



AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY KANSAS

2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

No longer acceptable to sit on the sidelines
while representatives like Sheryl Spalding vote the
way she does - we, I can do better

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

Unborn Children - full rights from conception.
I cannot think of a more important piece of
legislation than the one that would stop the killing
of our children.

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? Way too far in debt. We will never solve
Government's spending problem by continuing to give
it money.

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 way, way to much of the budget. Johnson County's largest Employer - School District!

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

would not - not 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)

- all tied for 2
- 1. Protecting Unborn Children
 - 2. Repairing Education Spending
 - 2. Cut Spending
 - 2. Lower taxes
 - 2. Reduce scope of Government - More Freedom to produce

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?

It is not the proper use of tax dollars - that money should be retained by the private sector; to be pumped back into the economy, invested. The expenditures should absolutely be disclosed - all expenditures of tax dollars should be made available to the taxpayer.

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

Nominated by the Governor, Confirmed
by the senate.

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?

Too high as it is. Increasing the state budget should not be an option. If it's that dry - redistribute. This will help clean up waste.

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?

Less regulation on businesses - allow companies the freedom to be innovative. We have been Micromanaging the Federal Government in far too many ways, for far too long.

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?

No - this is a main reason I'm running, Spalding went along w/ Dems & liberal Republican S, Both bills failed the people.

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

Think I've made my positions clear.
Thank you