

# 2022 Candidate Questionnaires

## Nebraska State Senators

**Candidate Name: Jana Hughes**

**District 24**

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### **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:**

*There are a state highways through many of the towns in LD 24. I know at least in a few places the heavy traffic can be an issue. I'm not sure what the solutions are for this. I would have to get more information on what options could be helpful.*

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## **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 think this would be a potentially good option. We also are experiencing worker shortages in our law enforcement - so automated enforcement might be a very good fit. I think they could be used at high volume intersections and areas that has a track record for issues. I would have to have more information to be specific.*

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## **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:**

*I think some of the metro areas are doing well in this area. Lincoln has added bike lanes and the city has numerous trails all around town. I think encouraging municipalities to put in trails and bike lanes if necessary can help. I would think there would be opportunities to offer matching grand funds for projects like this. Also even a public service campaign to bring awareness. "Bike to work week" etc.*