven to be poor policy in recent disasters.”

- Dr. Dee McKee, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives,  
District 66

“I think that the key word is “affordable” when discussing housing shortages. Here in our community, many houses are for sale or rent, but they are out of the price range of those in the most need. Measures should be taken to help families find adequate, affordable housing in their area.”

- Carol Strickland, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives,  
District 76

“The housing shortage in many areas existed before the storms. The Legislature needs to focus more attention to this issue and see what role we can play in addressing the problems that exist.”

- Rep. Paul Davis, Candidate for re-election, District 46

“Adequate housing is one of the most fundamental needs for all Kansans. We must make this a priority for the citizens of our state before we move on to other important, but less fundamental initiatives.”

- Tony Brown, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 10

“Yes, there is a shortage of affordable, safe housing in most communities.”

- Rep. Deena Horst, Candidate for re-election, District 69

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“Yes. In fact Johnson County Commissioners and the city of Overland Park consider affordable housing a major part of the planning process. Wise planning in order to look long term at transportation, job and other issues go hand in hand with housing.”

- Rep. Sheryl Spalding, Candidate for re-election, District 29

“It should be a priority; however it is a question of how high on the priority list it goes. In my opinion job #1 of the state is public education. Public Education is key to bringing new jobs and retaining existing jobs which allows us to expand the tax base and determine how we will fund the other statewide priorities. I would have to consider its place in conjunction with other issues.”

- Pete Roman, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 10

“Housing is a basic need for all Kansans. However, I would like to make sure that the Legislature works from data regarding the need for housing so that the needs are met where they exist.”

- Bruce Cooper, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 54

- Rep. Peggy Mast, Candidate for re-election, District 76

- Rep. Dick Kelsey, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 93

- Lynne Ohavah, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 4

○ **No (Please Explain Your Answer Below)**

“I am not aware of other areas, but in central Kansas we do not have a problem”

- Dave Smith, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 108

“There is no shortage in housing that is adequate – except in places like Greensburg and Chapman that suffered a calamity. Affordable housing is an issue, but the market may be dealing with that problem.”

- Hibbard Davis, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 25

“I believe there may be a housing shortage in specific areas of the state. For those areas, it should be a priority. However, with other issues that will be on the legislative agenda this coming session, I fear housing will not be a priority for the session.”

- Lisa Benlon, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 22

2. As energy prices have skyrocketed over the last few years, an increasing number of Kansas citizens are struggling to pay their utility bills. When individuals make energy efficiency improvements to their homes, they can significantly reduce their monthly utility bills and decrease their energy usage. Do you think that the state should promote energy efficiency by encouraging individuals to make energy efficiency improvements to their homes?

○ **Yes (Please Explain Your Answer Below)**

“The state should make GREEN alternatives more attractive to the average Kansan. I think that most want to do the right thing in regards to global warming and energy efficiency, yet the cost is considered too much.”

- Laura Mead, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 38

“Finding ways to protect the environment does not always have to be in conflict with economic interests. We can find ways to pass on a cleaner Earth to our children using American free-markets and innovation to launch new and profitable environmental technologies. Businesses and government can invest in renewable energy sources for clean energy and job creation. Also, Kansas should reward investments in high efficiency appliances and equipment and work to expand local recycling programs into a statewide initiative. We can balance the environmental and natural resource equation with the economic and social equation to ensure a greener future where businesses, households, and environmentalists work together and help to protect our natural wonders.”

- Milack Talia, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 23

“The state should promote energy efficiency to home owners as well as landlords. If possible, incentives should be offered.”

- Carolyn Weinhold, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 20

“I am a strong advocate for energy efficiency and conserving energy as one of the primary ways to reduce energy costs. I believe the state should implement energy conservation and efficiency practices in all governmental buildings and energy consumption processes (vehicles, etc.). I introduced an energy education program in the Olathe school district which has resulted in cost avoidance today of over \$14 million in energy costs.”

- Ron Wimmer, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 9

“The state should do much more to provide incentives for landlords and homeowners to improve energy efficiency and to assist in making the improvements affordable. This is a key ingredient in our state and nation becoming energy independent, which is economically smart and a part of homeland security. Furthermore, the state should extend assistance and incentive to small business owners as well.”

- Rep. Marti Crow, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 41

“There are many ways to provide incentives, but the state and localities could provide tax credits. Although Kansas has adopted the 2006 IECC as the applicable energy efficiency standard for commercial and industrial structures, as of 2007 no enforcement mechanism is provided in the statute (HB 2036). The state also has a loan program for efficiency measures through Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) which I need to check into further. So, the state is doing something, but there is a need for further investigation of possibilities.”

