

News Clips: Inside Kansas Politics

Welcome back to Inside Kansas politics. Hey, you. Yes, you. Okay raise your hand if you've ever went out to vote, get your ballot and you have no idea who you're voting for. All you do is just check their name. Yeah, I'm talking to you. But guess what, not this election. We are going to help you know your vote. Before you add to the polls. Joining me today is Jacqueline Lightcap with League of Women Voters of Kansas. Jacqueline, thank you for joining me today. Oh, you're welcome. Glad to be here. Yeah, well, this is something that a lot of voters do. Many of us are guilty of this going to the polls, just checking in a thinking that it's okay. But you say this is dangerous territory. Yeah, we want every voter to know exactly what's on their ballot before they walk in so that they're not surprised by anything. Okay, first things first, what we need to do before we head to the polls. We have to know what we want. Yes, we want to know exactly what is important to us what issues are important to us what leadership traits are important to us, because that will help us find the candidate that fits in with those two areas. And so when we think about it, sometimes we get those little mailings in the mail the little postcards and what's the first thing we do right, toss it to the side. Some of us may even throw it in the trash who knows what you do with it, but we've got to actually read those they can have valuable information. Yes, those are put out by candidates and by committee supporting the candidates. We only hold on to them and compare them do our research. Use them as a starting point. Not just going to SharePoint, but it's a good place to start. And of course you also want to make sure you observe, observe and observe some more, right? Yes. Read everything that you can find about that candidate online watch debates or forums that they're participating in. If there's another informational session just about elections in general, your area league of women voters often has those you can attend and you can learn all kinds of things about the candidate and get into issues that are on your ballot. And also you need to pay attention to what voters themselves are saying about the candidate, right? Yes, look and see who might be endorsing the candidates. What are other people saying what are your friends, family and neighbors saying that's really important. You can also find out what a candidate is what kind of funding candidate is receiving, so what organizations are supporting them that will tell you a lot about the values and the priorities that that candidate might have and it can be so hard, you know, to follow all the candidates that will be on your ballot, but it just takes a few minutes, right very simple so that you can go to the polls with knowledge. Yes, we recommend a trusted website, like vote for one one.org That is a site where you just type in your address and it will tell you everything that is on your ballot. There are some other great resources ks valid is another one that you can do the same thing type your ballot, they give you a little different types of information. But that's what you need to do is to gather and observe. If sources are imperfect information as we head up to the polls, and you know, when you think about it, we already know Seems like it's very close with one election just weeks away. and actually the main building is going on right now. but no one said there are resources to help you so before you go out to the polls, Make sure you know who you're voting for. just don't check the box and you'll go to the polls, with a lot of knowledge. All right. That was your look inside Kansas politics will be right here next week, same time, same.

We'll see you next time.

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