

2022 Candidate Questionnaires

Nebraska State Senators

Candidate Name: Robin Richards

District 12

Question 1:

Nebraska's state highways function as local streets within municipal boundaries while remaining under the purview of the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

What safety concerns are you seeing on these streets in your district's communities? (Are these streets safe for all ages and abilities to cross?) What should the state be doing to make these state highway segments within local areas safer?

Candidate Response:

LD 12 has 2 highways and an interstate that cuts right through the center of it. While we know these highways as L and 144th st. While I have been safely crossing these streets for decades, the idea of sending kids across them would make me very nervous. I would love to see an expansion of the pedestrian bridges that we see in other areas of town.

Question 2:

Too many Nebraska children have died or been seriously injured in crashes involving people running red lights or speeding. Automated enforcement measures such as red light or speed detection cameras placed at intersections with demonstrated safety concerns could reduce law enforcement burden and eliminate potential biases.

Would you support a change in state law to allow automated enforcement in Nebraska? If so, under what conditions?

Candidate Response:

I believe this is a very sticky situation, while I understand that this maybe helpful it might also be abused. I would need to see the specifics and data before making a determination on this one. Under the right conditions I would support this, but I would need more information.

Question 3:

Workforce issues in Nebraska have been described as "the most pressing economic issue in the state" and "very quiet and...happening at record speed."

Knowing that young professionals increasingly prefer walking, biking and taking transit over driving, what should the state be doing to invest in or encourage active transportation options that will help stem the tide?

Candidate Response:

We should be investing in our public transportation, including a light rail between Omaha and Lincoln, and bike/walking trails that are safe and get from one end of town to another.