- David Norlin, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives,  
District 71

“LEAP Program should continue. May need adjustment to assure permanent improvements.”

- Dr. Dee McKee, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives,  
District 66

“Tax incentives and/or energy efficiency effort rebates can help encourage better utilization of our natural resources. Financial incentives or rewards have proven to be strong encouragement for conservation and recycling in the past. The same should hold true for an efficient energy usage program.”

- Carol Strickland, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives,  
District 76

“We worked on a number of bills that would do this.”

- Rep. Dick Kelsey, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 93

“The Legislature has discussed providing tax credits for energy efficiency measure that homeowners take. I believe this is worth pursuing.”

- Rep. Paul Davis, Candidate for re-election, District 46

“We all benefit from improvements in energy efficiency in individual homes. Clearly homeowners benefit through lower utility bills, but communities also benefit by avoiding or delaying expansion of existing power infrastructure which drives up energy costs for all customers. Therefore, I believe we should aggressively pursue incentives for individuals to invest in energy efficient improvements in their homes.”

- Tony Brown, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 10

“Yes a very detailed list of how we can conserve energy should be available through certain governmental agencies, through that state agency sponsored ads in different types of media.”

- Rep. Deena Horst, Candidate for re-election, District 69

“Yes. In fact if we get a cap and trade system we will have to take into account energy efficiency or we will all be paying much higher utility rates.”

- Rep. Sheryl Spalding, Candidate for re-election, District 29

“Surely. I think the Federal Government already has been by giving tax credits for installing energy efficient things like windows and doors.”

- Hibbard Davis, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 25

“Not only should the state be promoting energy efficiency of their citizens, but I think it should be the responsibility of local governments also. In fact, the local municipalities will probably have a larger impact on the citizens if they should push this agenda.”

- Lisa Benlon, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 22

“I take advantage of incentives through KCPL programs like Cool Homes and Energy Optimizer Programs. I think we need to ensure that these programs continue and allow the utility companies to encourage their customers to move towards energy efficiency. I think this can be done through Pay As You Save programs.”

- Pete Roman, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 10

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“Incentives for energy efficiency must be part of a comprehensive energy plan for our state.”

- Bruce Cooper, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 54

- Rep. Peggy Mast, Candidate for re-election, District 76

- Dave Smith, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 108

- Lynne Ohavah, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 4

o **No (Please Explain Your Answer Below)**

“There is already a home energy efficiency program in existence throughout the state. (Weatherization assistance program)”

- Rep. Terry McLachlan, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 96

“The price of fuel should be all the encouragement that anyone needs to look for ways to save energy in their home or business. In so far as what the state should do for citizens, I would say technical advice and recommendations-no subsidies. As a citizen, I reserve the right to review the state’s recommendations and check the science before going ahead. Even simple recommendations might be politically motivated.”

- Michael Kerner, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 17

3. If you believe that the state should encourage individuals to make energy efficiency improvements to their homes, what initiatives would you consider supporting on this issue? (Please Check All That Apply)

o **Cost Recovery for Utilities That Offer Energy Efficiency Incentives to Their Customers**

- Milack Talia, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 23

- Ron Wimmer, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 9

- Rep. Marti Crow, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 41
  - Michael Kerner, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 17
  - Carol Strickland, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 76
  - Rep. Dick Kelsey, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 93
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  - Pete Roman, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 10
  - Bruce Cooper, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 54
- **State Income Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency Improvements**
    - Laura Mead, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 38
    - Milack Talia, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 23
    - Carolyn Weinhold, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 20
    - Ron Wimmer, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 9
    - Rep. Marti Crow, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 41
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    - Pete Roman, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 10
    - Bruce Cooper, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 54
- **Sales Tax Holiday for the Purchase of Energy Efficient Appliances**
    - Laura Mead, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 38
    - Carolyn Weinhold, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 2
    - Ron Wimmer, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 9
    - Rep. Marti Crow, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 41
    - Michael Kerner, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 17
    - Rep. Dick Kelsey, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 93
    - Rep. Deena Horst, Candidate for re-election, District 69
    - Lynne Ohavah, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 4
    - Lisa Benlon, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 22
    - Pete Roman, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 10

- **Expanding the State’s Current Energy Efficiency Linked Loan Program**
  - Carolyn Weinhold, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 20
  - Ron Wimmer, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 9
  - Rep. Marti Crow, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 41
  - David Norlin, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 71
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- **Increasing Funding for the State’s Current Weatherization Assistance Program**
  - Milack Talia, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 23
  - Ron Wimmer, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 9
  - Rep. Marti Crow, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 41
  - David Norlin, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 71
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- **Additional Suggestions:**

“Perhaps expanding the state’s current Energy Efficiency Linked Loan Program; I would need to conduct further research on this one.

