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2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

To be a voice for Kansas Businesses and Kansas Workers.

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

To repeal the state sales tax increase by selling off state assets

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? Our taxes are out of control

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?

Schools have to be looked at.
I would like uniform accounting with all schools.

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

I am not a tax fan.

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
- 2 out of control spending
- 3 jobs
- 4 economy
- 5 social services + corrections

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 like my tax dollars used this way. This should always be disclosed.

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

By the people.

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?

Again, we are spending way too much. We need to stop it now.

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?

Our growth relates to jobs. The higher our taxes the less jobs we can add & maintain.

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, I was firmly against the increase. I voted against.

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

Keep up the good work.