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1) Why are you running for Governor?

I am running for Governor because Kansans deserve a viable choice. We want to foster a state where we are fiscally responsible, socially tolerant and maintain our unique identity through state sovereignty.

2) If you had the opportunity, what is the first bill you would like to propose to the 2011 Legislature and why?

Since more than 50% of the state's budget is allocated for public education I would introduce the Kansas Education Liberty Act (KELA). KELA would reduce costs, improve the quality of education, increase parental involvement and provide more choices. More details can be found at our campaign website.

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). Why?

In these rough economic times it is important for a supermajority in the passage of a tax increase. It would ensure it was for the needs of the state and not based on partisan politics.

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

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 Transportation. It doesn't make sense to increase spending on road construction when we have some of the best roads in the nation with a stagnant population growth.

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

I would not raise taxes or at the very minimum reallocate existing taxes.

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

- 1- Education
- 2- Taxes
- 3- Promoting and attracting new businesses which brings new jobs
- 4- Downsizing state government
- 6- Eliminating programs which could be managed by a public/private partnership

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?

I do not see this as a valid nor proper use of tax dollars. In the creation of an environment of transparency, and to reinstate trust, it is imperative for such disclosures.

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

If the current system is maintained (and we are the only state to use this system based on our own state constitution) then the final votes by the SCNC should be made public. If the current system is not maintained then place reforms so the selection of the SCNC is not partisan.

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 the state budget expenditures? Why?

There are too many other variables to adequately answer whether a percentage increase in the state budget would or would not be justified.

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?

I would reform the current corporate tax structure and promote the reduction of personal taxes. This would attract new businesses, create small businesses and reinstate consumer confidence.

10) The 2010 Legislature and Governor Mark Parkinson 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. Considering 33% of our population resides in a county bordering Missouri alone, do you support the decision of the Legislature and Governor?

Absolutely not. This tax increase did nothing but penalize the consumers and businesses of Kansas. It perpetuates the fiduciary irresponsibility of the state without hard decisions or alternatives.

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

The Lieutenant Governor candidate Stacey Davis and I want to welcome all AFP members to visit our website www.KansasProud.com to investigate why Libertarian policies would be the most beneficial for Kansas.