



AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY KANSAS

2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I am tired of the way Kansas is being run
and I would like to change it for the better.

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 change Kansas from a
no-fault state to a fault state.

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? It has become too easy to raise taxes
in this state without finding a real solution.

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?

Cut state employee pay by 3-5% and eliminate overtime for state employees.

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

Would never 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 Public Education Funding
- 2 State Employee Pay
- 3 lowering taxes
- 4 Reduce the need for state jobs
- 5 Balance the states budget (move to most important)

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 a wasteful use of tax dollars and should not be allowed. If it is allowed taxpayers should be allowed to know this information.

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

Similar to national seats where the governor selects a justice who is then questioned and voted on by the senate.

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 would make taxes equal to or lower than our neighboring state with the lowest taxes and readjust state expenditures accordingly.

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?

Cut taxes to encourage businesses to stay and bring new businesses to the state.

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 a tax increase is never the solution.

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