

State Representative Candidates Questionnaire – 2022 **Representing Washington County (Brenham), Texas**

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce is asking the questions below of candidates for election. Please return your responses to the following questions by February 4 to news@brenhamtexas.com. (Email us to request this blank form so that you can complete it on screen.) All candidate responses will be publicized to the members of the Washington County Chamber and on www.BrenhamTexas.com. (Any candidate that chooses not to respond will have that indicated next to his/her name on the website.) Your response document will be viewed by local citizens and media outlets. It will be published as you provide it. Please double-check that it is free of typos and include the question above each response. *Thank you for sharing your views with Washington County citizens!*

Your Name: Kyle Kacal

Position you're seeking: State Representative – House District 12

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1. Why have you decided to run for election at this time?

Now, more than ever, we need an experienced conservative to fight for our values in Austin. We are coming off of the most conservative legislative session in our state's history and I believe we need to continue to build upon our accomplishments and continue to push back against the Biden Administration's harmful policies that are negatively impacting our state, continue our work along the border, maintain our commitment to public education, and continue our work to ensure the integrity of our elections, among others. I am committed to continuing the fight for our rural principles and beliefs while protecting our great state of Texas for many generations to come.

2. What key competencies do you feel you possess to be an elected official? Briefly describe your background in financial management, leadership, communications, understanding of labor/HR issues, understanding of local economic issues, ability to contribute to strategic planning and initiatives, etc.

I am a lifetime rancher and long-time resident of the Brazos Valley and have devoted my life to preserving the land and contributing to both local and state economies through our large-scale cattle business and full-service hunting operation. I know how burdensome regulations, high taxes, and frivolous lawsuits make it hard for entrepreneurs to create jobs. I have represented a rural district in the Texas House for five terms. I know how to effectively advocate for the needs and concerns of the constituents of this district. I have been an active member of our local community, having served on various business and community boards, including the Texas Beef Extension, the Brazos Valley Farm Bureau, among others. I have worked with our local leaders to prepare for the tremendous growth that our area is experiencing and believe the relationships I have formed and established while being elected would greatly serve this district.

3. If you are elected, what do you consider to be the top priorities to work on?

We need to build upon the accomplishments of the last legislative session. If elected, I will continue to fight for our public education system, especially our rural schools, and will work to provide our educators the support and resources they need. We need to continue the work along our border and provide our law enforcement the support they so desperately need and deserve. And Texas needs a strong and reliable grid. We need to ensure that our grid is capable of performing year around otherwise it will depress economic growth in our state.

4. What do you consider to be the top issue affecting our region's economic growth?

Rising property taxes are making it difficult for people to own their homes and businesses. That's why I fought to provide \$5 billion in property tax relief, but more needs to be done. We need to reduce unfunded mandates on local governments and rein in rate increases on property owners. We must continue to look for ways to cut wasteful spending in our state budget.

5. What could you do as a State Representative to help small businesses in this district?

The state of Texas has one of the best business climates in the country. We have developed a pro-business environment that entrepreneurs are excited about and are wanting to grow and develop their businesses here. I have been endorsed by the NFIB and that's because I have a proven track record of fighting for our small businesses and working to remove red tape that impedes a business's growth here in Texas.