



2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

We have lost jobs in the 78th District and I think we need to stabilize the job market then promote the area to create more employment. We need more tax payers and fewer taxes. The State is Spending more money than they are taking in, we need a Representative that will address state spending and not vote for tax increases to balance the budget. I have 30 years of business experience running a small business, have been on the school board in a declining enrollment and know about the budget process. We need a Representative who supports working families, business, and senior citizens to restore fiscal responsibility back to Topeka.

2) If you had the opportunity, what is the first bill you would like to submit in the 2011 session and why?

A bill to control state spending, and repeal the sales tax voted on last session. This sales tax was the wrong tax at the wrong time and it hurt the Senior Citizen, under employed and un-employed citizens the worst. We need a budget in Kansas that includes an emergency fund to stabilize the economy.

3) Do you support or oppose legislation that would allow for tax increases to be enacted only by a legislative supermajority or referendum? (i.e. either 3/5 or 2/3 vote of legislature for approval of a tax increase)

a. support **I Support**

b. oppose

Why? The Representatives are sent there to represent the people and a simple majority vote does not do justice to the impact of a tax increase. A 2/3 majority would be acceptable to me.

4) When state revenues are less than state expenditures, which statement most accurately reflects your first priority?

- Maintain current expenditures and raise taxes.
- Both cut spending and raise taxes.
- Cut more than 15% before considering a tax increase.
- Do not raise taxes and cut spending.

If you would cut spending, are there any specific areas you would cut? Why?

Let's be transparent in our budgeting process to identify the areas that we can improve the efficiency of government agencies by merging or combining. If a spending cut is necessary all line items of the budget are and should be on the table.

If you were to raise taxes, what specific taxes you would raise and why?

It is my position we should cut taxes and cut spending, to stimulate the economy, which would generate more jobs and revenue. Perhaps we should look at a tax alternative such as a "Fair Tax" for the State. Raising taxes should not be an option.

5) What do you believe to be the most important issues facing the Kansas Legislature in the upcoming session? (Please rank 1-5, 1 being the most important)

- 1 _____ Reduce Spending
- 2 _____ Job Growth – Create an environment for Job Creation by reducing Corp Taxes
- 3 _____ Education Funding
- 4 _____ Establish a Contingency Fund in the State Budget
- 5 _____ Illegal Immigration

6) Many Cities, Counties and State agencies use tax dollars to hire lobbyists to lobby the Kansas Legislature. Do you believe this is a proper use of tax dollars and should such expenditures be disclosed to Kansas taxpayers? Why or why not?

No taxes should be used to hire lobbyists, this includes Cities, Counties, Agencies and School Districts.

7) How do you believe Kansas Supreme Court Justices should be selected?

The same as our local Judges, by the vote of the people.

8) If the rate of inflation (consumer price index), plus population growth in Kansas grew at 4%, what do you believe would be the appropriate percentage increase in state budget expenditures? Why?

I do not support a mandated percent of increase, that is what has put us in the problem we are in today. Look at what it takes to run a streamlined government and budget for the services needed, not based on some index rate.

9) Kansas economic growth has been lagging behind our neighboring states and annual population growth is stagnant at an average increase of less than one-half of one percent per year. As a legislator, how would you address these problems?

We can not tax ourselves into economic prosperity. We should look at reducing or eliminating Corp Income Tax to stimulate job growth which if the jobs are here the population growth will follow as will the economic growth.

10) The 2010 Legislature increased the state sales tax from 5.3% to 6.3% in part, to help fund a FY 2011 state general fund budget that increases spending by \$204 million over FY 2010. Once implemented, Kansas will have the largest sales tax amongst neighboring states. (Nebraska is next closest at 5.5%). Considering 33% of our population resides in a county bordering Missouri alone, do you support the decision of the Legislature?

During the one of the worst economic downturns in history we increased taxes, This 18% tax increase hurt the economy of the State and was the worst tax at the worst time. Again we can not tax ourselves into prosperity. ___

11) Do you have any other positions or information that would be of interest to the members of AFP-Kansas?

We need AFP Support to elect strong fiscal candidates to bring stability back to Kansas