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2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

TO ASSIST OUR NEW GOVERNOR MAKE THE
STRUCTURAL CHANGES NECESSARY TO REVIVE
THE KS ECONOMY

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

TO RESCIND THE SALES TAX INCREASE AND
THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO OPT
OUT OF OBAMA CARE

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 FAVOR TABOR, ALSO SUPPORT THE FAIR TAX
PROPOSAL

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?

K-12 through consolidation, rework of funding formula, Mega agency (\$1 billion + budgets) reducing state employment

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

I have never supported tax increases, if no other choice tax consumption.

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 Economic Recovery - jobs in private sector
- 2 health care - mandates (federal + state)
- 3 Waiting list for DD+ED kids
- 4 Reorganization of state government
- 5 Reduce Regulation on small business, Illegal immigration

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 have supported legislative attempts to prohibit this practise, it is indefensible but difficult to eliminate

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

absolutely, we're the only state which allows a majority of attorneys to pick replacements, reset to Deems (of 7) via Republican state

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?

TABOR - I support

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?

Rescind the sales tax increase, train government, review regulatory environment

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?

I voted against it.

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

As an economist I understand the consequences of fiscal irresponsibility.

