



AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY KANSAS

2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I am appalled by the direction of our nation & Kansas in general. I want to improve Kansas' economy by lowering taxes, and I also want to be the voice of my generation, which will have to pay off this massive debt.

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

I would like to submit a bill that lowers the state sales tax, property taxes, and the state income tax. We must create a positive economic climate in Kansas.

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

b. oppose

Why? This legislation would make it much more difficult to raise taxes because it would require more people to do it. Anything that blocks tax increases I support.

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?

I would cut spending from human resources and general government uses. An examination of all government programs & agencies would be needed.

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

Raise taxes? Ha!

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 job creation
- 2 slowing the growth of the government
- 3 balancing the state budget
- 4 states' rights
- 5 funding education

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, this is absolutely a waste of money because this is the job for state representatives & senators.

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

It should be like it is at the federal level where the
President (in this case the Governor) nominates a judge, and
then the Senate confirms him or her.

- 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 would like to raise the budget by only 1-2% as
we spend way too much money already.

- 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 have to create a positive economic climate to attract
businesses by lowering all sorts of taxes, and having
less regulations.

- 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?

Absolutely NOT! This was a short-sighted effort to balance
the budget, and it will hurt our economy in the long run.
Those ~~not~~ who live next to Missouri will just make their
purchases there to save money. What a dumb move by our Legislature!

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

I'm all for less taxes, less government, ^{and} competition in the markets,
more individual responsibility, & more individual liberties. We must
return Kansas to what our founding fathers envisioned.