- Net Metering Standards which will allow consumers, who generate their own electricity from backyard wind turbines and rooftop solar panels, to reduce their electric bill by getting credits for any power generated.

- A Production Tax Credit for renewable energy—similar to the one offered for oil, gas, coal, and nuclear energy. The PTC will enable the renewable energy industry to develop and improve its technology, drive down costs, and provide Kansans with significantly more clean, emissions-free electricity generation.”

- Milack Talia, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 23

“Implementation of state government energy avoidance program through education and updating of equipment, facilities, and appliances (lighting, etc.) Conduct a comprehensive

energy audit of state facilities and develop plan of action to implement cost saving initiatives.”

- Ron Wimmer, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 9

“The state should provide education about energy efficient home improvements and recognize builders and businesses that do a good job in this area.”

- Rep. Marti Crow, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 41

“In regard to the statute exempting renewable energy equipment from property taxes, seek to make certain this benefit extends to people of all income levels, particularly those in the lower income brackets.”

- David Norlin, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 71

“Utility relief for senior citizens and Medicaid recipients.”

- Carol Strickland, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 76

“This year’s budget is unlikely to have any extra funds for additional increases.”

- Rep. Dick Kelsey, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 93

“Advertise existing programs.”

- Lynne Ohavah, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 4

“Publicizing what is already available.”

- Hibbard Davis, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 25

4. In 1990, Kansas established the Kansas Housing Trust Fund to provide funding for affordable and special needs housing across the state. However, the Kansas Legislature did not provide a permanent source of funding for the Housing Trust Fund at that time. Do you believe the Housing Trust Fund should have a dedicated/permanent source of funding?

- o **Yes (Please Explain Your Answer Below)**

“The members of the Kansas Legislature must finally work together and solve problems affecting Kansas families. Once and for all our elected officials must let go of their power, give up special interests, and work for the Common Good. And only then can we come up with ideas that are as large as the problems they fix. Kansas must renew it’s commitment to those who need help and ensure it’s protection to the most vulnerable.”

- Milack Talia, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 23

“Yes, but I doubt that one can be found.”

- Rep. Terry McLachlan, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 96

“There will always be on-going needs that could be better planned and implemented with funds available when and as needed rather than on an emergency basis.”

- Ron Wimmer, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 9

“Other states are using their Housing Trust Fund to provide affordable housing for citizens by empowering local community organizations to build and rehab housing. My husband and I have formed and are working with a CDC here that has begun this kind of work. Kansas is failing to provide communities with the funding necessary to provide housing at a cost people can afford to buy and maintain. As a result, urban neighborhoods and rural communities are failing to thrive. Home ownership brings stability to families, community pride and economic vitality. In my community, such investments could also provide preservation of valuable historic housing stock, including some houses that were stops on the Underground Railroad before the civil war.”

- Rep. Marti Crow, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 41

“However, the source of such funding will be difficult this year, with recession looming. It will need to be subject to other priorities to provide a balanced approach to meeting people’s needs.”

- David Norlin, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 71

“This should be a priority, along with affordable health care coverage for those in the greatest need. Without a permanent source of funding, this is a temporary patchwork that cannot be depended on from year to year. People deserve better!”

- Carol Strickland, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 76

“The Housing Trust Fund sounds like a laudable program and I am sure that the legislators who passed it back in 1990 supported it with great sincerity. But it appears disingenuous to vote a program into existence without also providing a mechanism for appropriate funding to sustain it. Because of its importance to those Kansans who would qualify for it, I would support a dedicated source of funding for this program.”

- Tony Brown, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 10

“I would love to see this issue settled.”

- Rep. Sheryl Spalding, Candidate for re-election, District 29

“It would be nice to have but how to fund it, especially in these economically perilous times, is the real challenge.

- Hibbard Davis, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 25

“I would agree with dedicated funding but am reluctant to commit to permanent funding of too many issues.”

- Pete Roman, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 10

“Subject to budget limitations of the state-I need additional data and information.”

- Bruce Cooper, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 54

- Rep. Peggy Mast, Candidate for re-election, District 76

- Rep. Paul Davis, Candidate for re-election, District 46

- Rep. Deena Horst, Candidate for re-election, District 69

○ **No (Please Explain Your Answer Below)**

“If I were guessing the thoughts of legislature I would think that they saw the Housing Trust Fund as something that COULD BE cut during tough economic times. I cannot give any real answer without additional knowledge. All state programs and institutions are to cut their budget by 2-5% this year.”

- Laura Mead, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 38

“My answer to question 1 applies here as well.”

