



# AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY K A N S A S

## 2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I spent a lot of time in 2010 watching our  
lawmakers bicker over hot-button topics while our  
economy went to hell.

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

I would submit a broad medical marijuana bill,  
which would generate \$ to keep our schools  
open, roads safe, etc.

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? People already pay a disgusting amount  
of federal and state tax. A supermajority  
requirement would force our legislature to  
come up with other ways to generate 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?

I would cut welfare and disability. If they want a  
handout, they can go to another state.

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

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 Budget, budget, budget!
- 2 Education
- 3 Attracting new business/investment
- 4 Exploit more natural resources
- 5 More "outside the box" ways of generating \$

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?

Hell no it's not! The public dislikes lobbyists as  
it is, forcing the public to pay for lobbyists  
adds insult to injury.

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

The way we do it now is fine. I personally met most of them at a fraction a few years ago, and they're all good people. Appointing the judges is a privilege of the executive - the court will change depending on who is the governor.

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?

That depends on too many factors to list. State budgets need to be looked at on a case-by-case basis - we want to spend the lowest possible amount on the state... but enough \$ to where the state can function.

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?

People don't want to come here because #1: there are no economic opportunities and #2: some legislators' moral righteousness (trying to close down strip clubs, the "covenant marriage" bill) scares good people off.

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. To be fair the legislature is trying to compensate for factors that are out of its control (housing/credit crisis) but you can't compensate for low tax revenues by raising taxes - it's like the snake eating its tail.

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

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