**Kansas Senate District 1**
**Kirk Miller** (Democratic, Havensville)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses

**Kansas Senate District 2**
**Marci Francisco** (Democratic, Lawrence) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas Senate District 3**
**Tom Holland** (Democratic, Baldwin City) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on voting record. In 2004 and 2005, then-Representative Holland voted in favor of the constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. Since that time, however, his voting record has been consistently in favor of LGBTQ equality.

**Kansas Senate District 4**
**David Haley** (Democratic, Kansas City) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas Senate District 5**
**Jeffrey Pittman** (Democratic, Leavenworth) (*Running for higher office*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas Senate District 6**
**Pat Pettey** (Democratic, Kansas City) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas Senate District 7**
**Ethan Corson** (Democratic, Fairway)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses and membership in Equality Kansas.

**Kansas Senate District 8**
**Cindy Holscher** (Democratic, Overland Park) (*Running for higher office*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas Senate District 9**
**Stacey Knoell** (Democratic, Olathe)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas Senate District 10**
**Lindsey Constance** (Democratic, Shawnee) (*Running for higher office*)
Endorsement Notes: As a member of the Shawnee City Council, Lindsey Constance was instrumental in advocating for and passing a municipal non-discrimination ordinance inclusive of sexual orientation and gender identity.

**Kansas Senate District 11**
**Joy Koesten** (Democratic, Leawood) (*Running for higher office*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses. As a state representative, Koesten was a vocal opponent to the 2018 adoption discrimination bill.

**Kansas Senate District 12**
**Mike Bruner** (Democratic, Humboldt)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses

**Kansas Senate District 17**
**Stephen Vecchione** (Democratic, Emporia)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses

**Kansas Senate District 18**
**Tobias Schlingensiepen** (Democratic, Topeka)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses

**Kansas Senate District 19**
**Anthony Hensley** (Democratic, Topeka) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses

**Kansas Senate District 20**
**Brenda S. Dietrich** (Republican, Topeka) (*Running for higher office*)
Endorsement Notes: As a state representative, Brenda Dietrich's voting record on most LGBTQ issues has been disappointing. She has, however, been a staunch and extraordinarily helpful ally in writing, introducing, and advocating for EQKS-backed bullying prevention legislation. This was a difficult call for our organization, as her general election opponent submitted excellent questionnaire responses. In the end, we chose to support Representative Dietrich's bid for the senate, and hope to improve upon what's been a productive relationship to date.

**Kansas Senate District 21**
**Dinah Sykes** (Democratic, Lenexa) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas Senate District 22**
**Tom Hawk** (Democratic, Manhattan) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas Senate District 23**
**Wendy Budetti** (Democratic, Olathe)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses and membership in Equality Kansas. Ms Budetti and her family have spent the past few years as strong advocates for LGBTQ equality.

**Kansas Senate District 25**
**Mary Ware** (Democratic, Wichita) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas Senate District 27**
**Mike McCorkle** (Democratic, Wichita)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses

**Kansas Senate District 28**
**Jim Ward** (Democratic, Wichita) (*Running for higher office*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on voting record. In 2004 and 2005, then-Representative Ward voted in favor of the constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. Since that time, however, his voting record has been consistently in favor of LGBTQ equality, and in recent years he has taken a leading role as an advocate for our mission.

**Kansas Senate District 29**
**Oletha Faust Goudeau** (Democratic, Wichita) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas Senate District 30**
**Melissa Gregory** (Democratic, Wichita)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas Senate District 31**
**Carolyn McGinn** (Republican, Sedgwick) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on voting record. In 2004 and 2005, Senator McGinn voted in favor of the constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. Since that time, however, her voting record has been consistently in favor of LGBTQ equality.

**Kansas Senate District 34**
**Shanna Henry** (Democratic, Cheney)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses and membership in organizations supportive of LGBTQ equality.

