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2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

Take back control of fiscal responsibility of our state govt. This includes reducing taxes and eliminating/downsizing govt entities to a more manageable level.

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 see a bill that would require a complete audit of each state agency/dept. Once this is done, legislators can then make meaningful decisions to eliminate excess spending and make each agency/dept. fiscally responsible for each taxpayer dollar they spend.

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? Spending the peoples money should be done on a consensus basis and not by a slim majority. Govt needs to be more fiscally responsible to it citizens.

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?

My gut tells me that every agency/dept has excess tax dollars. Therefore we need to change how the entities think fiscally by requiring them to do more with less.

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

I wouldn't raise taxes.

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 ~~Balancing~~ Balancing the ~~budget~~ budget
- 2 Reducing the size of the KS govt.
- 3 Simplify the tax code
- 4 Develop a new funding source for Education
- 5 Creating ~~opport~~ competitive advantages for new business investment/job creation in KS.

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 believe tax payer dollars should be used to hire lobbyists. Tax dollars should not be used to promote one citizens issue against those of another. Give the money back to the people and let them decide how their lobbying dollars should be spent. All tax dollars used to hire lobbyists should be disclosed. Transparency for every tax dollar spent should be the rule.

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

I'm not sure but I do know that the current method is wrong.

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 don't believe that growing revenue/expenses by an arbitrary rate of inflation is ever appropriate. In business,

you must always look to how your dollars are spent and

justify such growth. Opportunities to increase efficiency can

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?

Opening our state for business. Right now the

US has huge need for electric power. One area

that we should focus is building power plants of all types so that we can distribute that power throughout the US.

requiring spending to be reduced on a 2 year basis as compared to a CPI population growth figure.

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!!!!

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

I will work tirelessly to instill a mentality in state govt. that we need to try figure out how

to spend every tax dollar more efficiently. My motto will be ~~do more with less~~ do more with less.

Kansans should wake up every day knowing that they live in greatest state in the Union and that their elected officials are committed to serving them in a fiscally responsible way.