- Michael Kerner, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 17

“New program funding will be difficult. When the state gives up 3.7 billion of economic development an unfounded concern and the revenues it would have provided ( See the Oregon Project for Kansas scientists who differ from the Al Gore movie...), it is certain that the needs of the poor relative to housing and energy availability will suffer.

One, from higher energy costs (ie. Westar 15% proposed price increase) and two, I believe there will certainly be ever increasing energy costs, as well as a loss of jobs if we fail to develop a diverse, broad based Kansas energy systems. Best economic base would be expansion of wind, solar, energy, with the base load support of Sunflower in Garden. The expansion of wind turbines was for instance, STOPPED in Ford County because the power lines which are essential to move the energy to populated areas could not be built as they were a component of the total Sunflower expansion.”

- Dr. Dee McKee, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 66

“I believe the State faces serious funding challenges and will likely not be able to afford such a commitment and should not raise taxes.”

- Dave Smith, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 108

“I believe that most taxpayer money should be allocated through the appropriation process.”

- Lynne Ohavah, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 4

5. If you believe that the Housing Trust Fund should have a dedicated/permanent source of funding, what funding sources would you consider supporting?

○ **Annual Appropriation from the State General Fund**

“I support this but I fear that it would not be something that could be counted on as a permanent source.”

- Rep. Marti Crow, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 41

- Milack Talia, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 23

- Carol Strickland, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 76

- Tony Brown, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 10

- Lynne Ohavah, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 4

○ **Increase in the Existing Document Recording Fee**

“Washington State does this and lets the county collecting the surcharge to keep enough of the collections to administer the collection. I think Missouri does this too.”

- Rep. Marti Crow, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 4

- Rep. Sheryl Spalding, Candidate for re-election, District 29

○ **Annual Allocation from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund (Lottery Funds)**

- Milack Talia, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 23

- Rep. Marti Crow, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 41

- Carol Strickland, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 76

- Rep. Dick Kelsey, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 93

- Rep. Paul Davis, Candidate for re-election, District 46

- Rep. Deena Horst, Candidate for re-election, District 69

- Rep. Sheryl Spalding, Candidate for re-election, District 29

○ **Annual Allocation from Expanded Gaming Revenues**

- Milack Talia, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 23

- Rep. Terry McLachlan, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 96

- Rep. Marti Crow, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 41

- Carol Strickland, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 76

- Rep. Peggy Mast, Candidate for re-election, District 76

- Rep. Dick Kelsey, Candidate Kansas Senate, District 93

- Rep. Deena Horst, Candidate for re-election, District 69

- Rep. Sheryl Spalding, Candidate for re-election, District 29

- Hibbard Davis, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 25

- Lisa Benlon, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 22

○ **Additional Suggestions:**

“Gaming and lottery money is a great suggestion. My first choice for it would be toward education yet would consider a portion for Housing.”

- Laura Mead, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 38

“However, the best way to deal with revenues is to cut spending by getting rid of government waste, fraud, and abuse within the budget. We should implement a top-down analysis of the budget to ensure our tax-dollars are spent on worthwhile and effective initiatives. Then the Legislature and Governor should find ways to increase revenues—not by increasing taxes—but rather by increasing the tax base

with more high-paying jobs and new jobs moving into Kansas. Kansas government must change by relying on cycles of smart and responsible taxing and spending along with economic stimulus packages that are targeted, timely, and temporary. And we need to implement a strategy to stop abusive tax shelters and havens to collect past-due tax revenues.”

- Milack Talia, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 23

“I believe the first step in finding new sources of revenue should entail an evaluation of what efficiencies can be found within existing budgets or cost avoidance processes. It would be pre-mature on my part to indicate what I would support without further information, analysis, and evaluation. I am not, however, opposed to additional sources of revenue from suggestions above based on need and impact of competing demands for state funds.”

- Ron Wimmer, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 9

“A fee levied on a square foot basis on commercial and industrial buildings because such new buildings or expansions typically generate new jobs and new residents needing housing, Some way for developers to have the option of either providing affordable housing in a certain size development or paying fees in lieu of providing a certain percent of the homes in the new development at affordable rates for modest income families. “

- Rep. Marti Crow, Candidate for re election, Kansas House of Representatives, District 41

“This is one I would need to study further. I would be interested in other KHPN suggestions.”

- David Norlin, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 71

“I for one am up to use the Eco Devo fun differently than it has been, or appears to have been used. Education – and perhaps this sort of funding for programs the legislature determines are worthwhile.”

- Hibbard Davis, Candidate for Kansas Senate, District 25

“I believe one or more of these might be viable sources of funding, but I need additional data and information in order to make a decision.”

- Bruce Cooper, Candidate for Kansas House of Representatives, District 54