**Kansas Senate District 37**
**Becca Peck** (Democratic, Overland Park)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas Senate District 40**
**Larry Joseph Dreiling** (Democratic, Hays)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 2**
**Kenneth Collins** (Republican, Mulberry) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 3**
**Monica Murnan** (Democratic, Pittsburg) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 4**
**Bill Meyer** (Democratic, Fort Scott)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 5**
**Mark Samsel** (Republican, Wellsville) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: As a state representative, Mark Samsel's voting record on LGBTQ issues has been disappointing. He has, however, been a staunch and extraordinarily helpful ally in writing, introducing, and advocating EQKS-backed bullying prevention legislation.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 9**
**Kent L. Thompson** (Republican, La Harpe) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 10**
**Christina Haswood** (Democratic, Lawrence)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 13**
**Mark Pringle** (Democratic, Yates Center)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 14**
**Angela Justus Schweller** (Democratic, Lenexa)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 15**
**Cole Fine** (Democratic, Olathe)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 16**
**Linda Featherston** (Democratic, Overland Park)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 17**
**Jo Ella Hoye** (Democratic, Lenexa)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 18**
**Cindy Neighbor** (Democratic, Shawnee) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 19**
**Stephanie Sawyer Clayton** (Democratic, Overland Park) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 20**
**Mari-Lynn Poskin** (Democratic, Leawood)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 21**
**Jerry Stogsdill** (Democratic, Prairie Village) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 22**
**Lindsay Vaughn** (Democratic, Overland Park)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 23**
**Susan Ruiz** (Democratic, Shawnee) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses. Represenative Ruiz is one of Kansas' first two openly LGBTQ members of the Kansas legislature.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 24**
**Jarrod Ousley** (Democratic, Merriam) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 25**
**Rui Xu** (Democratic, Westwood) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 26**
**W. Michael Shimeall** (Democratic, Olathe)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 27**
**Sona Patel** (Democratic, Overland Park)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses. While her opponent has sometimes been helpful on bullying prevention legislation, it does not overcome his votes for adoption discrimination and against discrimination protections.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 28**
**Sally Jercha** (Democratic, Leawood)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 29**
**Brett Parker** (Democratic, Overland Park) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 30**
**Brandon Woodard** (Democratic, Lenexa) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses. Represenative Woodard is one of Kansas' first two openly LGBTQ members of the Kansas legislature and a member of Equality Kansas.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 31**
**Louis E. Ruiz** (Democratic, Kansas City) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 32**
**Pam Curtis** (Democratic, Kansas City) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 33**
**Tom Burroughs** (Democratic, Kansas City) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on recent voting record and 2020 questionnaire responses. Between 2004 and 2013, Representative Burroughs voted in favor of the constitutional ban on same-sex marriage and at least two anti-LGBTQ "religious freedom" bills. Since that time, however, his voting record has been consistently in favor of LGBTQ equality. We believe Burroughs deserves to serve another term in Topeka.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 34**
**Valdenia C. Winn** (Democratic, Kansas City) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 35**
**Broderick Henderson** (Democratic, Kansas City) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on voting record. In 2004 and 2005, Representative Henderson voted in favor of the constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. Since that time, however, his voting record has been consistently in favor of LGBTQ equality.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 36**
**Kathy Wolfe Moore** (Democratic, Kansas City) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 38**
**Sherri D. Grogan** (Democratic, Basehor)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 39**
**Les Lampe** (Democratic, Shawnee)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses and advocacy for local non-discrimination ordinances in Johnson County. Mr. Lampe is also a member of Equality Kansas.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 40**
**Joana Scholtz** (Democratic, Leavenworth)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 41**
**Mike Griswold** (Democratic, Leavenworth)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 43**
**Pamela Finley** (Democratic, Edgerton)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 44**
**Barbara W. Ballard** (Democratic, Lawrence) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 45**
**Mike Amyx** (Democratic, Lawrence) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 46**
**Dennis "Boog" Highberger** (Democratic, Lawrence) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record, past public statements and advocacy for the LGBTQ community, and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 48**
**Jennifer Day** (Democratic, Overland Park)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 49**
**Katie Dixon** (Democratic, Olathe)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses, membership in Equality Kansas, and openly LGBTQ.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 52**
**Mary Lou Davis** (Democratic, Topeka)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 53**
**Jim Gartner** (Democratic, Topeka) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 54**
**John Brosz** (Democratic, Topeka)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 55**
**Annie Kuether** (Democratic, Topeka) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 56**
**Virgil Weigel** (Democratic, Topeka) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 57**
**John Alcala** (Democratic, Topeka) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 58**
**Vic Miller** (Democratic, Topeka) (*Previous officeholder*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 59**
**Blaine Finch** (Republican, Ottawa) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: First sworn into office in 2013, Speaker of the House Pro Tem Finch voted against the 2014 "religious freedom" bill, HB2453, against 2016's "campus religious freedom" bill, and yes on 2019's amendment adding sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination protections to an unrelated bill. In 2018, he first voted against the adoption discrimination bill, but was a deciding vote in favor when it came back up a month later. We believe Speaker Pro Tem Finch's record in favor of LGBTQ equality outweighs his 2018 vote, and endorse him for reelection.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 60**
**Todd Maddox** (Democratic, Emporia)
Endorsement Notes: In Equality Kansas' early years, finding candidates worth endorsing was difficult. Finding incumbent officeholders was even more of a challenge. Finding "out" members of the LGBTQ community to run for office was next to impossible. Fortunately for us, the world has changed, and sometimes we are fortunate to have a friendly incumbent from one party and an out member of our community from the other. That's the case in Emporia this year, where Rep Mark Schreiber, who has a 100% pro-LGBTQ voting record, is being challenged by openly-gay Todd Maddox. Faced with an impossible choice, we are endorsing both men, as we believe they will both make fine representatives who will both be strong advocates for our community.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 60**
**Mark A. Schreiber** (Republican, Emporia) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes:

