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2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

To uphold constitutional limits of government growth in Kansas. To promote job growth in the free market through tax reform / simplification. To represent the silent majority by basing my decisions on their interests first.

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

I would submit Plan B³ as described by the FairtaxKC group and designed with the aid of Dr. Arthur Hall of KU, the Director of the Center for Applied Economics and do so to GROW the Free-Market Economy while simplifying collection.

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? Government growth is only sustainable with a vibrant and strong free-market climate, free of government interference. It should be apparent that more heads need to be lined-up in order to raise taxes as they are too high already and reforms such as this are a necessity to protect the taxpayer.

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?

I would have educational institutions "privately" audited to first identify current costs to "define" the problem. Growth of education is a cost we can control by way of factual analysis.

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

I would raise the sales tax slightly, ~~eliminate or limit~~ all the others (3% in total), and provide a monthly "prebate" to eliminate the need or temptation to allow exemptions of any kind.

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 Simplification and elimination of tax policy to aid GROWTH of the free-market
- 2 Limiting the influence of lobbyists on fiscal policy
- 3 Protecting the individual taxpayer from government growth.
- 4 Reduce, reform and return policy state-wide.
- 5 Immigration reform such as Arizona has undertaken.

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 do not believe taxpayers should support the government lobbying that takes place now. This is the height of stupidity, to me. Like trying to invent a perpetual motion machine, without the use of energy to get it started and remain working.

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

It should mirror the method now in use by the Federal Government. The current system is controlled by an oligarchy of lawyers.

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?

State budget expenditures should remain level as we rightly look to eliminating waste and inefficiency as a way of life in the Kansas Legislature.

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?

Plan B₃ as endorsed by the FairtaxKC group is a jobs bill supreme and as such the population of Kansas will bloom as free-market jobs, savings and investments increase in Kansas!

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 absolutely DO NOT! To do such a thing in these tough job-killing conditions w/out even considering the reforms proposed by Dr. Arthur Hall of KU is scandalous and ranks at a high in stupidity.

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

~~No~~ new growth in government when the economy is growing - just seek greater efficiency and encourage personal resourcefulness. In other words first do no harm... to the individual taxpayer. And we need a Taxpayer Bill of Rights!

