



AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY KANSAS

2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

CONTROL SPENDING
ATTRACT JOBS TO KS.
PROMOTE LIFE

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

A REDO OF THE R.E.A.L ACT (a SPENDING CAP)
ZERO BASED BUDGETING BILL
A TRUE RAINY DAY FUND / AND / DISASTER RELIEF FUND BILL

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?

RAISING TAXES IS THE LAST MEASURE
THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN TO SATISFY BUDGET NEEDS - WE
SHOULD 1ST FIX THE SPENDING PROBLEM BEFORE WE EVER RAISE TAXES.
THE MORE WE TAKE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR THE LESS
PRODUCTIVE THE ECONOMY IS.

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?

EDUCATION + SOCIAL SERVICES MAKE UP THE
BIGGEST PART OF THE BUDGET - HAVE THE LARGEST OVERHEAD

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

N/A - IF POSSIBLE MOVE TO A FAIR
OR FLAT TAX.

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 ECONOMY / JOBS CREATION
- 2 BUDGET / SPENDING TOO MUCH / NEED AGENCY + PROGRAM REDUCED
- 3 EDUCATION FINANCE FORMULA / TOO COMPLICATED, NEED MORE TRANSPARENCY
- 4 KPERS / MOVE TO DEFINED EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION
- 5 COMMERCE / U.I. FUND + WORK COMP REFORM

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?

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE IS A MUST. WHEN THE TAXPAYERS
LEARN THAT THEIR MONEY IS GOING TO THE GOVERNMENT TO
LOBBY GOV'T FOR MONEY THEY WILL BE OUTRAGED

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

GOVERNOR APPOINT WITH SENATE CONFIRMATION

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?

0-4% MAXIMUM GROWTH - CURRENTLY NEED A REDUCTION
IN SPENDING, NOT AN INCREASE.

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 NEED MORE TAXPAYERS, NOT MORE TAXES. WE MUST
BECOME A LOW TAX STATE WITH STABLE + PREDICTABLE
REGULATIONS TO ATTRACT NEW BUSINESSES/JOBS TO KANSAS

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

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

NEW JOBS ... NO NEW TAXES - WE MUST
CONTROL OUR SPENDING - IT IS A SPENDING
CRISIS, NOT A BUDGET CRISIS