



# AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY K A N S A S

## 2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

TO RESTORE OUR FREEDOM FOR OURS AND  
FUTURE GENERATIONS.

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

FIRST DISCREET STEP TO FREEDOM - END MARIJUANA PROHIBITION.  
SECOND - GO AFTER THE OUT OF CONTROL SPENDING.

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? I WOULD WANT TO PUT MANY OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF  
ANY TAX INCREASE, IDEALLY 2/3 VOTE OF BOTH HOUSES TO PUT  
REFERENDUM ON BALLOT FOR PEOPLE'S VOTE.

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 BY MEANS OF THE KANSAS EDUCATION LIBERTY PROPOSAL  
RAISE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEDICAID.

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

NO WAY - TOO MUCH WASTEFUL SPENDING TO  
EVEN CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY.

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 CUTTING SPENDING
- 2 CUT BACK ON TAXES TO HELP GROW THE ECONOMY
- 3 CUT BUREAUCRATIC POWER BY DEMANDING DUE PROCESS IN ALL  
THEY DO
- 4 FORBID CITIES REQUIRES FROM INTERFERING WITH CIVIL RIGHTS.
- 5 END STATE LEVEL DRUG PROHIBITION

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?

THIS IS NOT A PROPER USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS AND  
SHOULD BE REPORTED BY THE AGENCY SPENDING THE  
MONEY (BY SPECIFIC LINE ITEM, NOT BURIED IN ANOTHER CATEGORY)

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

OPEN, NON-PARTISAN ELECTIONS WITH NO MORE THAN 4 YEAR TERMS AND A FULL ELECTION FOR RENEWAL (NOT A RETENTION ELECTION.)

- 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?

EXPENDITURE GROWTH OF 4% SHOULD BE THE MAXIMUM. IT REALLY SHOULD BE LESS, SINCE EFFICIENCY SHOULD COME FROM HIGHER POPULATION.

- 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 HIGH TAX RATE COMPARED TO OUR NEIGHBORS IS THE MOST PROBABLE CAUSE. THE RECENT SALES TAX INCREASE WAS A VERY BAD STEP.

- 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?

A FOOLISH AND SELF-DESTRUCTIVE MOVE. RAISING TAX RATES WHEN <sup>THE</sup> ECONOMY IS WEAK SETS UP A DEATH SPIRAL.

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

MY GUIDING PRINCIPLE IS FREEDOM. VOTERS NEED TO KNOW THAT THEY CAN TRUST ME TO KEEP THAT PROMISE.