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## 2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

To represent the interests of my district in Topeka. To protect American freedoms and liberties and uphold traditional values that were established with the founding of the USA.

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

Allowing concealed carry in publically owned buildings that have no security. This preserves our right to provide for our own security.

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? Because taxes have become way to high and gov't too big. I'd be careful about limiting changes in tax structure as long as there is no net tax increase.

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 discretionary spending most; basic gov't functions least.

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

No net increases, but I might shift taxes, eliminate some exemptions; tax credits.

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 The budget - reduce the size & scope of gov't
- 2 Find efficiencies by allowing markets & competition to work.
- 3 Privatize any functions that can be - must be competition.
- 4 Eliminate duplication of gov't services by gov't agencies
- 5 Preserve 2nd amendment rights

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?

Not a proper use of tax \$, should be disclosed, State tax \$ should not be used to lobby the state for more \$.

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

*At least have 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?

*4% max. - Gov't is too big; & growing.*

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, especially on business & industry.*

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.*

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