



# AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY K A N S A S

## 2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I am running for the legislature to continue the fight to limit the size of government, promote public safety, reform K-12 education and the judiciary, and promote a culture of life.

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

I plan to introduce a bill changing the selection process for Kansas Supreme Court justices, reforming or eliminating the current nominating committee process (which is controlled by attorneys), and requiring Senate confirmation.

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

Support, in fact I offered this proposal as a floor amendment during the 2007 session and believe that time has proven all the more the need for such a restriction on raising taxes.

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?

We have created a monster in the KHPA, an entity we never should have created to begin with.

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

I have no intention of voting to raise taxes, but a tax on sexually oriented businesses and abortion providers has some appeal given the social harms caused by both.

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 Passing a law to guarantee proper enforcement of our late term abortion law;
- 2 Changing the selection process for Supreme Court justices;
- 3 Reforming K-12 education to enhance local control;
- 4 Reducing the size of government;
- 5 Decreasing the tax burden on Kansas families.

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 favor the elimination of taxpayer funded lobbying, but at a minimum we need full disclosure.

Using tax dollars to chase more tax dollars is highly problematic.

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

I favor the federal system, but could live with a nominating commission selected by politically accountable elected officials, plus Senate confirmation.

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?

0%, we spend too much as it is and need to cut, but in no case should it be over inflation plus population growth.

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?

We need less government at all levels, and a focus on policies that promote the underlying conditions necessary for prosperity, most especially strong families.

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?

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

I received a 100% rating from AFP in the 2010 session.

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