



2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

As a young Kansan, I'm tired of politicians financing my future.  
I'm running to change that and to work for a more  
fiscally responsible government.

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 a bill that cuts taxes on small businesses.  
Small business will lead us out of this recession, and I want them  
to have the environment in Kansas to do that.

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? While I'm reluctant to allow for any tax increase in a recession,  
if 2/3 or 3/5 of the legislature was in favor of such an increase,  
then it should be the will of the people. I also don't believe a simple majority  
should be allowed to raise taxes on all Kansans.

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 don't want to commit to a minimum percentage to cut from spending, however, I fully support the budget plan AEP puts out every legislative session.

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

I would raise them on democrats and "moderate republicans" since they seem to love taxes so much. In all seriousness, I don't support tax increases, especially in a recession.

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 budget
- 2 economy
- 3 jobs
- 4 spending
- 5 education

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 don't support this practice, and the expenditures must certainly should be disclosed to Kansans. I find it to be inappropriate to use government funds to lobby for more government funds.

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

I believe the system at the federal level would be the best option. I don't support the current method.

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%. The growth of government spending should only increase at the same rate of inflation and population.

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?

The answer is very simple. Cut taxes on businesses and individuals. We need economic incentives for businesses and people to come to 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?

Absolutely not. Kansans are struggling to live here, and the 2010 legislature didn't help matters. It also makes no sense to raise taxes in a recession, and by doing so, we are encouraging people to go to Missouri.

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

My top priority is working with other legislators to create a business friendly environment, and tax relief for Kansans.