**Kansas House of Representatives District 64**
**Jim Vathauer** (Democratic, Clay Center)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 66**
**Sydney Carlin** (Democratic, Manhattan) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 67**
**Cheryl A. Arthur** (Democratic, Manhattan)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 68**
**Dave Baker** (Republican, Council Grove) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 69**
**Ryan Holmquist** (Democratic, Salina)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses, and being openly LGBTQ.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 70**
**John E Barker** (Republican, Abilene) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 71**
**Jeffrey A Zamrzla** (Democratic, Salina)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 72**
**Tim Hodge** (Democratic, North Newton) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 78**
**Kathy Meyer** (Democratic, Olathe)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 81**
**Matthew Joyce** (Democratic, Derby)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 83**
**Henry Helgerson** (Democratic, Wichita) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 84**
**Gail Finney** (Democratic, Wichita) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 85**
**Marcey Gregory** (Democratic, Wichita)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 86**
**Stephanie Byers** (Democratic, Wichita)
Endorsement Notes: A national-award winning advocate for LGBTQ youth, Stephanie Byers, if elected, will be Kansas' first openly-transgender state legislator. She is an Equality Kansas member and, as you would expect, scored 100% on our candidate questionnaire.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 88**
**Elizabeth Bishop** (Democratic, Wichita) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 89**
**KC Ohaebosim** (Democratic, Wichita) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 92**
**John Carmichael** (Democratic, Wichita) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses, and his membership in Equality Kansas. During his seven years in the Legislature, Representative Carmichael has been one of our most vocal advocates.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 94**
**Derek Milligan** (Democratic, Wichita)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 95**
**Tom Sawyer** (Democratic, Wichita) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 97**
**Kim Webb** (Democratic, Wichita)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 98**
**Steven G. Crum** (Democratic, Haysville) (*Previous officeholder*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 102**
**Jason Probst** (Democratic, Hutchinson) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 103**
**Ponka-We Victors** (Democratic, Wichita) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Based on 100% friendly voting record and questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 105**
**Michelle Snyder** (Democratic, Wichita)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 106**
**James L Swim** (Democratic, Marysville)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 111**
**Eber Phelps** (Democratic, Hays) (*Previous officeholder*)
Endorsement Notes: Former state representative Eber Phelps (no relation to a certain Topeka church family) has a voting record that is, at best, disappointingly mixed. In 2005, as Assistant Democratic Leader in the Kansas House, he was a deciding vote to pass the constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. In 2009, however, he voted against a ban on domestic partnership registries. However, in 2011 and 2012, he voted in favor of those years' anti-LGBTQ "religious freedom" bills. In November of 2012, he lost his reelection, was re-elected in 2016, only to lose again in 2018. In the 2018 legislative session, Representative Phelps voted against the adoption discrimination bill. In a surprise to our staff and Kansas Equality PAC board, he submitted a 2020 candidate questionnaire that fully satisfies our requirements for endorsement. As we have said elsewhere in the past, our job is to move elected officials from opponents of LGBTQ equality to supporters. We voted to accept Mr. Phelps' questionnaire, and his 2018 vote against adoption discrimination, as evidence of an evolved position on LGBTQ rights, and endorse him for 2020.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 116**
**Rick Roitman** (Democratic, Wellington)
Endorsement Notes: Based on questionnaire responses.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 119**
**Jan Scoggins** (Democratic, Dodge City) (*Previous officeholder*)
Endorsement Notes: In March of 2004, then-Representative Scoggins voted against the constitutional amendment banning recognition of same-sex marriage. That vote cost her reelection the following November. Current Representative Bradley Ralph, first elected in 2016 to what had been Scoggins' seat twelve years earlier, has been a consistent vote for LGBTQ equality. Both representatives faced considerable pressure for their votes; both stood for fairness. While our general rule is to back friendly incumbents, we strongly believe either candidate will serve their Dodge City district - and the Kansas LGBTQ community - well.

**Kansas House of Representatives District 119**
**Bradley C. Ralph** (Republican, Dodge City) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes:

**Kansas House of Representatives District 123**
**John P. Wheeler Jr.** (Republican, Garden City) (*Current Incumbent*)
Endorsement Notes: Representative Wheeler was a vote in favor of the 2018 adoption discrimination bill. In 2019, however, he voted for an amendment adding protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity to an unrelated bill. He has also been a strong supporter in committee for repeal of Kansas' outdated, unconstitional laws criminalizing same-sex relationships. We believe he has earned your vote.